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Former First Lady Margaret Kenyatta opens the 55th Annual Round Square International Conference

By: OFPP

Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the elaborate ceremony marked by pomp and colour, the former First Lady extended a warm welcome to all the international delegates as they prepared to holistically engage and learn more about Kenya and the continent Africa.
- “Karibuni Kenya, I hope that you will feel at home in our beautiful country. We look forward to hearing about the unique perspectives you will bring to this important dialogue”, said the former First Lady.



ing performance of the story of the Hummingbird, as told by celebrated Kenyan environmental activist, women’s rights advocate, and 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Professor Wangari Maathai.

Nikita Kering and Richard Turere both Brookhouse alumni also showcased their prowess in music and innovation respectively.

Also present during the ceremony were Round Square Chairman and CEO Kurt Hahn, World Marathon Champion and United Nations Peace Ambassador Tegla Loroupe, long-distance runner Henry Wanyoike amongst others.

Former First Lady Margaret Kenyatta second left.

Former First Lady Margaret Kenyatta yesterday officially opened the 55th Annual Round Square International Conference (RSIC) at the Bomas of Kenya Auditorium, Nairobi.

The RSIC is an annual event run by, and for, students aged 16-18. That moves around the world with students from different schools hosting each time.

The RSIC2023 is hosted by Brookhouse Schools and has drawn participation from 1200 student delegates and their teachers, coming from 50 countries on six continents.

The theme for the 55th Round Square International Conference “The New Africa” offers the participants an opportunity to explore many ways in which the continent has evolved and is defining its position in the 21st Century.

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She underscored the importance of learning through participation in community service, exchange programmes and projects such as those scheduled to take place in the week-long event.

“We shall be seeing a bold and visionary generation rise up. You are a generation willing to take chances; to chart your own paths. You are ready to question, to experiment with new ideas, to innovate and ultimately, to build a better world”

she added.

The audience was treated to a vast array of entertainment with Brookhouse School students displaying an electrify-



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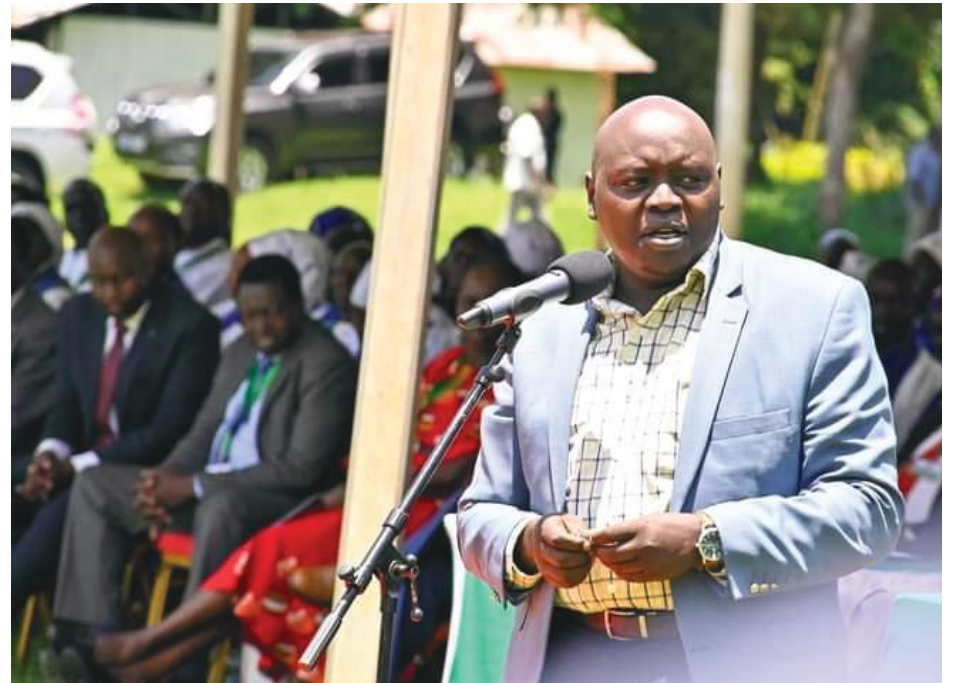


The Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary, Florence Bore, has emphasised the need for private children’s homes to close within eight years if they do not meet the Children’s Act of 2022’s requirements. Bore visited Kisii Children’s Home and expressed appreciation for their efforts in caring for children, but emphasised the government’s responsibility to provide care through government-run facilities. She also emphasised the government’s commitment to enhancing oversight of private children’s homes due to concerns about child trafficking. Bore appealed to residents to desist from abandoning or dumping their children in unfit homes and called for volunteers to volunteer information on anyone involved in child trafficking.



Anne Wang’ombe, the immediate Principal Secretary, State Department for Performance and Delivery Services, and Veronica Nduva, the immediate Principal Secretary, State Department for Gender and Affirmative Action, signed and exchanged handing over documents yesterday following the recent reorganisation of the government by President Dr. William Ruto that resulted in the reassignment of several Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries.

Nduva takes over as PS Performance and Delivery Management (now moved to the Ministry of Public Service, Performance, and Delivery Management), and Wang’ombe is the new PS Gender and Affirmative Action in the new Ministry of Gender, Culture, the Arts, and Heritage.



Nandi leaders and farmers have called on the Kenyan government to review maize prices, arguing that the minimum producer price is too low due to the high cost of production. They believe that the current price of Sh4,000 per 90-kg bag of maize offered by the state is too low and that all costs must be considered before a price is declared. They also suggest that the government should use agricultural extension officers to determine the cost of production before announcing new prices. The government is projected to produce 44 million bags of maize, with over 23 million bags from high-producing counties in the North Rift region.



Nakuru County Government has expanded its functions by taking over the Kenya National Library Services (KNLS), according to County Secretary Dr. Samuel Mwaura. The move is a boost to the devolved unit, enhancing ICT and youth empowerment programs. The Inter-Governmental Technical Relations Committee approved the transfer.



The Noonkopir Afya Foundation, in collaboration with Kajiado County Government, Family Bank, and ED Source Africa, held a breast cancer awareness campaign in Kitengela. The campaign emphasized the importance of early detection and breast health education, highlighting the financial burden of advanced stages of cancer. The event aimed to promote awareness and encourage routine screenings

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CJ Koome Inaugurates 69 'People's Courts' Magistrates

By: Sharon Resian



Chief Justice Martha Koome/Judiciary/FILE.

Worth Noting:

- The CJ cited case load statistics show that 85 per cent of cases that come to the Judiciary are heard and determined at subordinate courts.
- She highlighted that it is at the Magistrates Court and the Small Claims Court where the highest numbers of unrepresented litigants are found, meaning that the vast majority of people's experience of the law and the justice system is drawn from their contact or interaction with the Magistrates' Courts and the Small Claims Courts.

Chief Justice Martha Koome has presided over the swearing-in of sixty-nine newly recruited Resident Magistrates, who will also serve as Small Claims Court Adjudicators.

The Chief Justice described Magistrates' Courts and Small Claims Courts as "people's courts" and "the face of the justice system".

"This is so because it is at the Magistrates' Courts and the Small Claims Courts that the bulk of the cases – be it criminal, traffic or civil cases – that come to the justice system are heard and resolved," she said.

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"This stark reality has instilled a resolute commitment to transform each court station, commencing with the Magistrates' Courts into bastions of excellence in service delivery, aligning with the overarching vision of 'Social Transformation through Access to Justice' within the Judiciary,"

she noted.

The CJ urged the magistrates to eliminate case backlog and delays in the delivery of justice, which is the most common complaint from Kenyans.

"You must work to meet our target of ensuring that no court case stays in a Magistrates Court for more than three (3) years, and no more than sixty (60) days in a Small Claims Court," Koome said.

No idle files

She reminded them to adopt "active case management" and ensure that no file is left idle in the registry once pleadings are closed.

"We expect you to be the champions of our 'no adjournment' policy that is geared towards ensuring that matters are heard to conclusion once set down for hearing," she added.

She emphasized effective time management, diligence and excellence in customer care by ensuring court sessions start on time.

"As part of enhanced court experience, we expect you to communicate in time and give adequate notice to litigants and advocates whenever the normal court schedule is to be interrupted. We also expect to deliver rulings and judgments within the stipulated statutory timelines after hearing," she said.

She urged them to familiarize themselves with the 'Code of Judicial Conduct and Ethics' and make the 'Code' a guide in all actions.

"Your duty as judicial officers is to decide the cases that come before you in accordance with the law. This demands that you exercise independent judgment – free from external influence or motivation. The only influence in your judicial decision-making should be the law and the evidence adduced before you during trial," she advised.

She indicated that Judiciary and the Judicial Service Commission are mainstreaming the idea of "judicial hygiene" meaning the enforcement of a policy of "zero tolerance" to corruption within the Judiciary.

"We will deal swiftly and firmly with any allegations relating to corruption. Thus, you must be ready to walk the straight and narrow path of integrity if you want to build a career in the Judiciary," she emphasized.

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President Ruto Held Cabinet Meeting In Kisumu

.....The Cabinet Endorsed Resuscitation Of Sugar Companies

By: PCU



President William Ruto chairing the Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Worth Noting:

- The Cabinet also endorsed a groundbreaking LPG (cooking gas) Growth Policy aimed at transitioning households from traditional fuels to the cleaner alternative of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG).
- Currently, 70 per cent of Kenyans rely on inefficient and polluting biomass and kerosene for cooking.
- The proposed interventions include establishing common-user LPG import terminals, distributing subsidised cylinders to poor households, promoting LPG use in educational institutions and within affordable housing units.
- These measures, the Cabinet said, aim to reduce consumer prices, enhance transparency and improve public safety, contributing to public health and environmental sustainability.
- In another strategic move, Cabinet granted approval for the extensive re-development of KenGen's Gogo Hydropower Plant in Migori County.

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During yesterday's meeting held at State Lodge Kisumu, President William Ruto acknowledged the resolutions of the two House on the reforms sanctioned by the Cabinet for the turnaround of the sugar sector.

Additionally, the National Treasury is working on waiving tax penalties and interest within 30 days as agreed by the Cabinet.

Plans for the payment of farmers' and employees' salary arrears will also be unveiled within three months.

The sugar companies owe a whopping Sh117 billion in bank loans, tax arrears and penalties, farmers and employees' dues. They owe banks Sh65 billion, Sh50 billion in taxes and nearly Sh2 billion in farmers' dues.

Meanwhile, requests for proposals for the leasing of the five State-owned sugar mills will be published in a fortnight.

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The project aims at elevating the plant's generation capacity and enhancing efficiency, bolstering power generation and stability in Western Kenya.

The Cabinet also gave its nod to the implementation of the Kenya Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience Project.

The project, in collaboration with the World Bank, will include the establishment of vaccine production capacity at the Kenya BioVax Institute.

It will also strengthen regulatory processes at the Pharmacy and Poisons Board and enhance quality control and assurance capabilities at the National Quality Control Laboratory.

The project will guarantee a steady supply of locally-made vaccines, advance Universal Health Coverage, strengthen Kenya's ability to deal with health emergencies, and foster

economic growth.

In response to the challenges of vaccine apartheid and hoarding at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cabinet further approved the establishment of an inter-ministerial committee to negotiate the Pandemic Treaty with the World Health Organisation, a UN agency.

The committee will advocate equity in developing a pandemic treaty and strengthening the International Health Regulations (2005), emphasising a global architecture for pandemic preparedness based on equitable principles.

To address transport safety, the Cabinet approved the establishment of the Kenya Transport Accident Investigation Bureau tasked with comprehensive transport-related accident investigations and safety recommendations.

In a bid to elevate Kenya's standing in the sporting world, Cabinet approved construction and renovation projects crucial for hosting the Africa Cup of Nations in 2027.

The ambitious plan includes building the Talanta Sports Complex and extensive renovations at Nyayo National Stadium, Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, and Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret.

The upgrades are designed to meet the standards set by the Confederation of African Football for the prestigious event, positioning Kenya as a competitive sporting destination.

In education, Cabinet was briefed on the progress being made in the implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Report of the Working Party on Education Reforms.



Members of the Cabinet, including President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua pose for a group photo after the meeting.

The Privatisation Bill Of 2023 Assented Into Law

By: PSCU

President William Ruto yesterday assented into law the Privatisation Bill.

The Speaker of the National Assembly, the Moses Wetang'ula presented to the President the bill at the State Lodge, Kisumu.

This landmark legislation effectively streamlines the privatisation process for non-strategic or financially challenged government entities, eliminating bureaucratic obstacles.

The assented Bill repeals the Privatisation Act, 2005 which was enacted before the current Constitution.

Sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, Kimani Ichung'wah, the Bill provides for the establishment of the Privatisation Authority and assigns the responsibility of formulating the privatisation programme to the Cabinet Secretary.

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ing the privatisation programme to the Cabinet Secretary.

"The privatisation programme shall be submitted to and approved by Cabinet. The role of the National Assembly shall be to ratify the programme," said Ichung'wah.

In the new move, privatisation will be done through initial public offering of shares, sale of shares by public tender, sale resulting from the exercise of pre-emptive rights or through any other method that will be defined by the Cabinet.

The Bill further provides that the proceeds from the sale of a direct National Government shareholding shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund

The process was witnessed by the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Attorney General Justin Muturi, Ichung'wah, Clerk of the National Assembly Samuel Njoroge, and Cabinet Secretaries Eliud Owalo and Rebecca Miano.



President William Ruto yesterday assented into law the Privatisation Bill.

PS Paul Ronoh Hands Over To Incoming PS At The State Department Water And Sanitation

By: MoWSI

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The immediate Principal Secretary State Department of Water and Sanitation Dr Paul Ronoh yesterday handed office to the incoming counterpart Julius Korir during a brief ceremony held at Maji House.

The PS State Department for Irrigation Mr. Ephantus Kimotho was also in attendance.

Dr Ronoh is headed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development where he will take up his new role as the Principal Secretary Crop Development.

Prior to their reassignment by the President last Wednesday, Korir was PS Cabinet Affairs.

Dr Ronoh thanked the President for appointing him at the Ministry and giving him another opportunity to serve at Crop Protection following



The Principal Secretaries pose for a photo with Heads of Departments after the handing over ceremony.

the recent changes announced reorganizing the Executive and effecting portfolio changes of Ministries and State Departments.

He appreciated the incoming PS for his track record in the Ministries he

has served for the last 9 years, which include, Industrialization, Youth Affairs, Health, Agriculture and Cabinet Affairs where he has demonstrated leadership and hard work during his tenure in those previous roles and

urged the HODs and staff to accord him unwavering support for the realization of the State Department Mandate.

The PS said as he was leaving the Ministry to take up his new role as-

signed and was cognizant of the enormity and importance of the assignment before him and the team he will be working with at Kilimo House to gear up to attainment of Food Security for the country.

The incoming PS said the mandate and the objective of the State Department of Water and Sanitation were clear and that he will take up actualize the ongoing transformation of water resources management and water and sewerage services in the country which the Ministry is bestowed by the mandate to operationalize.

Mr. Korir emphasized that he is open to learn and listen to the technical officers in the Ministry in an endeavor to nurture teamwork for better results in set specific targets and Departmental work plans as SD undertakes programmes and critical interventions aimed at making Water and Sanitation available to all as envisioned in the country's transformative agenda for quality life to the citizens.

“The Deserter Of The Church” Pt 1



By: Eric Musa
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As to why the Church has fallen on such hard times, historians tell us that an overemphasis on the “invisible” Body of Christ by evangelical leaders produced an implicit disregard for the visible Church. However, membership in an invisible Church without participation in its local expression is never contemplated in the New Testament. Another reason for the de-churching of many Christians is the historic individualism of evangelical Christianity and the grass-roots American impulse against authority. The natural inclination is to think that one needs only an individual relationship with Christ and needs no other authority. Such think-

ing produces Christian Lone Rangers who demonstrate their authenticity by riding not to church, but out to the badlands, reference Bible in hand, to do battle singlehandedly with the outlaw world.

Such a cavalier disregard for the doctrine of the Church is eccentric, to say the least. It disregards not only Scripture, but the consensus of the doctors of the Church. St. Augustine in his Enchiridion holds up the visible Church saying: “[F]or outside the church they [one’s sins] have no remission. For it is the Church in particular which has received the earnest, the Holy Spirit, apart from whom no sins receive remission”⁶ (italics added). Augustine could not conceive of one being regenerated yet consciously separate from the visible Church.

HALELUJAH: MAY THE GOOD LORD JESUS HELP US TO BE DISCIPLINED AS IT COMES TO THE PHYSICAL CHURCH ALSO. SELAH: AMEN & AMEN.



Evangelist Eric Musa:

(My message continuously: If you are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled

with the Holy Spirit, as it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evan-

gelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM



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The Talk Of A Fallout Between Ruto, Gachagua Is All Hot-Air



By: Joseph Mutua Ndonga
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Worth Noting:

- The team mandated to conceive and coin the slogans and come up with the symbol and colours of the party did a fantastic and commendable job.
- Apart from settling on a 'Wheel Barrow' as a symbol, they unveiled two slogans-The Hustler Nation and Bottom-Up Economic Model.
- The Kenya Kwanza flag bearers, who had already curved a niche of being hands-on, would closely monitor and keep tab on assignment given to each team.
- When the duo disagreed with some of their recommendations, they would not bulldoze their ideas. They would freely engage the members until when they reach a consensus.



President William Ruto and his Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

It is an understatement to refer President William Ruto and his Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua as students of the Kenyan politics and history. The duo was more than this. They were actually the most qualified and experienced teachers of the subject matters.

If this was not the case, you would not have expected the duo to wrestle down the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga at the ballot.

This is because for the first time Raila Odinga enjoyed the support of the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta and as such the deep state and system was on his side.

How did Ruto and Gachagua managed to deflate their well-oiled political jaurgnaut?

They had appointed experts to sit in various think-tanks and mandated them to look into the sectorial issues of the public interests and come up interventions strategies.

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keep tab on assignment given to each team.

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The two slogans resonated very well with the masses.

Kenyans believed that Ruto and Gachagua were truly championing their course. They had all the answers to the myriad of challenges facing them.

This is unlike Raila's Azimio team which was championing the agenda of the dynasties.

To the millions of the ordinary Kenyans, the word dynasty was being interpreted to mean the rich and wealthier Kenyans.

First forward to the latest goings-on in the arena of Kenyan politics.

We have been reading stories in a section of the media that President William Ruto and his deputy were not reading the same script.

I tend to disagree. These stories did not hold any water.

Being birds of the same feathers, the two leaders have not changed.

A good leader is the one who is able to read the mood of the people.

This is what they have been doing. When they are in Mount Kenya region, they speak the language the residents

want to hear.

They do the same when in Nyanza, Western or any other part of the country.

Well for members of fourth estate, one can understand why they would love to see the two leaders falling out. It is simply because they were in business.

If it happens, the number of customers buying their products would increase. So they will make good monies.

Maybe, I need to give the media houses free advice. You are wasting your time by trying to create a rift between them. The working chemistry of the duo remains cordial and intact.

It is worth noting that the media had picked on the comments President Ruto made during the just concluded working tour of Luo Nyanza.

The media reported that he seemed to differ with his deputy over a 'shareholder' remark the DP had made earlier.

The President was visiting the stronghold of his arch rival Raila Odinga who was on record hitting out at Gachagua for allegedly uttering those words.

Dr Ruto made the comments where he had been hosted by Siaya Governor James Orengo.

The local leaders had charged the crowd by asking the president to clarify on the matter.

DP Gachagua said Kenya Kwanza government is a limited shareholding. Are we members of this company? Put

yourself in the shoes of President. How would you have responded?

As for the Bomas talks, Ruto and Gachagua shared the same sentiments.

The positions of the duo had remained clear. Some of the issues pushed by Azimio were unpalatable.

As for politics of the Mount Kenya region, the position of Gachagua is clear.

The region remains behind President Ruto. Speaking in Meru a few days ago, he noted that as the senior most leaders in the mountain he will ensure that the region would overwhelmingly vote for President Ruto in 2027.

For now, our shareholding in Ruto's government is 47 percent. I look to forward to increase the support to 60 percent.

The president has made remarkable progress in terms of fulfilling the pledges he made to Kenyans.

So I know this will work out. Sometimes back when President Ruto visited Mount Kenya region, he insisted that he will not shake hands with Raila. He knew this is what the locals wanted to hear.

He spoke as he unveiled a raft of the development projects. President Ruto and his deputy means well for the country. Let us continue supporting them.

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CITAM Seeks Permission From Members To Utilise Their Data

By: Anne Sabuni
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Nakuru-based Christ Is The Answer Ministries (CITAM) church has called on its members to consent to its use of media images recorded during services, as the church joined in the conversation about data protection quest.

Senior Pastor Rev. Serah Kamau urged members to allow the church to utilise images and videos recorded for the sole purpose of promoting CITAM’s mission of local and international outreach.

“We are living in times where emphasis is on data protection, and we want you to know that we will not use your media recordings for any other purpose other than the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

“We are also encouraging parents to give us (consent through) signed forms to allow us to use any images of their children being involved in our programmes, to help us utilise

them for mobilisation and on TV, websites, and online pages,” noting that the same consent had been requested from parents of children attending CITAM schools.

Rev. Kamau committed not to use the images of children for any commercial interest, noting that the consent will help guide the church whenever the children are involved in public events, activities, and programmes.

“These images could be used in print and digital media formats, including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters, banners, advertising, social media teachings, and research purposes. Should you have any concerns, kindly notify us,” the church announced.

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), last month imposed a fine of Sh4.55 million on a school for posting images of minors without parental consent, which was against the law.

In a statement to newsrooms, the ODPC cautioned entities against violating the law and urged them to put



Senior Pastor Rev. Serah Kamau.

in place data protection policies and safeguards.

Commissioner Immaculate Kassait

called upon data controllers and data processors to ensure personal data processed was in line with the Data

Protection Act, failure to which, they risked a fine of up to Sh5 million.

Government Urged To Support Bodybuilding Sport Financially

By: Kiptanui Cheronu
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The government has been urged to support the Kenya Bodybuilding Federation (KBBF) now that it has started to attract a high number of fans in the country.

Stakeholders from the North Rift region observed that bodybuilding has largely been unpopular in the country for the last two decades due to lack of support from the government and other sponsors.

According to Rupa Fun and Fitness Centre, Eldoret General Manager Nebert Shiveka, there is an urgent need for the government through the Ministry of Sport to include bodybuilding as a major sport in its sponsorship programme.

“We are asking the Cabinet Secretary for Sport Ababu Namwamba to include body-building as one of the

sports that the government supports financially because the sport is now picking up and attracting hundreds of fans from across the country who grace body-building events,” said Shiveka.

Shiveka was addressing the media at the Rupa fitness centre during the finals of the second edition of Mr and Miss East Africa Bodybuilding contest in Eldoret town on Saturday.

The competition attracted 300 bodybuilders drawn from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, and Malawi and more than 5,000 fans.

They displayed phenomenal presentations that included wellness, bantam, figure, middle, lightweight, and heavyweight categories during the thrilling event.

Shiveka lauded the body-building event, which has now been turned into an annual event, saying it will be used to create awareness of mental illness to reduce the number of affected Kenyans across the country.

“We are partnering with a number of stakeholders in the health and sports sector in a campaign to create awareness on the danger posed by mental illness that has hit mostly the youth and elderly in the society,” he added.

This comes in the wake of rising cases of suicide and killings in the North Rift region connected to mental illness as experts call for heightened sensitization campaigns to check the vice.



Bodybuilding Sport.

Drug Barons, Alcohol Cartels Are Fighting Back But We Will Succeed - Pastor Dorcas Rigathi

By: OSLP

The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas has emphasized her support for Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's fight against drugs and substance abuse as well as alcoholism in the Mt. Kenya region.

Pastor Dorcas revealed that some cartels who have been making profits from selling illicit alcohol to kill young men in the region have been fighting back. She however said together with the DP, they will not relent in their quest to rescue the boychild.

"I know the work we are doing, the drug barons and those who sell alcohol are fighting back, but you will not succeed against us, because the work we are doing is the work of God and it will be done. We are going to save the boychild and save our country and that is why we are here. We are going to fight what must be



The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas .

fought," she said.

She said that the DP is a good leader who means well for this country. Speaking on Sunday at PCEA

Kabiruni in Mathira constituency, Nyeri County during the retirement service of Rev. Peter Mwikumi, Pastor Dorcas said she supports the

Deputy President in prayers.

"He (DP Gachagua) is a good leader, and he is going to lead, because we are on our knees. They said he

will not get there; he is there by the grace of God. And by the power of God, he will remain there and we are going to pray for him. That is a message coming from his wife," she said,

Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga who also graced the occasion said the region is solidly behind the DP, a sentiment that was echoed by Senator Wahome Wamatinga and Mathira MP Eric Wamumbi who were also present.

"As a people, we are behind the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, and there is no two ways about that. As region we want to say in a very specific way, that we are solidly behind President William Ruto and Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua. We can see a joint ticket and we are behind that," Kahiga said.

Rev.Mwikumi has been serving as a PCEA priest for 40 years.

Thousands of faithful attended the colourful farewell service.

Utamaduni Day, A Tribute to Kenya's Cultural Diversity

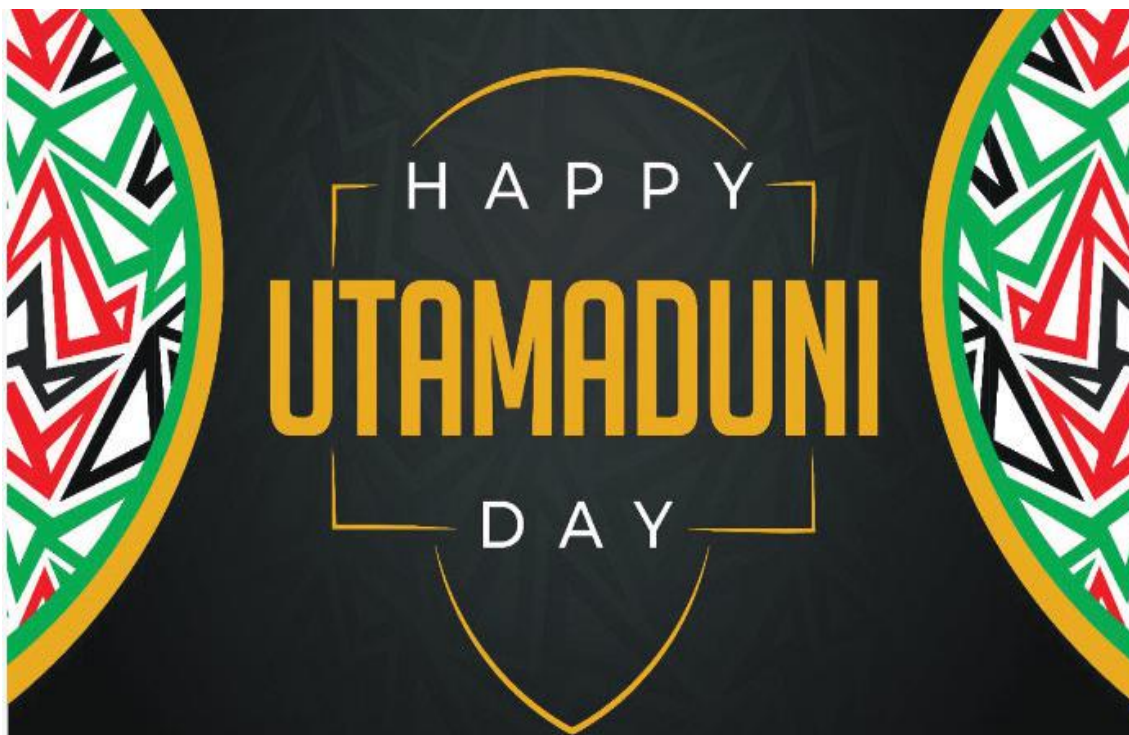
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Kenya, a land of breathtaking landscapes and vibrant communities, proudly celebrates its cultural mosaic each year on Utamaduni Day. This special holiday, observed on the 10th of October, is a testament to Kenya's rich heritage and the unity found in its diverse cultures.

Formerly known as Moi Day and later Huduma Day, Utamaduni Day has evolved to become a powerful symbol of national pride and harmony. The name change reflects a shift in focus from political figures to the heart of Kenya's identity—its people and their cultural traditions.

On Utamaduni Day, Kenyans come together to honor their diverse roots. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government officially declared this day a public holiday, recognizing the significance of preserving and celebrating the country's cultural wealth.

The origins of Utamaduni Day trace back to a declaration by the High Court in November 6 2017, affirming the importance of acknowledging and



preserving Kenya's cultural diversity. Since then, this annual celebration has grown in prominence, fostering unity, national cohesion, and economic progress.

As the Cabinet Secretary aptly emphasizes, Utamaduni Day encourages Kenyans to recognize and celebrate

their cultural diversity. It serves as a reminder that unity is not the absence of differences but the ability to embrace them and find strength in them.

Each region of Kenya brings its unique flavor to the tapestry of Kenyan culture. From the colorful Maasai traditions to the rhythmic beats of

coastal Swahili culture, and from the nomadic practices of northern pastoralists to the bustling urban life in Nairobi, Kenya's cultural diversity is a source of pride and resilience.

Utamaduni Day celebrations often feature various cultural exhibitions, music, dance, traditional attire, and

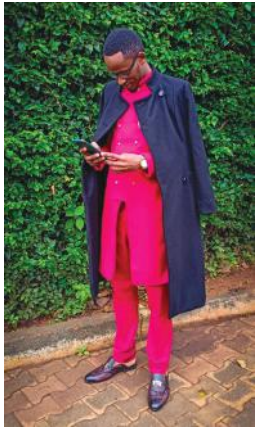
culinary delights. Communities across the nation showcase their customs and share their stories, offering a glimpse into the nation's captivating history.

But Utamaduni Day is more than just a day of festivities. It is an opportunity to reflect on the values that bind Kenyans together—values of respect, tolerance, and inclusivity. It's a time to appreciate the role each culture plays in shaping the nation's identity and contributing to its progress.

In a world that sometimes emphasizes differences over similarities, Utamaduni Day serves as a shining example of how a nation can come together to celebrate its cultural diversity. It underscores the belief that unity is not achieved by erasing differences but by cherishing and learning from them.

Utamaduni Day is a day of pride, a day of unity, and a day of hope for a brighter, more culturally enriched future for Kenya. As the nation comes together to celebrate its diverse traditions, it sends a powerful message to the world—that in diversity, there is strength, and in unity, there is progress.

Momma



This is a letter to mom
I write it with tears in my eyes
Praying that you will be able to understand the
language of poetry
Or even be able to speak French
When I say
Tu me manques vraiment maman

I remember days
Days you cried to feed us
Days when motherhood is all you saw
Days of our suffering
Momma
We made it
Yes we did
But still in the cocoon of suffering
Momma

I recall we slept without anything
But today you eat full to capacity
Momma
Tell me momma
The cocoon is eating your sons up
The cocoon has blindfolded your daughter
Momma
Nous sommes en train de mourir

We wish we were there we you
Just to be soothed to sleep
Just to feel the care of your motherhood
Momma
What else was left you didn't tell us
About the world full of hyenas
About the world full of depressing facts
About the world
That has betrayed us today
Dis-nous maman

We are struggling
Struggling to fit into the world
We are struggling
Struggling to raise our own generation
We are struggling
Struggling to work things out
Car le monde ne s'additionne pas

We wish we knew
This is how the world will be
Forever we would remain young
Young to benefit from your ziwa
The sweet ziwa of milk
For there we didn't have to work momma

We want it momma
Want it like never before
We need it momma
A sweet sweet advice to your offspring
For together we broke apart
Laisser mourir la seule solution
Momma Africa

Wanjohi. P. Mugambi
The golden ink
Nairobi Kenya

Imam's Model Daughter



So, the Imam will have a daughter named Fatima, and she knows the teachings of religion better than her peers. but it would be more correct to say that he is jealous of the European world. He will be jealous of that European world and at the same time he will complain about his father to his mother, which is really ugly! But that girl will be very arrogant, but she will learn a big lesson from it. From a young age, Fatima, our main character, thinks it's good to be a model, but she doesn't know if people in this profession are happy or unhappy.

So, I can't explain my feelings there until you read a very touching story, the development of events is so instructive that it is worth reading. she doesn't even go to school because she wears a hijab and she attends a sewing workshop for a certain period of time to learn tailoring, but it was clear that the work atmosphere would have a negative effect on her education, no matter what her father tried to do, nothing could be done

to prevent it. Then she moved to another jobshe goes to another job, so she takes off her hijab and starts wearing a mini skirt.and she gets a job as a model in a company. By fate or her own will, she falls into the trap of a young man, and it is that young man who leads Fatima into a bad path. At the beginning, a woman from her neighborhood named Betush Khola, who sells girls abroad, starts her journey

Takhmina Gayratovna
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From book

Takhmina Gayratovna. She was born on January 24, 2007 in the Beruni district of the Republic of Karakalpakstan. One of his main goals in life is to be able to speak English and Russian fluently and to become a flight attendant in the future. Currently, Takhmina Gayratovna is studying English and wants to get the IELTS certificate. She has achieved several achievements in life and is a member of several organizations in his district, for example, coordinator and captain, and actively participated in several organizational activities.

His favorite pastime is reading books about world literature and performing poetry. Ismatova Takhmina Gayratovna has her own personal blogs on Instagram and Telegram pages. Account name on the Instagram page: @taxmina_gayratovna

Behind Every Success Is Hard Work



Despite the fact that the life we live is full of the difficulties, we want to live in this life to be famous, to have our name definitely. Undoubtedly, if your work benefits people, it seems that there is happier than you. But can it be easily achieved? Unfortunately, it is difficult to achieve success without hard work.

For instance, an ordinary teacher also teaches children. In order for students to be educated, the educator also tries to gather knowledge about a new topic and find news. Or even when we are hungry, we spend our time preparing food or ordering. So we can conclude from this that patience and time are we needed to do any work. Even if we pay attention to the lives of famous persons, they endured various challenges and later conquered

their picks. For example, Bill Gates ,Jack Ma ,Elon Musk.How many stairs did they fall down ,how many humiliations and failures did they endure until they reached this level? It won't be easy,but if you don't try to be successful, anybody does not knock your door and "It is company's key. You be bossy start today's Unfortunately, anyone doesn't say it. Moreover people can't help to you.If you become a successful person,start today. Read when everyone else is sleeping, when your work can't answer another person's.My requiring, you should keep trying Believe in yourself. Don't worry anything. One day you will be a successful person and you will say to yourself that "I achieved this result through my strong efforts and discipline ". In this way ,everyone can become a successful person with strong efforts.

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My Mother Tongue



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.

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.

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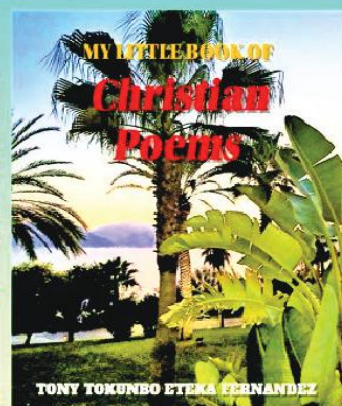
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HEALTH

WHO Unveils New Guidance On Mental Health

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Worth Noting:

- In a press statement yesterday, ahead of the 2023 World Mental Health Day celebrations whose theme is 'Mental health is a universal human right', Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, said mental health is an integral and essential component of the right to health.
- "This new guidance will support countries in making the changes needed to provide quality mental healthcare that assists a person's recovery and respects their dignity, empowering people with mental health conditions and psychosocial disabilities to lead full and healthy lives in their communities," he said.
- Volker Türk, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said that the publication offers guidance on how a rights-based approach can support the transformation needed in mental health systems.



As the world marks Mental Health Day today, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) are jointly launching a new guidance entitled "Mental Health, Human Rights, and Legislation: Guidance and Practice".

The guidance is poised to support countries in reforming legislation in order to end human rights abuses and increase access to quality mental health care.

According to the WHO, while many countries have sought to reform their laws, policies, and services since the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006, too few have adopted or amended the relevant laws and policies on the scale needed to end abuses and promote human rights in mental health care.

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"Our ambition must be to transform mental health services, not just in their reach but in their underlying values, so that they are truly responsive to the needs and dignity of the individual," added Türk.

The guidance sets out what needs to be done to accelerate deinstitutionalization and embed a rights-based community approach to mental healthcare, which includes adopting legislation to gradually replace psy-

chiatric institutions with inclusive community support systems and mainstream services, such as income support, housing assistance, and peer support networks.

The guidance also provides a checklist to be used by countries to assess and evaluate whether mental health-related legislation is compliant with international human rights obligations.

In addition, the guidance also sets out the importance of consulting persons with experience and their representative organisations as a critical part of this process, as well as the importance of public education and awareness on rights-based issues.

While the guidance also proposes a set of principles and provisions that can be mirrored in national legislation, countries may also adapt and tailor these to their specific circumstances, national context, languages, cultural sensitivities, legal systems, and others without compromising human rights standards.

Kenya, which is a member of WHO, has a Kenya Mental Health Policy

2015–2030 that highlights why mental health should be understood and is a key determinant of overall health and socio-economic development.

Last month, the government launched national guidelines on workplace mental wellness, and according to the Ministry of Health, approximately 3.7 million Kenyans, out of 24.9 million in the workforce, grapple with mental health conditions, including anxiety, depression, substance use disorder, schizophrenia, and bipolar mood disorder.

World Mental Health Day 2023 is an opportunity for people and communities to unite to improve knowledge, raise awareness, and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right.

According to the WHO, having a mental health condition should never be a reason to deprive a person of their human rights or to exclude them from decisions about their own health.

“Empowered To Inspire, Destined To Succeed” – Dr. Daksha Udhani

By: Our Reporter
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Dr. Daksha Udhani .

Worth Noting:

- Her poetry's were not only in the books but were highlighted in the national as well as international newspaper. Her articles have been grinding on the grounds of online e newspaper portals.
- DR DAKSHAUDHANI has been on such a success ladder where she was awarded nationally as well as internationally for more than 75 times for various tags, she was awarded by ACTOR SUNIL VISHRANI in the presence of PAGE 3 EXCELLENCE AWARD in the AHMEDABAD with the tag DREAM BUILDER AWARD 2023. Moreover, she has been tagged as the BEST WRITER, BEST POET, BEST AUTHOR, MULTITALENTED FIGURE, UNIQUE PERSONALITY AWARD, GAME CHANGER AWARD, and much more.

DR. DAKSHA UDHANI the MULTI- TALENTED Personality from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. She has been completing her graduation in the year 2018, furthermore she planned for her MASTERS IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, and cleared the same in 2020 from NMIMS she worked upon her doctorate in management from IIBMS, and hence forth in the year 2021 she was tagged as the official DR. DAKSHA UDHANI. This was all about her carrier background, she has indulged herself in various activities. By professional choice she was tagged as the DR DAKSHA UDHANI, but considering her passion she is an AUTHOR. She is the multi-talented personality indulging herself in playing guitar, to painting the sketch, engraving her art in painting the bed sheets to the glass paintings, moreover she is the home baker though. She started her journey as a home tutor and then to be the vice principal of a pre-school. Moreover, preparing for her masters she worked with a US FIRM as the healthcare recruiter senior which gave her a good experience upon her own specialisation. Further she was headed as the HR MANAGER for a well know FMCG company based in the Ahmedabad itself.

DR DAKSHA UDHANI, while working on her professional journey never skipped her passion she kept on working the same. Her journey to literature was started since she was in class 11, reading was her habit and penning the thoughts was her passion. She worked on her vocabulary skills to reach the new and substitute of words which she can engrave in her poetry's. DR DAKSHA UDHANI, never got the platform to showcase her talent of literature unless she started her masters journey, she pepped in the new jar of literature where her poetry's were appreciated by people

she further utilised her talent to reach the victory ladder. She carved herself as she is “A DREAMER, A DOER and A DIFFERNCE MAKER” she proved this slogan by sharpening her skills in the multiple factors. Looking herself as the personal professional as well as a dreamer to chase her passion in the literature.

In the covid time period where people were scrolling reels DR DAKSHA was engraving her thoughts in poetry's and started her journey as the Co Author for the book, latterly she started on compiling her own books which were headed over the amazon and a good grip in the ecommerce market. The words DR DAKSHA pen has always been so touching that they directly reach to a person soul. DR DAKSHA has been the blessed soul which has a power to pen the pain into the poetry. Since 2 years in this literature journey she has made an incredible note by working as a co-author for 590 books moreover she has been completing her own solo book *અમચર્ચી અંકિ મઝવજપવદે* which is the combination of multiple poetry's expressing all the love, care and emotions from parents to god, friends to love, pain to betray and much more.

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DR DAKSHA UDHANI have been cracking more than 10 world records with the prestigious companies such as BRAVO INTERNATIONAL BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS, INKZOID BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS, FOREVER STAR BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS, KALAM RATAN BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS and much more. Not only this DR DAKSHA UDHANI has been highlighted as the cover story for various magazines due to her success in the field of literature, the magazines are live on the amazon such as VIBGYOR MAGAZINE, MERGED ARRAY MAGAZINE, ELYSIAN MAGAZINE etc

DR DAKSHA UDHANI, the FLOURISHED writer from Ahmedabad was live interviewed on the TV CHANNEL ZEE NEWS 18 for her wholesome success in the literature field at a very young age, the multitasking personality indulged herself in various fields. Her articles have been the proof of her success which are been highlighted in the national as well as international newspaper such as AHMEDABAD MIRROR,

MT KENYA TIMES, GUJARAT SAMACHAR and much more. Her success story is being covered on the online sites she has proved herself to the best.

DR DAKSHA UDHANI has proved herself as “SHE IS THE WARRIOR, NOT A WORRIER” she has always found a way to reach the new ladders of victory and to set an example in front of today's generation that nothing is impossible the hard work and a proper dedication will lead to the positive results. She has been “CHASING HER DREAMS TO CATCH THE STAR”

DR DAKSHA UDHANI have been facing many failures but never stopped herself she has always been working upon herself she had planned the new goals for herself and have proved them she stated that she has been the “DETERMINATION TO INSPIRE, and COMMITTED TO EXCEL”. DR DAKSHA UDHANI have been the remarkable example for today's youth for her success at the very young age.

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Posta Reinvents Self To Enhance Services

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Worth Noting:

- The purpose of the event is to remind people of the vital role that postal services play in their daily lives and their profound contributions to global social and economic development.
- Mr. Tonui said the celebration resonates deeply with the evolving landscape of the postal sector and underscores the indispensable role that the Posta plays in establishing a secure and connected network for local communities while emphasising the trust that citizens have bestowed upon the institution over many years.
- Tonui, who commended the government for its commitment to ensuring that the postal and courier sectors provide citizens' right of access to affordable postal services, said plans are at an advanced stage for the corporation to adopt and implement the National Addressing System.



Hezron Nyamberi, Senior Deputy Secretary at BT, represented PS Prof. Edward Kisiang'ani at the 2023 Universal Postal Union celebration breakfast, where Clare Gakii won the Essay Writing Contest.

Posta Kenya is in the process of transforming its outlets into comprehensive communications solutions hubs, with the aim of offering a spectrum of services that will make it an ideal partner across the globe.

The Post Master General and Chief Executive Officer of the Postal Corporation of Kenya, Mr. John Tonui, singled out e-payment, e-governance, and e-commerce as among the innovative services Posta will provide.

Mr. Tonui announced that Posta Kenya is strategically establishing hubs and warehouses in all 47 counties that will be used to propel intercounty and cross-border trade by ensuring seamless service to customers.

"Posta is dedicated to redefining itself by embracing the Information, Communication, and Technology (ICT) platform to deliver innovative services. Our aim is to become the ideal logistics partner, not just across Kenya but on a global scale," he stated.

He said the institution was re-inventing itself using the ICT platform to create very attractive innovative services, and its collaboration with both the government and private sector in the e-commerce and ICT sectors will make Posta Kenya the ideal logistics partner across the country and worldwide.

The Post Master General made the remarks during the commemoration of the 148th World Post Day, themed

"Together for Trust: Collaborating for a Safe and Connected Future," which was held at a Nairobi hotel.

The event, which is observed annually on October 9th, was instituted by the 1969 Universal Postal Congress in Tokyo to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874.

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"The corporation is visualising a future where it will be at the forefront of facilitating e-commerce and ICT services, partnering seamlessly with both the government and the private sector," he added.

He at the same time commend-

ed Miss Claire Gakii of Lions Junior Secondary School in Embu for emerging as the global winner of the 2023 Universal Postal Union International Letter Writing Competition, where competitors were required to write a letter to someone explaining which superpowers they would need to achieve their mission.

Ms. Gakii was feted last week by the Universal Postal Union, Director General, during the UPU Extraordinary Congress in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for her essay titled 'Imagine you are a superhero, and your mission is to make all roads around the world safer for children'.

"This is the first time that Kenya has won this coveted competition since its inception 52 years ago. We are very proud of her," remarked Tonui.

He assured that the corporation remains committed to its obligation of promoting the art of letter writing amongst the youth.

The Post Master General also assured customers and members of the public of the corporation's capabilities to provide them with last-mile delivery solutions for individuals, corporations, and government agencies.

"With our extensive network of over 600 branches across the country, coupled with our expertise in last-mile delivery, we stand as the ideal partner for courier and logistics services," said Tonui.

He said the corporation has made sig-

nificant investments in cutting-edge technology and a modern fleet to support its postal and courier services.

He said that in Africa, early innovations and the widespread adoption of mobile payments have positioned the continent as a trailblazer in e-commerce, mentioning the market projections which indicate that the African e-commerce market is set to double in size to approximately \$75 billion by 2025.

In the developing world, and particularly in Africa, postal services operate within a dynamic and ever-changing communications sector, where factors such as liberalisation, heightened competition, technological advancements, and evolving regulatory environments have reshaped the sector.

Speaking at the event, the Ag. Director General of the Communications Authority of Kenya, Mr. Christopher Wambua, said the Communication Authority is developing regulations that will deal with misuse of the internet.

"We are also partnering with relevant agencies to develop an e-commerce strategy that will boost the country's e-commerce and provide an enabling tool and environment for both citizens and those in business," he said.

Kirinyaga Assembly Committee Recommends Disciplinary Action Against KIRIWASCO MD For Gross Mismanagement

By: KCAP

Kirinyaga Water and Sanitation Company (KIRIWASCO) Managing director is a man under siege after the Assembly committee on Public Service and Administration recommended disciplinary action against him.

This is after the committee found him culpable of numerous cases of mismanagement at the water company.

Among the accusations that are on the Managing Director's desk include arbitrary hiring of twelve staff without following the requisite procedure, non-submission of staff deductions amounting to Sh10 million and failure by the Board of Directors to adhere to the recommended meetings as dictated in the Water act of 2016.

The Committee found out that the Board of Directors held a record 12 meetings in the first half of 2023 in-



Kerugoya Ward MCA Eric Muchina making his contribution.

stead of 4 meetings as stipulated in the WASREB guidelines.

Board Members earned fictitious per diems despite the company failing to pay employees critical risk allowances from November 2018 and having huge unpaid supplier dues.

While contributing to the debate on

adoption of the motion, Murinduko Ward MCA Charles Nyamu cautioned the management against running the company like a kiosk noting that many decisions are concluded without consultation.

He said that the rot at the water company would affect the key man-

date of supplying clean water to residents.

Similar observations were made by Njukiini Ward MCA Timothy Kariuki who urged members to clear the mess at the water company before it is too late.

Kerugoya Ward MCA Eric Muchi-

na, observed that the money remitted by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority to repair broken pipes cannot be accounted for.

He further noted that the Company's Human Resource Manager is not a certified Human Resource practitioner thus the reason why there are many human resource challenges at the water company.

Kangai Ward MCA James Wambu noted that some of the people holding office at the board do not meet the required qualifications.

He further said that pension money should be spent on employees benefits and not any other activity.

The committee through the chairperson Bernard Gichangi, urged the Board to submit a report to the Assembly within 14 days explaining why they held meetings against the advice of the Water Services Regulatory Board Guidelines.

The Board was also directed to submit a report within 14 days giving reasons why demoted staff had not been paid accrued risk allowances.

Bahati MP Irene Njoki Assesses The Progress Of Affordable Housing Project

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Bahati Member of Parliament Irene Njoki aka Mrembo na Kazi embarked on the new week by assessing the progress of affordable housing project.

"During my visit to Bahati Ward, I had the privilege of touring the ongoing construction site of the affordable houses project, which was launched by President William Samoei Ruto.

One of the primary objectives of my visit was to affirm the promise made by President Ruto to employ local residents in the construction process. This commitment to utilizing local talent not only stimulates the local economy but also creates employment opportunities for individuals who call Bahati Constituency their home. It was heartening to witness

firsthand the camaraderie and passion exhibited by the skilled workforce, whose expertise is evident in the tremendous progress made thus far.

Furthermore, my visit aimed to ensure that construction materials are sourced from local businesses, bolstering their growth, and supporting entrepreneurship within our community. By prioritizing these sources, we strengthen the fabric of our local economy and foster a sustainable cycle of growth and prosperity.

I hereby extend my heartfelt gratitude to the president for his unwavering dedication to this project and his belief in the potential of our constituency. Your visionary leadership has ignited a positive transformation, and we look forward to the completion of this ambitious project and the launch of other similar projects in the remaining wards."



Bahati Member of Parliament Irene Njoki .

President Ruto To Commission MV Uhuru II Wagon In Kisumu

By: Muraya Kamunde

President William Ruto is expected to commission MV Uhuru II wagon at the Kisumu Shipyards.

The Head of State who is on a development tour of Nyanza region will launch the vessel whose construction commenced two years ago. "Today marks a milestone for KSL as we celebrate the commissioning of MV Uhuru II wagon ferry by President William Ruto whose construction commenced on 29th May 2021 at Kisumu Shipyards," a statement by Kisumu Shipyards Limited read on yesterday.

The vessel has currently undergone sea trials in Lake Victoria to ensure that every part works as expected. The tests included checking the ship's performance and equipment functionality.

The 100-meter vessel with a capacity of carrying up to 22 wagons and an estimated capacity of 2 million litres of crude oil per trip is the first

ship to be made in Kenya by Kenyans.

MV Uhuru II wagon is equipped with a range of sophisticated systems that are essential for its safe and efficient operation. One of the most important systems on the MV Uhuru II is its hull structure.

The ship's hull is designed to be strong and durable, capable of withstanding the stresses and strains of heavy cargo and rough waters.

The hull is constructed from high-quality steel and carefully welded together to form a watertight enclosure that will protect the cargo and crew from the elements.

In addition to its hull structure, the MV Uhuru II is also equipped with an advanced piping system.

The piping systems are used to transport oil from the ship's cargo tanks to its engines, where it is used to power the ship's propulsion system.

The piping system is carefully designed to ensure that the oil is delivered to the engines at the correct pressure and temperature, which helps to maximize the engines' efficiency and performance.



MV Uhuru II wagon .

The ship's engines are the heart of its propulsion system, providing the power and reliability needed to move the ship through the water.

They are equipped with Caterpillar 3500 series four-stroke, V-type, turbocharged marine diesel engines

that are well suited for the demands of commercial shipping.

These engines are designed to be rugged and reliable, with a proven track record in the marine industry. They can deliver high power output and are known for their fuel efficiency,

which helps the ship to conserve fuel and reduce its carbon footprint.

Additional Reporting by Beth Nyagah

High Court Temporarily Stops Police Deployment To Haiti

By: Prudence Wanza

The High Court has temporarily blocked the planned deployment of 1,000 Kenyan Police officers to Haiti.

Justice Chacha Mwita issued the orders on Monday pending the hearing of a petition filed by the Thirdway Alliance Kenya and two others.

"A conservatory order is hereby issued restraining the respondents from deploying police officers to HAITI or ANY OTHER COUNTRY until 24th October, 2023," the order reads in part.

The judge also ordered that the pleadings be served on the respondents immediately and the respondents to file their responses to the petition.

The petitioners will have 3 days after service to file and serve a supplementary affidavit, if any, together with written submissions to the petition, not exceeding 10 pages.

"Once served, the respondents will have 3 days to file and serve written submissions to the petition, also not exceeding 10 pages," the order reads.

In the petition, Thirdway Alliance Party Leader Ekuru Aukot argues that the deployment of police officer to Haiti is in violation of the constitution and can only be done in accordance with the law.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki and National Assembly Speaker are among the respondents in the petition.

The court is scheduled to issue further directions on the matter on 24th October, 2023.



Bird Life Tourism At Kuimba Shiri Sanctuary



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Transformative travel is one trend that has become the order of vacations for tourists. The trip's aim is to make a difference to you first with the environment in tow, for charity begins at home. To say the least, a tourist should personally volunteer so as to propel as well as upgrade a destination's sustainable mission statement.

Thus, Rome was not built in a day. Consequently, tourism has the same mantra because if visitors fail to get this, then we are in a boomerang tantamount to an impasse. Tourism is giving us a chance for people to show love for the various parks and nurseries since they sorely depend on our interaction.

As far as active ecotourism comes, most if not all of our organisations

are nonprofit making. This is a bid for all tourism players to also appreciate our industry and not to think about the profit which can be accrued. Let's think about our endangered species and look for ways to promote such parks so that they keep on running.

Tourists used to travel for fun but if you visit Kuimba Shiri you are bound to enter into the edifying Chivero Challenge which is an international event designed to advance environment preservation, sports recreation plus tourism with health and wellness.

Birds of a feather flock together, its a wonderful feeling to know that we have a park dedicated for bird life only. Kuimba Shiri Bird Park is situated in Harare and the sanctuary boasts of 400 species of wild birds. Interestingly, the collection has the largest number of indigenous birds in Africa. Bird life is offered refuge when zeroing on the injured and orphaned birds.

On the same token, birds are territorial and they are creatures of habit henceforth they thrive on sanctuaries and nurseries. The park is here to nurse them back to health and tourists



are given this opportunity to let the birds out to fly free into the air.

That is releasing them back to the wild. It's so inspiring to amass such a collection in our country. As a matter of fact, it's a milestone because in the early years, birds were hunted for meat and some for the pure enjoyment of shooting them as it was a hobby. Additionally, Kuimba

Shiri is ensconced in the depth of the infamous Lake Chivero which is a tourism wetland attraction in its own right.

Ladies and gentleman, it is approved as a noteworthy wetland cynosure so our birds will forever be safe for generations to come. All this is in the name of transformative travel which acclaims that birds are major players

in the wild. Interestingly, tourists are always besotted when they look at a plethora of birds perched on trees or quenching their thirst in the lake.

Sightseeing comes into play for we need to see these birds and charm them off the trees. Come away and sing along to the morning glory.

Retaliation Against Hamas Has Only Just Begun, Says Israel's Netanyahu

By: BBC News

Israel will use "enormous force" against the Hamas militant group, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned.

He says the Israel Defense Forces' retaliation for the worst attack on Israeli soil in decades has only just begun.

More than 700 people have been killed in Israel since Saturday's surprise attack, including 260 people massacred by Hamas gunmen at a music festival.

Since Israel began striking Gaza in response, nearly 600 people have died.

Israel's defence minister earlier ordered a "complete siege" of the Gaza Strip, cutting off food, fuel, electricity and water supplies.

Nine US citizens are now confirmed dead in Israel, while more than 10 British citizens are feared dead, or missing.

Dozens of people remain kidnapped by Hamas and their families are desperately searching for information.



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Arteta Says Injured Saka Unavailable For England International Duties



Bukayo Saka down on the floor after his injury .

Arsenal forward Bukayo Saka will not join up with the England squad for their matches in the next fortnight, says Gunners manager Mikel Arteta.

Saka missed his side's 1-0 Premier League win over champions Manchester City on Sunday with a hamstring injury.

England face Australia on October 13, before taking on Italy in a European Championship qualifier four days later.

"No, he will not make it," said

Arteta after Sunday's game. "He has not trained for a single session."

While he would not disclose the likely length of Saka's spell on the sidelines, Arteta added: "He is not available to play football at the moment."

Saka's absence on Sunday ended a run of 87 consecutive Premier League games in which Arteta has played the 22-year-old winger.

He has been struggling with

his hamstring in recent weeks, limping off during Arsenal's 2-1 Champions League loss at Lens on Tuesday, and being withdrawn in last weekend's victory at Bournemouth.

England manager Gareth Southgate said last Thursday he would take no risks with Saka, despite England being able to qualify for next summer's European Championship during this international break.

"We've got that responsibility

of qualifying for the country, but I've been a player. I've never ever taken a risk on a player's physical wellbeing, and nor would I," said Southgate.

"They [Premier League clubs] have trust in us that we make decisions that are right for the long term whenever we can."

-By BBC Sports

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Sports >> *Gabriel Martinelli scored a dramatic late winner as Arsenal earned a statement victory over defending Premier League champions Manchester City at Emirates Stadium.

Martinelli Hits Winner As Arsenal Beats Man City For First Time In 12 Matches



Gabriel Martinelli celebrates his winner against Manchester City.

Gabriel Martinelli scored a dramatic late winner as Arsenal earned a statement victory over defending Premier League champions Manchester City at Emirates Stadium.

A largely disappointing game was given a stunning finale four minutes from time just as both sides looked certain to have to settle for a point.

Making his return from a hamstring injury as a substitute, Martinelli's strike deflected in off Nathan Ake to earn Arsenal a first league win over City since December 2015.

It was a moment that sparked wild celebrations and put the Gunners level on points with north London rivals Tottenham at the top of the table.

The biggest talking point until the goal was how City's Mateo Kovacic somehow stayed on the pitch after late tackles on both Martin Odegaard and Declan

Rice.

City had the better early opportunities when Rice cleared off the line from Josko Gvardiol before Ake scooped a shot over the bar from close range.

Arsenal keeper David Raya, who had an uncertain time, was twice almost caught in possession on his line by Julian Alvarez.

But it was the home side who were elated as Martinelli, introduced off the bench for the second half, made that vital contribution.

Arsenal seemed gripped with nerves early on against a City team who have maintained such a stranglehold on them in the Premier League in recent years.

Raya was hesitant, especially with the ball at his feet, and even the Arsenal fans who have been so supportive of Mikel Arteta's side were showing signs of impatience.

The introduction of Martinelli for Leandro Trossard after the break made a huge difference as the

Brazilian ran at the City defence and finally posed problems – even though visiting keeper Ederson was initially largely untroubled.

Arsenal were organised and resilient in defence, keeping Erling Haaland at bay, and all their hard work was rewarded with the winner, albeit with it coming through that crucial deflection off Ake.

City and Pep Guardiola have cast a shadow over Arsenal in recent years, not least when they hauled them in at the critical point of last season's title race, but this victory will surely give the Gunners huge self-belief.

City previously had to go back to December 2018 to recall the taste of successive Premier League defeats, when they lost at home to Crystal Palace and away to Leicester City.

They dropped only three further points all season after that double jolt. Now they must recover again after losing in the league at

Wolves and here at Arsenal, where they were way short of their best.

City, as usual, had plenty of possession, but they lacked their normal thrust and sharpness, with striker Haaland reduced to the role of a virtual spectator.

There was indiscipline, too, from Kovacic, who was fortunate to only be shown a yellow card for a poor challenge on Odegaard yet still followed it up almost immediately with another on Rice.

The indiscipline spilled over at the final whistle too as a clutch of City players including Haaland and Kyle Walker were involved in a heated exchange with a number of Arsenal's backroom staff.

Guardiola's side will be bitterly disappointed with these past two league results – but history shows City have the quality and character to return to their best swiftly.

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Nigeria Is Well Represented By Collins Chibunna Nwachukwu In Global Poetry



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Worth Noting:

- I am Collins Chibunna Nwachukwu (a. k. a Collinsdivine). My poetic journey actually started quite unconsciously, if I may use that word. I guess from my pedagogical bent, as a teacher, whose forte has been in teaching of literature in English for many years now.
- One remarkable mark I had made in my poetic journey was when some of my poetic works were shortlisted, during a Workshop seminar for Nigerian budding writers, organized by the Nigerian Academy of Letters (NAL), headquartered in the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, in association with the Nigeria Liquefied and Natural Gas (NLNG), in 2011/2012.



Collins Chibunna Nwachukwu (a. k. a Collinsdivine).

Collinsdivine is a well-known poet especially on What Sapp and Facebook groups. He is one of those poets who never run out of ideas. He always has something up his sleeve to the joy of the masses who hungrily devour every sagacious word that he pens. For me, we have become friends due to this influence he has on other poets never to hang up their poetry boots. Thus, he is representing well his country given Nigeria houses some of the best of best literary giants ever to walk on the face of this earth. In addition, even when your poetic pieces face criticism one shouldn't stop penning them out and this is exactly what Collinsdivine is doing and advocating for.

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

I am Collins Chibunna Nwachukwu (a. k. a Collinsdivine). My poetic journey actually started quite unconsciously, if I may use that word. I guess from my pedagogical bent, as a teacher, whose forte has been in teaching of literature in English for many years now. I started teaching Literature in English as far back as 2002 that was prior to my university admission in 2004.

I have taught it in many schools, especially private schools. I have also taught it to many of my students in various tutorial centers across Ogun, Ondo, Enugu states. (All in Nigeria) Right now, I still teach the subject in my current place of work (Federal Government College, Odogbolu, Ogun State, Nigeria)

I guess my love or passion for poetry has been borne from the ardent analysis of texts, books and poetic

works to my students.

Have you won any major accolades for yourself in poetry?

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In addition, my poem with the title : THE GIANT DIED TO LIVE AGAIN IN OUR HEARTS (a tribute to Chinua Achebe), was selected and included in the anthology, during the August 2022 call for submission, (7th edition) by the Society of Young Nigerian Writers, Anambra State Chapters of the Chinua Achebe Poetry /Essay anthology, Anambra State, Nigeria.

I have equally received several online awards of recognition and certificates from many groups with literary leanings, for some of my poetic pieces.

Who is your inspiration?

I am inspired by many good writers, including the likes of: Lenrie Peters, John Donne and D. H Lawrence, etc

Where do you see yourself in the near future?

In the near future, I see myself developing this art into something mammoth, in order for my work to be read both far and wide.

What problems have you faced as a poet?

As a budding poet, my challenges are reflected in how society sees this art, how they perceive it and treat it as though it were inferior to other genres, or the way they blatantly display a lack of interest in this art, it is quite worrisome too, that many see poets from the limelight of iconoclasts, probably because of their

pejorative stance.

Share with us one of your best poetry pieces

FOR CHARCOAL, I THREW A DIAMOND AWAY

How can foolishness be measured, on a scale magnitude or a low-level treasured?

Hearts bewitched by flapping hands of dark wings,
retarded by forces unseen, and goodness flings

Bedfuddled, blinded by lust,
her waist whining like a spear-thrust

How I longed for this arm of death,
confused by beauty, which takes the breath

I have now lost my angel,
for few unreasonable arguments and a yell

How my love is gone! and this wolf in replacement,
torturing me like the blast of the rocks, and this confinement.

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

For friends who may want to venture into poetry, one candid take-home advice I have for them is to be resilient and consistent in order to carve out a niche for themselves in this craft, especially considering the fact that this genre of literature is not often embraced by people, probably because of its diction, technicalities and nuances. Thank you.