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Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) officers during patrol. (Courtesy)

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Charity Signs Renovation Pact For Kirinyaga Home For The Elderly, Donates Clothes Ahead Of El-Nino Rains

By: Capital Correspondent

Worth Noting:

- More good news for the elderly is that Suqoon will now refurbish the home to make it more habitable in the face of the expected heavy rains in a two-year memorandum of understanding with the home
- “Older persons need peace, they need love, food, health, shelter, safety, kindness, patience, laughter, company, care among other things,” said Suqoon Founder and Philanthropist Ms Shakira Khawaja. She added: “By fostering a culture of respect and care for the older persons now, we lay the groundwork for a compassionate society that will be there for us when we, too, become seniors”.



Kirinyaga Home for the Elderly.

The weathermen’s recent forecast showing that the dreaded El Nino rains will start in October has sent the country into panic mode with the Government and other non-state actors moving to put in place emergency measures to forestall a possible humanitarian crisis.

But one category of people that is often ignored by any such interventions is the older people in Kenya, most of whom have been abandoned in their homes as their children migrate to towns to find jobs.

With the Kenya Housing and Population Census 2019 showing that the number of the country’s elderly population has risen to nearly three million, fears are that the aging crisis could be causing pressure on families that have to dig deeper to take care of the elderly.

But for 40 elderly women living in St. Mary’s Village for the Aged Women Kirinyaga County’s Home for the Elderly, their preparedness to face the onset of the El Nino rains have been boosted after charity organisation, Suqoon, volunteered to donate to them blankets, seaters and socks to weather the anticipated cold weather.

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Suqoon, Ms Khawaja said, decided to partner with the home to help it improve its facilities to better manage the needs of the older persons here.

The two-year agreement is aimed at marshalling adequate resources to support provision of better care and services for the 39 women hosted at the nursing home.

Speaking during the signing ceremony at the Kirinyaga-based facility on September 26, 2023, Ms Khawaja emphasized the importance of improving the quality of life of the elderly people. Khawaja said the elderly persons have often been neglected despite them forming an

important part of the family ecosystem.

Kenya has 2.7 million million elderly people, according to the 2019 Population and Housing Census.

During the signing of the agreement, Suqoon also donated food items, besides clothes and blankets, to the elderly to cushion them ahead of the cold weather expected to come from the forecast El Nino rains.

She added: “We are here to applaud the fantastic work St. Mary’s is doing. Honouring older persons is preserving our history.”

The facility, which was established in 1974, managed by Consolata Missionaries, provides refuge to elderly women, many of whom have been abandoned by their families.

More than 500 women have passed through the facility since its establishment, with many cases being of women suffering from physical, mental and psychological challenges.

St. Mary’s Village Board Chairman Joseph Muhoro commended Suqoon for stepping in to offer assistance, calling for the need to care of the elderly.

Muhoro said the issue of inadequate resources has impeded them from enrolling more women, revealing that they have yet to approve applications from 25 elderly women for two years now.

“Many times people neglect the aged. We should have the pride and strength to support mothers. We have been able to sustain the home for over 39 years, but the challenges are big,” he said during the occasion.

St. Mary’s Village Director Michael Mutinda said the partnership will enable them renovate and build more living quarters to accommodate other needy women.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



Joseph Kipruto Kipkoech has been appointed as the new Director of Information in Kenya, following the retirement of Josephine Kinuthia. Kipkoech brings a wealth of experience, having served as a junior Information Officer in the Ministry and rising through the ranks at the Kenya News Agency (KNA) section. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in International Studies from the University of Nairobi, a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Government, a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Mass Communication from the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication, Nairobi. Kinuthia, who rose to the helm of the Department of Information in October 2021, retires after taking the state News Agency through a major technological transition during the COVID-19 pandemic. Information Secretary Judy Munyinyi acknowledged her contribution to the Civil Service and called for cooperation among staff. She commended staff for their commitments and urged them to retool their skills in the ever-changing technology and policy environment.



Kajiado County Governor Joseph Ole Lenku has urged all farmers to register for the upcoming farmers' census on October 2, 2023, to benefit from government services like training and subsidised fertilisers. He assured farmers that the information collected would not harm them but would be of great importance. Most farmers were not captured during previous registrations.



The Kenyan government is urging Kenyans to upgrade from the current second-generation Identity Card to the third-generation Maisha Card, with a phase-out period expected to last two years after the launch of the Maisha Number on October 2



Kisii County Government, White Rose Tours and Travels, and Kisii Primary School planted over 1000 trees for World Tourism Day 2023, focusing on "Tourism and Green Investment." The event emphasized the importance of environmentally responsible tourism and green investment, promoting sustainable practices like renewable energy and re-forestation, to boost the local economy.



Narok Referral Hospital, Maasai Mara Rotary clubs, and the Surgical Society of Kenya held a free surgical camp in Narok town, resulting in over 15 surgeries. The aim is to perform over 40 procedures daily, with Narok County as the beneficiary for 2023.



World Bicycle Relief has donated 350 bicycles to Kakamega County residents to aid poverty relief and improve short-distance mobility. Governor Fernandes Barasa praised the initiative, stating that bicycles promote non-motorized transport and reduce carbon dioxide emissions, as 95% of emissions are attributed to motor vehicles.



Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary, Musalia Mudavadi, has announced the development of a Draft Transition Executive Authority Bill to facilitate presidential transitions before the General Election. The bill aims to prevent disruptions to the economy, safety, and well-being of Kenya. Mudavadi emphasizes the need for state departments to begin transition planning before polls.

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Defence Committee Discusses MP's Legislative Proposal To Amend The Treaty Making And Ratification ACT, 2012

By: PSCU

Gilgil Member of Parliament Martha Wangari has drafted a legislative proposal to amend the Treaty Making and Ratification Act of 2012 to enhance the National Assembly role in consideration and scrutiny of treaties before ratification.

The legislative proposal dubbed The Treaty Making and Ratification (Amendment) Bill 2023 is before the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Affairs chaired by Nelson Koech (Belgut) for pre-publication scrutiny.

In the Proposal, Wangari has noted that although the current Act empowers the National Assembly to participate in consideration of and approval of treaty ratification, the role of Parliament in the process only comes into play after Cabinet approval.

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Some of the committee members during yesterday's session.

Worth Noting:

- "Treaty-making and ratification to a large extent has an impact on the livelihood of the citizens of a country. It is therefore important to ensure that Parliament is consulted during the initial stages of treaty negotiation and signing," said Wangari.
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One recent incident noted by members was in the passage of the Kenya-UK Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) earlier this year, where the National Assembly also adopted the Committee reservations, including a proposal that prosecution for the offence of murder by British troops on Kenyan soil be fully under the jurisdiction of the local authorities.

The said reservation cannot be immediately actioned by Kenyan Authorities as the DCA, had already been adopted in its original form at the UK's House of Commons.

Among the recommendations of Wangari's legislative proposal is that the National Assembly should have powers to approve a treaty, approve

with reservations or reject.

Wangari has suggested that Kenya emulates the practice in the United States which requires a super-majority vote in the Legislature before a Treaty can be ratified.

"It should be possible for Parliament, after receiving a draft treaty from the Cabinet Secretary, to consider and propose amendments in draft form and to incorporate them before it's printing," said Wangari.

Koech directed that the Committee should complete the pre-publication scrutiny in two weeks.

During the meeting, the committee Secretariat also briefed Members on the Protocol to the Constitutive Act of the AU relating to Pan African Parliament.

The Protocol seeks to enhance the powers of the Pan-African Parliament as the legislative organ of the African Union.



Gilgil MP Martha Wangari making a point during the forum.

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Sh1.1bn For Victims Of Human-Wildlife Conflicts

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The government has set aside Sh1.1 billion this year to compensate victims of human-wildlife conflict, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Peninah Malonza has revealed.

Ms. Malonza said the money will go towards clearing the backlog of claims totaling 2,600, even as she announced that her ministry was working on a strategy for ensuring timely compensation going forward.

The CS said the Ministry had also disbursed Sh900 million to claimants who had waited for the last 14 years to be compensated.

Speaking at the University of Embu grounds during this year's national UN-World Tourism Day celebrations, CS Malonza said the government was committed to ensuring all the claims were settled by the end of the year.

She announced plans to establish an insurance scheme that will ensure timely compensation for victims

once they are hurt by wild animals or their property is destroyed.

The CS stressed that the government had intensified plans to fence wildlife corridors to eliminate wildlife-human conflicts.

She said at the same time that the tourism sector was still recovering from the slump occasioned by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CS said tremendous progress had been made and the sector was at 98 per cent recovery.

She also pledged to have Kenyan cultural songs and dances patented so that foreigners don't continue "stealing" them.

"We have to protect our culture from foreigners who are using some of the aspects, including dances and some Swahili words, to make money," she said.

She continued, "Words such as Jambo and Hakuna Matata are gone and being used by foreigners to attract tourists to their countries, which is unacceptable."

Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire, the host, said she was happy that such an



Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary (CS) Peninah Malonza speaking during the UN-World Tourism Day Celebrations in Embu County.

event had been held in her region.

She said Embu tourism potential lies in sports, cultural, adventure, and agriculture tourism.

The governor said they are also pushing for the opening of a new route to Mt. Kenya through Irangi Forest in Embu, which will open up the county for tourism.

Retooling TVET Trainers To Boost CBET Implementation

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Principal Secretary State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria, has expressed confidence that the ongoing retooling of TVET trainers conducted by the Kenya School of TVET would boost the implementation of Competency Based Education Training (CBET) in TVET institutions.

Speaking during the TVET Principals, Council, and Board Chair's consultative meeting held at the Kenya School of TVET, PS Muoria noted that 924 TVET trainers drawn from national polytechnics have already been retooled, and another batch of 580 TVET trainers are currently undergoing retooling in different regions of the country.

PS Muoria exuded confidence that the retooling of TVET trainers across the country is timely and that it will boost the implementation of CBET in Kenyan TVET institutions.

"For CBET delivery to be effective, trainers must be equipped with the



Principal Secretary State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training, Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria.

right skills and competencies," noted the PS, adding that the implementation of CBET in Kenya is a presidential directive.

Dr. Muoria called on all the TVET agencies—TVET CDACC, TVETA, KNQA, Kenya School of TVET—and all the stakeholders in the TVET sub-sector to play their facilitative role in ensuring that there is a smooth CBET curriculum in Kenya.

The PS further noted that there is a huge need to ensure that TVET trainers have the requisite practical skills, adding that this is fundamental to the implementation of CBET because trainers will have the opportunity to be retooled on the use of state-of-the-art equipment.

"The State Department for TVET will soon be rolling out a robust programme of up-skilling trainers on the use of training equipment," noted the PS.

The upskilling of TVET trainers in the use of state-of-the-art equipment will be achieved through the partnership of SDTVET and its development partners.

PS Dr. Muoria said that SDTVET

has partnered with the state departments responsible for Housing and Urban Development, Industrialization, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) on the implementation of the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) and County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPS).

Dr. Muoria noted that this partnership would serve as training grounds for TVET trainees as well as a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment centre for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The PS further said that industry linkages are very central to the CBET implementation in Kenya and called on TVET principals to enter into collaborations with various industries in order to enable the smooth implementation of CBET.

She further said that many government projects are going to form a huge training ground for TVET trainers.

The consultative event at the Kenya School of TVET brought together 24 principals, councillors, and board chairs drawn from the National Polytechnics.

Kenya Deploys Three-Pronged Strategy To Suppress Terror Threats

By: Beth Nyaga

Worth Noting:

- “Alongside the equipping of our police officers, we expect to see very critical and specific recommendations. From those recommendations, we expect to extract specific action points based on the implementation metrics, which will go a long way in ensuring that the issues of the police are properly addressed,” he said.
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Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo..

Following the persistent terrorism threat in the North Eastern and parts of the Coastal region, the government has locked its focus on what a turnaround strategy to restore permanent peace and security.

Alongside sustained patrols and surveillance, more resources are being invested in accelerating the long-awaited security sector reforms, key among them equipment and kitting of specialized units with more sophisticated weapons and protective gear.

According to the Principal Secretary for Internal Security and National Administration Dr. Raymond Omollo, the government is now going all out to expedite the programme, whose implementation has been wedged into a period of two years.

Speaking in Malindi after addressing the technical committee on Police Reforms, Dr. Omollo announced that the National Taskforce led by CJ (Rtd) David Maraga, would in a week’s time submit its report to H. E the President with the ultimate goal of addressing the welfare of security officers and at the same time enhance their effectiveness.

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The programme will also be extended to acquisition of sophisticated and modern communication gadgets as well as in-service training on culture change and infusion of professionalism within the Service.

Further, the PS announced that government agencies have stepped up efforts to forge a path of collective action through multi-agency operations and community-led responses to end the pervasive threat that has plagued the two regions for far too long.

In this regard, strategies have been put in place to rally civilians and

other stakeholders to shoulder more responsibility in preventing and responding to any attacks targeted at Kenya.

This approach, according to Dr. Omollo, is expected to end the sporadic attacks in the recent past, most of which have been thwarted by security officers working closely with members of the public.

“We are committed to fostering a culture of open dialogue and information-sharing among stakeholders, key among them the local communities, at all levels. It is our hope that we will be able to enshrine citizen participation in security by inculcating a sense of shared responsibility when it comes to the management of security at the grassroots level,” he said during a separate security consultative forum.

During the meeting, which was also attended by chairs of Regional and County Security and Intelligence Committees, the PS noted that it will take genuine and seamless collaboration between government agencies, civil society groups, and the public to counter violent extremism.

“It is our hope that we will be able to enshrine citizen participation in security by inculcating a sense of shared responsibility when it comes to the management of security at the

grassroots level,” Dr. Omollo said.

“So, we are calling on every player to come on board. Government agencies, elected leadership, particularly from the most affected regions, and also wananchi themselves, because they are the ones who actually are the biggest group that bears the brunt of terrorism.”

Kenya has also sifted its responses and prioritized establishment of a more formidable and united front to suppress the enemy’s activities in the country.

The Reducing Insecurity and Violent Extremism in Northern and Coastal regions of Kenya (REINVENT) programme is among the interventions that have yielded remarkable results in creating awareness and enhancing the resilience of communities and individuals to stand up to terrorists and other criminal gangs.

The five-year intervention, which is supported by UKAid, brings together various government agencies and downstream partners with the intent to provide improved police performance to enable investment, inclusive growth and equitable service delivery to communities in Northern and coastal Kenya.

Extreme Actions When Faced With Entangling And Besetting Sins



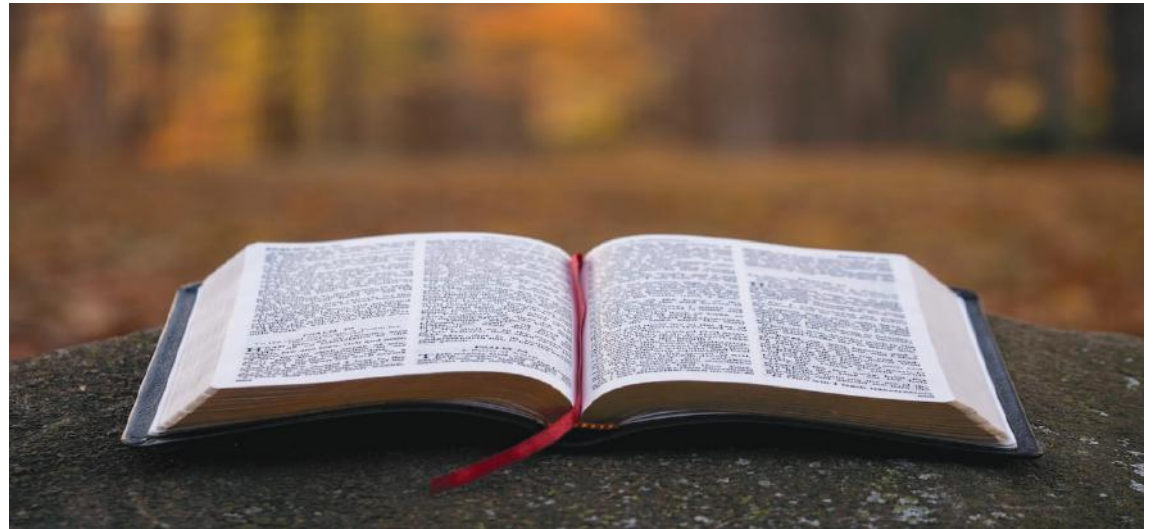
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The scriptural command when entangled by sin or tempted by besetting sins; calls for extreme actions. If we are to finish well in the faith, we must strip our souls naked of “everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles” us. The benevolent, knowing faces of those who have run the race before us beckon us to do so. The eternal fact is, you’ll never run the race that is set before you if you do not put off your clinging sins. What are your besetting sins? Will you name them before God? He knows them perfectly. Why not do that now?

Going deeper, the question is: What “hinders” you? Literally, what is the

weight that hinders you? Most likely, it is not a sin. It might be something that is good — good for others, but bad for you — a place, a habit, a pleasure, a hobby, an event, an entertainment. If this otherwise good thing pulls you down, you must strip it away. For example, there may be an apparently harmless place (a forest, a store, an apartment, a city) that, because of your past sins, still lures you downward. You must toss aside such a place and forget it.

This is radical talk. But it’s a matter of life! It has to do with finishing — and finishing well. The other effective strategy is Run! Properly divested, with every hindrance cast aside, there remains one great thing to do — and that is to run: “AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US” (v. 1b). Persevering grit is an awesome, beautiful thing. Writer and sometimes marathoner Art Carey described in a memorable piece for the Philadelphia Inquirer his experience of “hitting the wall” and then



going on to finish the Boston Marathon. We pick up his story near the end: By now, the rigors of having run nearly twenty miles are beginning to tell. My stride has shortened. My legs are tight. My breathing is shallow and fast.

SO, IT IS INDEED THE LORD WHO HELP US TO OVERCOME, LETS US DEPEND ON HIM FOR VICTORY OVER SINS, IN JESUS

NAME: AMEN.

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Did We Have To Lose 53 Lives For The Azimio Brigade To Come To Their Senses?



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Worth Noting:

- The provisions of 2010 constitution are very clear on how the grievances of the candidates' dissatisfied with the final outcomes should be handled.
- Raila exhausted all these avenues. None of the prayers he sought at the Supreme Court of Kenya (Scok) would see the light of the day.
- In a unanimous decision, the seven judge bench dismissed all of them on ground of failing to meet the requisite thresholds.
- The allegations presented to us lacked an iota of evidence. The case had been cooked and built on propaganda and outright lies.
- After listening to all the parties in this case, we have come to a conclusion that the final results reflected the sovereign will of the Kenyan people.



Azimio La Umoja party leaders.

On August 9th 2022, Kenyans of all walks of life went to their respective polling stations to elect the leaders of their choice.

They elected the Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate William Ruto as the fifth President of the Republic of Kenya.

Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga, who was his main competitor, would not accept the results.

This would not come as a surprise. He had played a similar card in the previous elections.

So, the widely held view was that Raila believed that the elections can only be free and fair if he is the one declared as the winner.

This thinking is totally ill-advised and misplaced.

Raila has over the years carved a niche of being a leading player in the clamor for democracy, social justice and rule of law.

If he truly believed in these virtues, one would have expected him to respect the democratic and constitutional ideals stipulating that power belonged to the people. So, the will of Kenyans outweighed other considerations by far.

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Consequently, we uphold the declaration by the IEBC chairman that Dr William Ruto had won the election.

Raila had repeatedly assured Kenyans that he would respect the verdict of the apex court.

I have no reason to doubt the judges. I'm sure they would deliver a judgement that is informed by the law, constitution and factual analysis of submissions by the all the parties.

But Raila would not wait for the dust to settle. He immediately denounced the verdict and accused the judges by claiming that they had been compromised and bribed by his main opponent-President-elect William Ruto and his brigade. He would not provide an iota of truth or any evidence to support the claims.

As we know during the campaigns, then Deputy President Ruto had totally fallen out with his boss, the outgoing

President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Uhuru and the deep state had thrown their full weight behind the candidature of Raila.

This is the first time that Raila enjoyed the support of the government in power. It was therefore hard to believe his claims.

Dr Ruto was considered to be an outsider and outcast. He took advantage of this to play the victim card which worked very well. This card helped him to rally majority of Kenyans behind his candidature. More importantly, he enjoyed God's favor.

After losing his petition, Raila resorted to unveiling his plan B.

He had employed the same card in the aftermath of 2007, 2013 and 2017 presidential elections.

He organized and led destructive and bloody demonstrations.

I listened a few days ago the submissions of Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) before the National Dialogue Committee sitting at the Bomas of Kenya.

IPOA stated that 53 people lost their lives during the Azimio led demonstrations.

If they were killed by the police, I would have expected IPOA to have sued the officers individually.

It is not convincing to say the DPP altered the content of the charge sheets so they can help them. Do IPOA want to tell us all 53 files had been interfered

with?

IPOA had other options to pursue this matter. What stopped them from doing this?

Get me right. Yes, some of the protesters could have been killed by the police. But let us bear this in mind. Police are also human beings.

The media reports had indicated that some of the protesters were armed to teeth. They had guns, machetes and other crude weapons and would menacingly engage the police in a fierce running battles. How would you expect the police to deal with this volatile situation?

As for hired bodies, IPOA gave their version. I did not believe that this happened.

Well, I do not want to dwell on these issues because the matters were being investigated.

One of issue is whether the Azimio leadership had solicited for guns and issued them to their selected diehard supporters who camouflaged as protesters.

This is because it was widely believed Raila's strategy was to cause maximum damage to our economy and set a stage for a toxic environment that would lead to the killings of as many protesters as possible.

He knew this would work to his advantage. The situation would draw the attention of the international community and religious leaders in Kenya.

They would ask President Ruto to talk with him so that peace and normalcy is restored.

For me, President Ruto is a democrat and statesman.

Upon realizing that Raila was once again hellbent on plunging Kenya into a full blown mayhem, he agreed to talk with him.

The talks bore the fruits. The 10-member National Dialogue Committee was immediately set up.

Each side picked five members and four to seat in the two technical committees.

This brings me to the question. Did we have to lose 53 innocent lives for Azimio brigade to come to their senses?

As we know, most of the Azimio demands were not aligned to the provisions of the constitution and the law.

This had prompted President Ruto and a section of the Kenya Kwanza leaders to state.

We are not going to entertain anything that is extra-legal and extra-constitutional in these talks.

So, it means these people lost their lives for unworthy cause.

As he had done before, many believe that Raila was doing all this in pursuit of his selfish and personal agenda. Has this come to pass? Many believe he has already eaten.

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The media should play a pivotal role in highlighting and championing the rights of marginalized and minority communities, bringing attention to their challenges and advocating for transformative change.

The Media Council of Kenya (MCK), Nakuru Regional Coordinator Joseph Mecha said in an era of social inequalities, the media has emerged as a powerful tool in the fight for justice, equity and equality.

Mecha was speaking during a one-day workshop to sensitize regional journalists on reporting minority and marginalized communities through investigative pieces, personal stories, and community-driven initiatives.

“It is not merely a matter of delivering news; it is a commitment to uphold the principles of non-discrimination, safeguarding the rights and dignity of those whose stories we tell,” he noted.

He added that it is important for journalists to approach their work with sensitivity, empathy, and an

unwavering dedication to fair and accurate representation as they navigate the particulars of the diverse society.

Nakuru County Commissioner Loyford Kibaara, while opening the workshop, emphasized that the weighty obligation to disseminate information must be accompanied by an equally paramount duty to uphold respect and dignity.

“Moreover, the media plays a critical watchdog role, scrutinizing government interventions to ensure transparency, effectiveness, and accountability on interventions targeting the communities,” he emphasized.

The regional administrator added that by breaking down complex policies and highlighting government actions, the media empowers citizens with the knowledge and understanding needed to actively participate in the democratic process.

The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC), Nakuru Regional Coordinator Lewis Mwaniki underscored the urgent need for a framework that clearly defines “minority” and “marginalized” to prevent ambiguity.

“Regrettably, there are individuals



Media.

and communities who exploit the labels of ‘minority’ and ‘marginalized’ for personal gain, without deserving such classification,” Mwaniki expressed with concern.

Endorois Indigenous Women Empowerment Network, Programs officer Rogers Motoloi explained that resources meant for marginalized groups were being misallocated, leading to inefficiencies in address-

ing issues effectively.

He emphasized that the media’s role should encompass rigorous investigative reporting aimed at unveiling instances of impersonation, thereby advancing transparency, accountability, and fostering informed public discourse.

The move by the media regulator to provide the training and guidance to journalists on reporting margin-

alized and minority communities honed necessary skills to navigate the complex topic with sensitivity, and adhere to industry standards.

“In an era where information dissemination is at the forefront of public discourse, the accuracy, clarity, and ethical standards of journalism are of paramount importance,” stated Milele FM journalist David Omurunga.

Nakuru County Strengthening Healthcare Networks

By: Veronica Bosibori
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Nakuru County Government Chief Officer for Public Health Alice Abuki yesterday hosted a team from the National Ministry of Health in readiness for the full rollout of the Primary Healthcare Networks (PCN) initiative in the region.

Ms. Abuki said the team will be in Nakuru for the next two weeks to capacity-build a multidisciplinary team that will be operationalizing the PCNs at various sites.

She said the health department has successfully implemented the primary healthcare networks in Bahati Sub-County, with the Sub-County Hospital as the main hub that serves Bahati and Subukia.

The officer noted that Bahati now has a proper referral network from the community level to the health facilities. And with an ambulance

stationed at the hospital and four community health units with health promoters to enhance reverse referral and follow-up,

However, despite the continuous improvement of health services, Nakuru City remains a popular place for alternative medicine, with signposts all over shops advertising ‘miti ni dawa’ and a lot of hawking of supplements.

Some of the popular ones are Neo-life International, who claim that their mission is to make the world a healthier and happier place, and they have a variety of products ranging from food supplements to organic farm products.

Others are Cargill and Healthy You, which all claim to sell magical, healthy products that cure everything. A local nutritionist, David Mina, said the best boost for a healthy body is locally grown and traditional foodstuffs such as millet, sour porridge, sweet potatoes, and sour milk.



Immunisation in Nakuru.

He advised locals to follow simple trends such as exercise, a balanced diet, and supportive social networks for a balanced lifestyle and good

health.

He added that each part of the world is blessed with locally grown foods. But when food is shipped or trans-

ported from faraway places, it loses some of its nutritional value and picks up a lot of pathogens along the way that might cause diseases.

Speaker Wetang’ula Asks Legislators To Use The Church To Serve Their Communities

By: PSCU

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang’ula has asked MPs to collaborate with churches in provision of development and other services to the communities they serve.

Wetang’ula noted that the church is the foundation of society which is pivotal in socio-economic development of the country and can be effective in ensuring MPs drive their development agenda.

In a speech delivered on his behalf by Omboko Milemba, a member of the Speaker’s panel, during the launch of the Seventh Day Parliamentary (SDA) Caucus chaired by Elder Martin Peters Owino, the Speaker indicated that the Church is a corner stone of society where everyone looks up to for spiritual nourishment.

“Faith-based caucuses play a crucial role in parliament, underscoring the importance of diversity and pluralism in democratic societies. These



caucuses contribute to the richness of democratic discourse by representing the diverse perspectives and values of religious communities. They play a pivotal role in shaping policies that respect religious freedoms, uphold ethical standards, and promote the well-being of society as a whole”, reads the speech.

Milemba who is also the Emuhaya MP emphasized that Parliament of Kenya recognized the SDA Parliamentary caucus alongside other faith-based caucuses that also include the Catholic Members Parliamentary Caucus which nature’s religious growth in the institution.

He further reaffirmed the National

Assembly’s commitment to religious freedom and tolerance by respecting the beliefs and practices of all religious communities, represented in Parliament and in the country.

He called for Unity among parliamentarians regardless of their religious affiliations, in the pursuit of common goals that benefit the nation.

He encouraged the members of the SDA Faith to actively engage in the legislative process, shaping policies, and laws that resonate with the values of their faith.

“Your unique perspective and insights are invaluable in addressing the challenges and opportunities that face our nation”, read the speech.

Milemba challenged the congregation to formulate initiatives aimed towards addressing Community Health Initiatives; Education Partnerships; Community Development Projects; Disaster Relief and Preparedness; Interfaith Dialogues; and Advocacy for Social Justice among others.

The chair of the caucus, Elder Martin Peters Owino called for unity among members of the caucus saying that they will explore local, regional and global opportunities in serving God for humanity.

Other members of the caucus present during the inauguration included; Cythnia Muge, Jerusha Mong’ina and Andrew Adipo Okuome.

Governor Simba Arati Dispels Misleading Social Media Rumors Of 740 County Worker Terminations

By: Elizabeth Angira
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Governor Simba Arati of Kisii County is urging the public to dismiss misleading rumors circulating on social media, claiming that he has terminated the employment of 740 county workers

In a recent statement, Governor Arati clarified that no employees have been terminated.

The rumors appear to have arisen due to letters sent to employees who were on the payroll but were absent during the staff audit exercise conducted from November 15, 2022, to December 15, 2022.

The letters issued to these 740 employees request an explanation for their absence during the audit.

Governor Arati emphasized that those who failed to participate in the

county staff audit should provide an explanation to either the Chief Officer or the County Secretary regarding their absence.

Depending on the responses received within 21 days, appropriate actions, including salary adjustments, may be taken.

Additionally, Governor Arati noted that retired employees and those who have passed away should be removed from the payroll.

He reassured all employees that no one has been terminated, and they will continue to receive their salaries once they have justified their absence during the county staff audit.



Governor Simba Arati of Kisii County.

Hojimurodova Shakhnoza



Hojimurodova Shakhnoza was born in Uzbekistan in 2003. She studied at school 283 in Tashkent. She was distinguished among his school by her diligence and thirst for knowledge. During her studies at school, Shakhnoza took an active part in Russian language science Olympiads, drawing and essay writing contests, and took pride of place. She has won honorable places in the district, city, and regional stages of the chess

type of sport.

Currently, she is a 2nd-level student of International Economic Relations at Tashkent International University of Chemistry. She was awarded with a certificate for her active participation in mass media and several official events and conferences of the Republic, and international conferences. She has written international scientific and publicist articles. The first article "TRADE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN UZBEKISTAN AND TURKEY" was published in the Polish magazine "SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS AND TRENDS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH". The article "THE GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF THE WORLD" was published in the American scientific journal "INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT".

The owner of the Medal "MDH Yetakchilari". Also she is a member of Argentina's "Juntos por Los lets" organization

My Mother, My Mother, My Mother



I can't even tell you that I love you, I say that I want what I want, but not from you
- What does mother Kōnglin want? I asked
- I'm hungry, I'm asking if there's any food
- Mother, what are you doing?

Despite this, you still managed to come and call me my daughter

Mom, I love you very much, Mom, look, your daughter is a young teacher, she has about 100 students, she knows the language, she is excellent in studies, and she entered without any exams.

With your prayers day and night.
The honor of the prayers you prayed for me in the evening, Mother

InshaAllah mother, you will surely enjoy the pleasure of your efforts for us. In this world and in this world, you will not have children from women in Sayyid, mother, I will put a crown on your head

Mom, we love you very much, my sister loves you very much too

Happy birthday mom
Weep for many years, Save your tears to see our happy days ♥

I love you

.....Your daughter is Shakhzoda

Ismoilova Shakhzoda was born on 4 June, 2006 year on In Ferghana city, Uzbekistan.

Nowadays she is the second year student of a college.

Till now she has organized some projects and she has become an ambassador and coordinator of a lot of international organizations

Makhmudova Nargiza Ravshan



After successfully completing her master's degree, she started her work at this university as a teacher of the Department of Primary and Preschool Education, and in 2021-2022, she was a senior teacher of the Department of Uzbek and Russian Languages of the Bukhara State Pedagogical Institute. Currently, she is working as the head of the Department of Languages. Our teachers have achieved many international achievements.

May both of our mentors be blessed with health, long life and happy life to all mentors in their difficult but honorable professions. Courage and perseverance never leave them. I wish to always walk in the footsteps of disciples, and that every moment of the paths of life passed will be a blessing for the ages.

Even today, the tradition of mentor-apprenticeship is used in many work communities, including government agencies. However, the current reforms in personnel policy require the implementation of mentoring in an official and professional manner. There are unwritten laws in life, but if they are not followed, there are ugly consequences. One of these is the mentor-student relationship. Among the people, the

manners, values and conditions of communication between teachers and students have been living, maturing and developing for thousands of years in the form of such unwritten laws. There is no one who has a profession that he has not matured after seeing a teacher. The ties between the teacher and the disciple are very delicate and can be severed if a slight movement is made. In order for such a situation not to happen, first of all, the student must have unlimited love for his teacher, trust him, understand his every word and behavior, and follow him. A student should make it a habit to accept what he has learned from his teacher and receive his blessing before starting independent work. The disciples who did not receive prayers and did not approve of the teacher did not have a white cup, did not have one or two, never had a job, and did not have a blessing in the work they started. Consent is a matter of moral decency. Only a teacher who is satisfied with his student gives him a blessing from the heart.

It is not for nothing that our people said the wise phrase "A disciple who has not seen a teacher - blankets for every position".

During the period when a student is learning a skill or a craft under the guidance of a teacher, it is necessary to carefully observe his every movement and work style, even what to put where, which side to pay more attention to.

The lesson from the story is that one who loves and honors his teacher will attain great virtues. The one who displeases the teacher will be deprived of the blessing of knowledge. It is my greatest happiness to be a student of such successful and ideal teachers of our institute. May the tradition of mentorship with my mentors be long and lasting.

Happy holiday, dear teachers and coaches!

Makhmudova Nargiza Ravshan qizi
Student of Bukhara pedagogical institute, faculty
uzbek language and literature.

My Mother Tongue



Come strolling, meaning my language,
Always sing like a nightingale my tongue,
It has the spirit of Navoi, he has Babur,
Let every dialect be beautiful, my language.

Every word has a hundred meanings in my mother tongue,

Every flame is a fire in every heart,
Everything ripples in this language,
Endless treasure, legend in my tongue.

This is my language, which the whole world respects.
This is my language, inherited from my ancestors.

Abdunazarova Khushroy was born on December 21, 2008. She is 15 years old. Currently, she is a pupil of 8th grade of the 15th DIUM of Mingbulak district, Namangan region. She is interested in English and Mathematics. She wants to become a interpreter in the future. And also she is a member of the international organization "All India Council for Technical skill development".

My tongue that entered my ear as lullaby,
My valiant tongue in the bosom of the ages,
I will write you every moment,
My blood, my language, oh, my motherland.

am writing these words for you
Mom, I love you so much, but I haven't always told you this.) I'm sorry mom ♥

Even when I opened your mouth, you called me a boy, you said, come, my daughter, you pressed me. You forgave my mistakes, sometimes you heard from my father after what I did, but still you didn't push me, you said come my daughter, you did it ♥ When we went without bread, you did everything from home to feed me, and you still think of me, what did I do for you at this age, mother?

If I raised my voice to you, mother, my raised voice wouldn't come out. How many times did I put you in difficult situations? During the school period, you did not do math homework for 2 months, and you heard my teacher talk about me in front of my parents, and even then you hid my guilt from my grandparents

You prepared breakfast for me because my daughter is going to school and study. You worked day and night for my daughter to study.

When you were a girl, you couldn't go to the same places with your classmates and friends, but you didn't leave me to get to know any of my classmates and friends, you didn't even once say you didn't want to go

Manchi manchi mother? What have I done for you,

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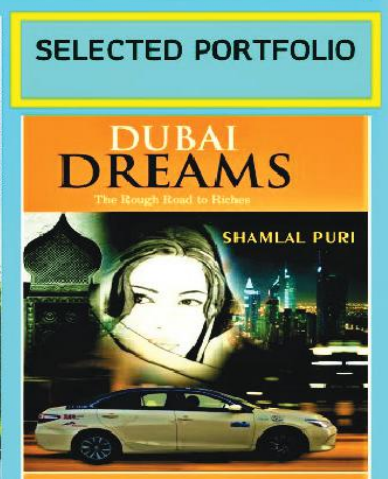
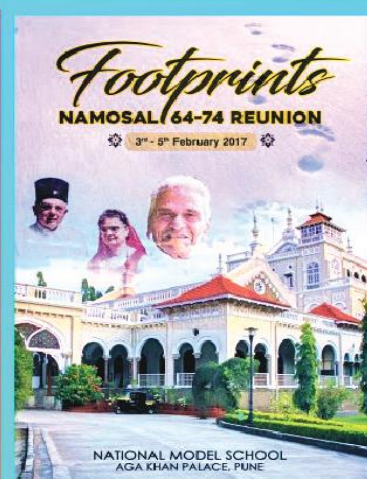
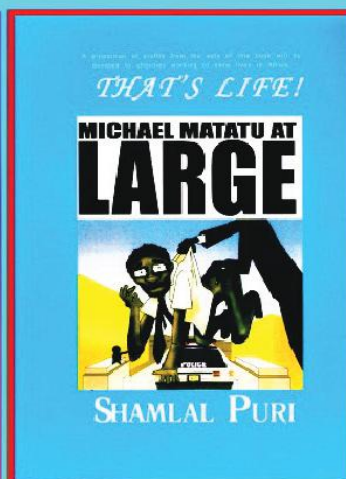
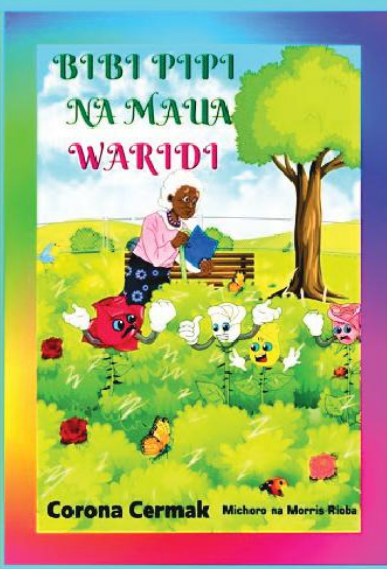
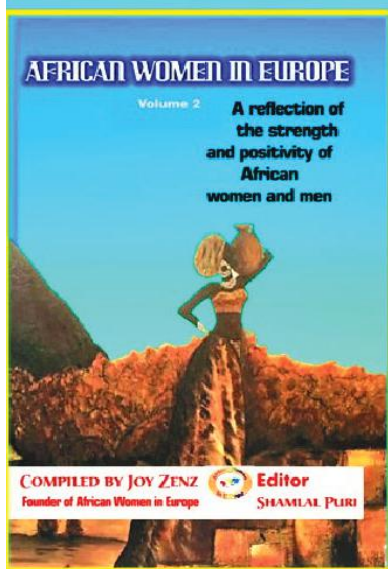
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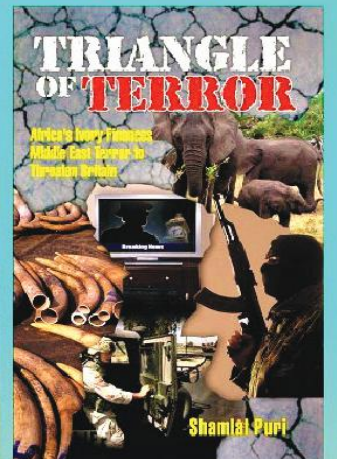
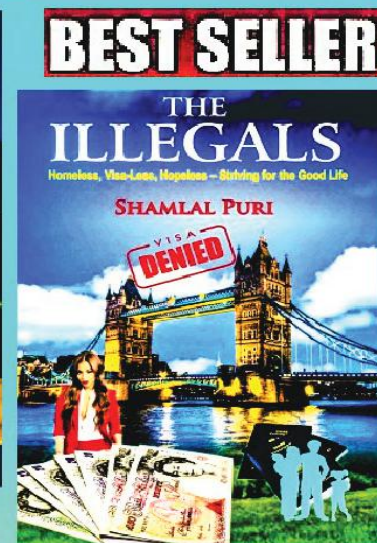
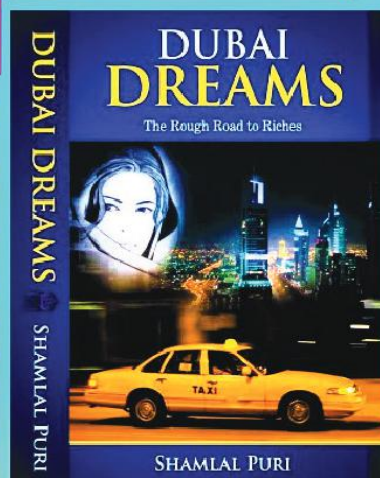
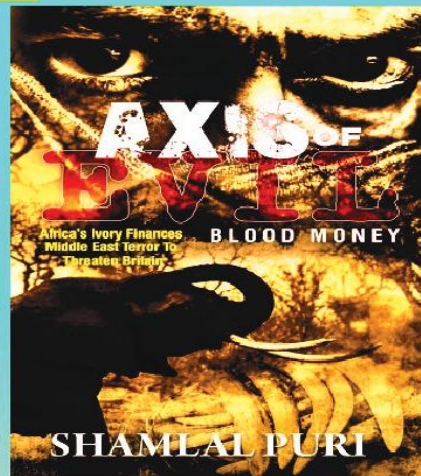
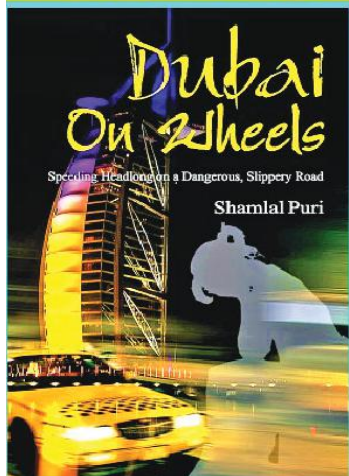
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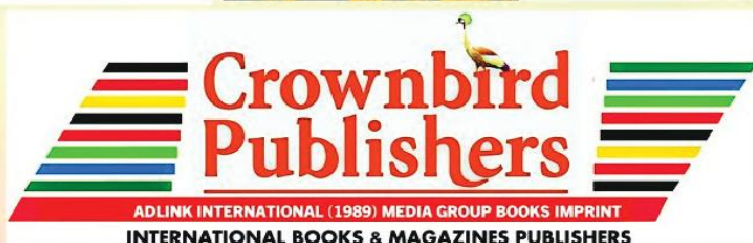
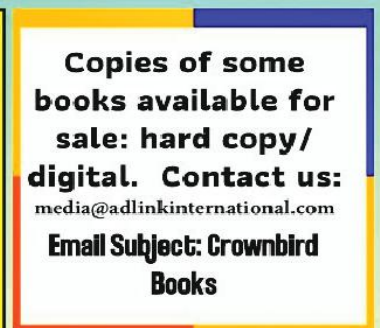
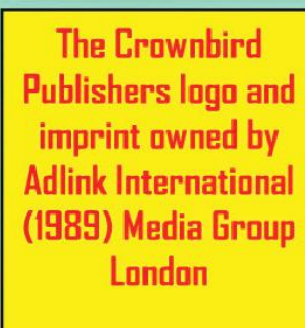
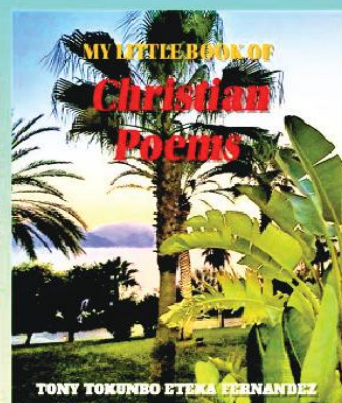
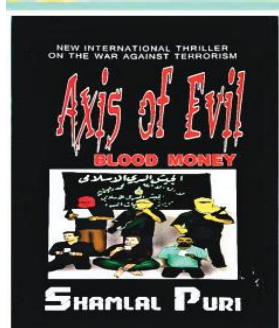
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Where There Is A Destination There Is A Luxurious Hotel



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Worth Noting:

• Tourist satisfaction is a delicate matter in hotel management and should be dealt with grave astuteness. A home away from home permits tourists to be served at the ring of a bell. Talk about the menu of delicacies that are offered by the hotel restaurant. Not to mention a foot massage in the spa with some wine or the sauna if need be. Frankly speaking, these are all freebies to pick from after enjoying the afternoon itinerary around the destination. Where there is a destination there is a luxurious hotel.

• One too many a tourist have since attested that a staycation only stands for personally experiencing that much talked about five star treatment. Tourists are now ditching the activities on offer and knocking themselves out touring the hotel instead.



Ilala Lodge, Zimbabwe.

After all has been said and done, tourists need someplace comfortable to lay their heads for that necessary beauty sleep. Infact, accommodation is paramount at this stage for the excitement of an excursion can be taxing. Having your personal space in the form of a room gives a tourist some sense of belonging.

Thereby hotels are accessible at every tourism and hospitality destination. Moreso, the front office symbolises visitor management which goes down in par with reservations. It will be absurd for a guest to pass the front desk without checking in. All we are saying is that before planning for a vacation tourists should know where they are going to stay. Hotels have gone to the extent of being classified with stars as a result of their impeccable service quality.

Star status is for keeps thus it ranges from one up to the envied five star which grants a visitor the right

to a twenty four hour room service with the assistance of a concierge to top it off. Making other destinations with less stars to pale in comparison practically giving them a run for their money.

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ties on offer and knocking themselves out touring the hotel instead.

Due to a rise in sports tourism, hotels also have facilities like gyms, swimming pools, tennis courts and golf courses to boot. Apart from succumbing to a tourist's demands and expectations, most hotels are also eco-certified as they observe towel re-use and the linen change policy. This is positively enhancing the mindset of our tourists for the better.

A hotel brings about prestige and deference because not all tourists get to enjoy this golden opportunity laden with perks that come in the name of amenities. Leave no stones unturned by visiting the Cresta Oasis, Holiday Inn, Rainbow Towers and Troutbeck as they are hotels in a league of their own.

For your own information, treasured readers accommodation is part of our tourism product which also includes transport, meals and activities. Os-

tensibly, this is making our hotels competitive needless to mention affordable. When it comes to tourism circles there is nothing like overstaying your welcome.

Infact, we are even urging backpackers to turn over a new leaf and try this package out which boasts of king size beds and deluxe suites just to give you a tip of the iceberg. The ball is in your court ladies and gentlemen so be our guest. To rest my case, do not forget to also acknowledge lodges, bread and breakfast establishments, guest houses and motels for they uphold the doctrine of hospitality in this stellar campaign.



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Involving Stakeholders In Mitigating Vandalism Of Critical Infrastructure

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Worth Noting:

- “This has consequently attracted high-end criminals who vandalise critical utility government infrastructure, hence the need for regulations,” he reiterated.
- Njora advised stakeholders in the business that in order for the industry to be respected, they need to self-regulate through community policing, monitoring one another, keeping a register, and even installing CCTV cameras for accountability.
- Making his remarks at the forum in Nairobi, SMC Chairperson Francis Mugo described the meeting as a deliberate attempt by stakeholders affected by the challenges of the scrap metal business to discuss and agree on the recommendations to be added to the Scrap Metal Act of 2015.



andalism Of Critical Infrastructure

The Scrap Metal Council (SMC) has held its first consultative forum, bringing together scrap metal industry stakeholders from across the country to address the challenge of vandalism of critical national infrastructure through regulations.

The SMC is the principal regulator of the scrap metal industry and comprises the Chairperson and nine members from the State Departments for Industry and Transport, KRA, KPLC, National Police Service, Kenya Association of Manufacturers, Consumer Federation of Kenya, Representatives of Associations, and independent members.

The Secretary Administrator in the State Department for Industry, Samuel Karanja Njora, appealed to the stakeholders in the scrap metal business to understand the importance of government regulations to rid the sector of rogue elements.

He noted that scrap metal has always been associated with dirty urchins collecting street scrap for a few coins; however, the industry has evolved and developed into a lucrative business involving millers, scrap metal dealers, and billions of shillings.

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While still being neglected and perceived as criminal, Mugo hailed the scrap metal business for being a Sh500 billion industry that employs over 2 million Kenyans, according to data from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).

He revealed that the industry consumes 300 metric tonnes of scrap metal, which, if left lying around, is hazardous to the environment.

“Even as we agree that it is time to change the perception of the public on the scrap metal business, we are still impeded by the biggest challenge of vandalism of critical national infrastructure, particularly in the energy and transport sectors,” said Mugo.

The Clchairman, in retrospect, cited the moratorium enforced in 2021 by the previous administration as a consequence of wanton vandalism that led to the increase in prices of steel and construction, affecting stakeholders, and the closure of business.

Since the lifting of the moratorium and the introduction of regulations to the Scrap Metal Act, he continued, solutions were arrived at but failed to

pass through the floor of parliament due to a lack of public participation, and that is why the Council is holding consultative forums countrywide.

Mugo highlighted energy and transport infrastructures as the main targets of vandalism, cautioning rogue individuals who vandalise transformers, pylons, road guard rails, and railway infrastructure and sell them to criminal scrap metal dealers and millers to stop tarnishing the industry’s reputation.

“As a Council, we vow to scrutinise and vet the license application process and review and amend certain regulations of the Act to seal all loopholes, help legal and genuine dealers do business, and consequently bring sanity into the industry, which will spur economic growth,” he pledged.

Meanwhile, stakeholders from the most vandalised infrastructures, including Kenya Power & Lighting Company (KPLC), Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO), Kenya Railways, and the Kenya Roads Board, condemned the vandalism of these infrastructures, which in most cases causes death and lack of utility services to the citizens.

Stephen Muoko, Chief in Charge of Operations at KPLC, presented shocking details of how many transformers, costing approximately 1 million shillings, have been lost since the Financial Year 2017-18 to date.

“In sequence, we have lost 316, 266, 310, 422, and 566 transformers over the last five Financial Years due to

vandalism, which is a massive loss to the government considering the cost to replace them,” Muoko exemplified.

They lauded partnerships as the only way to work together with dealers, recommending sensitization before the purchase of scrap metal materials, strengthening the Council to deploy inspectors countrywide, and networking through information sharing (either reporting or exchanging ideas) through the toll numbers 911 (KEN-TRACO), 0711031874 (KPLC), 0711777577 (Kenya Railways), and 0800222248 for security agencies in the Energy Ministry.

Additionally, both the Council and the security agencies, including the police, called for a multi-agency approach with integrity involving all stakeholders, the County Commissioner, and the Regional Environment Officer (REDO) to collaborate and enforce strict measures on those found culpable of vandalism, which ruins the industry’s reputation.

On their part, scrap metal dealers appealed to the police to stop harassing legitimate and genuine dealers and millers and also urged the Council to protect them by enforcing the agreed-upon regulations in order to eliminate rogue elements amongst them and also inside the stakeholder agencies, which would reinstate the respect scrap metal businesses deserve.

Committee On Commercial Affairs And Energy Probes National Water Harvesting And Storage Authority’s Audit Queries

By: PSCU

The National Assembly Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs & Energy, chaired by Pokot South MP David Pkosing probed the management of the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority over audit queries FY 2018/2019 to 2020/2021.

The committee is investigating queries noted by the Office of the Auditor General in the Authority’s financial books for the years under review.

Members put the Authority’s management led by Managing Director Engineer John Muhia to task on several queries noted by the Auditor General including the unverifiable figure of trade and other payables from exchange transactions balance totalling Sh1,134,402,781.

Members sought to know why the recurrent account bank reconcilia-



tion statement reflected a cashbook under cast of Sh1,956,997, a reconciling item which should have been adjusted in the cashbook before preparing the reconciliation.

Engineer Muhia told members that no reconciliations prior to the year 2009 could be traced as all accounting records were destroyed in a fire

that gutted the Authority’s premises. Pkosing probed further on whether the Authority had any digital backup of the relevant data.

“I presume that by this time most government systems had been automated. So why can’t that information be retrieved?” Posed Pkosing.

Engineer Muhia said Authority had

long Outstanding Loans totalling Sh2,460,874,897.

The committee also noted that the Authority’s financial books had not reflected the value of various assets earmarked for transfer to various Water Works Development Agencies totalling Sh16,781,832.

The committee was also scheduled to probe the Audit Queries of the Geothermal Development Company, FY 2017/2018 to 2020/2021.

The sitting was, however, adjourned to a later date after the Company’s Managing Director notified the committee that he had been summoned for an abrupt meeting at the Office of the Attorney General.

Pkosing gave the adjournment directive, citing the need for the MD, who is the Company’s overall accounting officer to be present.

“That is the law, and we cannot listen to any of you on these matters of audit, other than the MD who is the accounting officer,” said Pkosing.

Kenyans to have More pinch On Escalating Fuel Prices

By: Eric Wanjala
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The Chair to the National Assembly departmental committee of energy led by its chair Vincent Musau MP Mwala Constituency ,he received petition on government and relevant Petroleum stakeholders on streamlining the at least Four factors affecting fuel industry.

Speaking to the members and petitioners at the committee session the chair asked whether the recommendations would be of impact to the Kenyan economy and encouraged stakeholders in joining efforts to push for changes in the oil sectors

Market Structure, Subsidy on Fuel which risks sufficient flow of fuel in the market, Profit and Loss Margins and having no representative at the Board Of Energy Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA).

The Chairperson Of United energy and Petroleum Association Irene Kimathi has asked the Committee to task the government to reduce levies, taxes in pricing structures of fuel during the period of subsidy to avoid disruption of the normal market flow of the commodity.

“We would like to seek the committee’s attention to several fundamental issues that must be addressed to ensure that we have an efficient supply system and also keep our dealers in business who are largely compromised of the indigenous population” Stated Irene Kimathi.

According to the petition currently the flow of fuel is inefficient due to the issue of subsidy and the soaring international prices Which has led the Oil Marketing Companies in hoarding their products in a bid to avoid the eminent losses.



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Light That Illuminates The World



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Worth Noting:

- Our second mother is literally the second mother in any person's achievement and success. They work one-on-one with each student and share their knowledge with us to see them grow. Such people have always been respected, honored, respected by the people. From time immemorial, he has been honoring and honoring the teachers who sacrificed their knowledge and life for the child to grow into a perfect human being.
- There is probably not a person who does not know at least one of the stories and wisdom attributed to such great people. Let's take the following narration as an example: "I didn't set foot in my teacher's house out of respect. However, there were seven streets between his house and mine. Whenever I pray after the death of my teacher, I pray for my parents.



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Teacher... Teacher is our second mother who shows us the path of knowledge from our youth, invites us to guidance, and leads us to goodness. At the root of this word lies their work. The reason for everyone's achievement and success is his mentor, who is an incredible mountain behind him. They teach us the knowledge and experience they have learned throughout their lives. In no time they will teach us the right way in no time.

There is no one who did not study under the teacher. Kindergarten first, then school, then university. When we take our first step into adult life, our teachers welcome us at school. He sees us in the same line as his child, says sweet words, caresses us. They teach us and educate us with despair. Teachers are the same model of the gardener.

We are only 7 years old when we go to school and we are 16-18 years old when we finish school. During this time, they educate us, teach us what we do not know, and prepare us for life. When we go to school, we become like a young sapling, great ones like a teacher take care of us, a sprout from the bud of life, and turn it into a strong tree. During this period, of course, small problems such as damage to young trees, disease and thirst may appear. But our "gardeners" grow them without harming them in the slightest.

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knowledge with us to see them grow. Such people have always been respected, honored, respected by the people. From time immemorial, he has been honoring and honoring the teachers who sacrificed their knowledge and life for the child to grow into a perfect human being.

There is probably not a person who does not know at least one of the stories and wisdom attributed to such great people. Let's take the following narration as an example: "I didn't set foot in my teacher's house out of respect. However, there were seven streets between his house and mine. Whenever I pray after the death of my teacher, I pray for my parents.

I asked Allah's forgiveness for him too. Not only is he my teacher, but if I have learned something from him or someone has taught me something, I should ask Allah for forgiveness for those people." It can be seen from this narration that the student respected his teacher so much that he did not even dare to cut his leg. If we consider our teachers who teach us at school or university as only teachers, we will be mistaken. No. Everyone who shows us the right path and shares his knowledge is a teacher. They educate by giving. The knowledge given by the teacher increases thousands of people.

We know that in our country October 1 is designated as the day of teachers and coaches. It is not in vain. In my opinion, it is not necessary to have a special day to raise the spirits of our teachers, to

make them happy, to make their hearts happy. However, October 1 is a sign of the high attention and respect shown to our teachers. The role of teachers in our lives is so great that the reason for every success we achieve goes back to them and our parents. Because, from whom would we have learned the secrets and difficulties of knowledge leading to this achievement, without them?

With the help of our teachers, of course. Through this knowledge, we can discover uncreated things, make life beautiful, and create new techniques and knowledge. Their biggest role is in developing the intelligentsia of our country. A student without a teacher is not a student. It is said that "a student who has not seen a teacher wanders in all directions". Indeed it is. Because how can a student achieve high goals without a mentor? And the teacher diligently teaches us the step-by-step work and labor for these goals, which work I do is correct and which is wrong.

Recently, I read a story about teachers, and I want to share it with you dear ones. It's about Alexander the Great. He was the first to transfer his mentor to the throne of the conquered country. One day he asked him: "Why do you do that?" When asked, he said: "My parents caused my birth, and my teacher caused my rise". We can see that even at that time the respect of the teacher was great. That is, they stood in line with our parents.

In fact, when the child goes to the first grade, he does not know the letter or

write. Only our teachers know the trouble of teaching it. People who dedicate their lives to this profession are respected everywhere. It is true that a person does not appreciate them at the time, but after years, he misses them and misses those periods.

Who is there to teach you?
The first light was on your hearts.
Scientist, poet or artist,
He looked up to you as a teacher for the first time.

In conclusion, it is necessary to say that what our tomorrow will be depends on our today. If we get knowledge today and develop ourselves in every field, tomorrow will be better than today. Of course, the work of people who have fulfilled their duty in our country cannot be ignored. For example, medals, orders, and honorary titles were established by the President of our country, and among them, teachers were duly honored.

For example, "Excellence of public education", "Hero of Uzbekistan", "People's teacher of the Republic of Uzbekistan", "Honored public education worker in the Republic of Uzbekistan", "Uzbekistan Honored Youth Coach of the Republic" titles. "Republic" was established. All this is the result of the work of teachers, of course. The number of students they raised taught and educated rose to the top. A thousand thanks and respects to teachers.

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Mikel Arteta: Arsenal's Emile Smith Rowe Is Not Ready For 90 Minutes Just Yet



Emile Smith Rowe. Photo/TEAMTALK MEDIA.

By: TEAMtalk Media

Mikel Arteta is glad to have Emil Smith Rowe back in action, but the Arsenal boss is also wary of pushing him too hard too early after recovering from injury.

Smith Rowe started his first Gunners match in 499 days on Wednesday night, in a 1-0 Carabao Cup win at Brentford.

The 23-year-old has endured a succession of injury setbacks but almost marked his return with

goal, only to be denied by the outstretched leg of Bees keeper Mark Flekken.

But Arteta, without seven players through injury at the Gtech Stadium, has warned not to expect too much too soon from the forward.

"I think he had really good moments in the first half, and the game was much easier for him, the way he was developing with his qualities, and the game we started to play after five or 10

minutes in the second half," said the Gunners boss.

"And then after he was struggling more. Physically, he's still not there to play 90 minutes, we have to bear in mind that we have four or five players in that field and that was big concern for us today in the line-up, because we have seven players that are not fit now."

Reiss Nelson's eighth-minute goal, following a mistake in the Brentford defence, was enough

to send Arsenal through to a fourth-round trip to West Ham.

Brentford were vastly improved from their 3-1 defeat by Everton last weekend.

"I was very pleased with the performance and that's what we need to continue with going into the game against Nottingham Forest on Sunday," said boss Thomas Frank.

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Pep Guardiola Saw ‘Incredibly Positive Things’ In Man City’s Carabao Cup Defeat



Pep Guardiola. Photo/TEAMTALK MEDIA.

By: TEAMtalk Media

Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola took a positive view of his side’s performance against Newcastle despite being knocked out of the Carabao Cup.

Wednesday night’s 1-0 defeat at St James’ Park ended City’s interest at the third-round stage, although boss Guardiola scoffed at the suggestion afterwards that a quadruple to go with last season’s treble was ever on the cards.

Nevertheless the Spaniard, who made eight changes for the trip to Tyneside, was focusing on the future and the prospect of more silverware despite the disappointment of defeat.

Guardiola said: “We have incredibly positive things for many, many players for their good play. “The competitions we won plus the European Super Cup, we have three more competitions to play in. For the rest of the teams, good luck for the Carabao Cup.”

Only Manuel Akanji, Josko Gvardiol and Julian Alvarez of those who started Saturday’s 2-0 Premier League win over Nottingham Forest did so again against the Magpies as Guardiola used the depth of his impressive squad.

That meant places in the XI for England duo Calvin Phillips and Jack Grealish, as well as Mateo Kovacic, and there was a first senior start for 20-year-old mid-

fielder Oscar Bobb and another first-team appearance for teenager Rico Lewis.

Asked about Bobb’s contribution, Guardiola said: “Oscar was more than brilliant in all parts, offence and defence.

“He’s played as a number 10, as a striker, as a winger. We know in the pockets in the middle he moves really well. His intensity is good, he works without the ball.”

City dominated the first half without creating clear-cut chances other than an attempt from Alvarez which was blocked by keeper Nick Pope, and ultimately they were made to pay by Alexander Isak, whose 53rd-minute strike as the home side rallied after the

break proved decisive.

Guardiola said: “We were brilliant first half. I think Newcastle couldn’t accept [our first-half dominance], they increased the rhythm and aggression and kicking and they were there, more aggressive.

“We struggled a little, but that’s normal. I said at half-time the second half will not be like the first. I don’t know how many fouls they did and how many we did, but we had double yellow cards. It is what it is.

“I said to be there in the bad moments and we were there. At the end, we could not win. Congratulations to Newcastle.”

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A True, Tried And Tested Ugandan Poet Ankwas Harlord



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Ankwas Harlord.

Worth Noting:

- My name is Ankwas Harlord a youthful poet from Uganda. My serious days of passionate poetry came in 2018 and intensified later in 2019 where I became the most popular Ugandan poet on Poem hunter a place a hold up to date.
- I have always loved to tackle the error of Sexual Violence in the era we claim to be civilized. In my first Poetry book I had about five poems on this same theme.
- Poets from Uganda already have a clear road map on what to do to promote the message of this book, our brothers and sisters in Kenya and anywhere in the world should use this book as a tool to start up this conversation in our institutions of study and the community at large.

Having worked with Ankwas Harlord, I can safely testify that he means business with regards to promoting African poetry. This is why The Unspoken Crime Scenes anthology tackled social vices happening on the face of earth even though at most times authorities tend to turn a blind eye. The time has come to bring all this to light so that change can be effected. Indeed, the outcry is to propel human rights to greater heights and not to take part in dehumanizing other individuals. As such, the best way to put across this message Ankwas with the aid of the various poets used the beauty of words. Below is his colorful journey in poetry.

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

My name is Ankwas Harlord a youthful poet from Uganda. My serious days of passionate poetry came in 2018 and intensified later in 2019 where I became the most popular Ugandan poet on Poem hunter a place a hold up to date. I became friends with Michael M Macharia a great poet from Kenya and founder Modern African Poetry a Facebook Poetry platform that had more than 3k followers. He connected me to his colleague in Zimbabwe who was the founder of Best New African Poets Anthology and made my first official publication of poem Hunter

into The 2020 Best New African Poets Anthology with a poem entitled "Message To Poets." I was now fully convinced that my journey in Poetry has started.

Have you won any major accolades?

My first major accolade is getting my first book published for free by Heartmenders Magazine Media in the USA, The CEO saw a certain potential in me and was forced to give me a publication chance where I paid "nothing" and this book was entitled *WALK* *MY* *PATH* available on Amazon, Lulu books and other platforms. Will I come to win accolades? Yes I will for I imagine and believe so.

Tell us more about your recently published The unspoken crime scenes anthology?

I have always loved to tackle the error of Sexual Violence in the era we claim to be civilized. In my first Poetry book I had about five poems on this same theme. There came turbulent times in the Creatives industry where young girls were used, misused and abused sexually in return for stage gigs, publishing gigs. Under the leadership of Dr Stella Nyanzi, we formed an Association Of Poets Against Sexual violence in the creative industry. The

organization we birthed is Uganda Poets Against Sexual Harassment, Assault And Rape (UPASHASAR) and it's under this organization that I collected pieces of sexual violence across the African continent to give life to *The* *Unspoken* *Crime* *Scenes* anthology, to UPASHASAR I am forever grateful and to every contributor that spared time to pen on such a complex topic.

What do you think poets from Uganda and Kenya should do to promote the book?

Poets from Uganda already have a clear road map on what to do to promote the message of this book, our brothers and sisters in Kenya and anywhere in the world should use this book as a tool to start up this conversation in our institutions of study and the community at large. Poets should take on the duty to fight this vice through spoken word performances and reciting the pieces within and outside this book on the theme of Sexual violence in schools, homes, concerts and many more events. I appeal to those in power to do more while using this book to preach against this error. May you make this book accessible to our little ones for its very much a part of their journey.

Who is your inspiration?

Alley Cheone Semenya a fellow poet from South Africa has always been my inspiration for he was my idol in childhood and fate made us come to know and work together in the Poetry sphere. He actually pens the Preface of *The* *Unspoken* *Crime* *Scenes* and oh my God whoever touches this book,

shouldn't skip the preface for you may miss gold.

What problems have you been facing as a poet?

Naturally poetry has a niche market and therefore poetry ain't for everyone. It has a specific kind of readership and this makes earning from me very complex compared to other writing genres. Inequalities do exist everywhere and so do they surface in poetry too. All eyes are placed on the already made/established leaving young talents to die out.

What can Africa as a whole do to promote literature zeroing on poetry?

We should first of all be the consumers of our own literature, this is the only way we can promote our own literature for it enables/energizes the creatives to create more for demand will be there. For as long as Africans fore go their own literature, growth will always be at the crawling stage.

Kindly share your social media handles?

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Any word of advice to other individuals who want to venture into poetry

Poetry is a talent, however much everyone can write - not everyone is a poet. But to assure you, hard work beats a talent that is not well fed/natured. Endeavor to be a hard worker in whatever you do, talented or not! Thanks for the audience.
Thanks

