



Mudavadi Vows To Protect Kenyans In Diaspora, Strengthen Global Diplomacy
 Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi has said that Kenya will ensure its people in the diaspora are treated with dignity and respect.

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UHC Agenda Takes Shape With Endorsement Of Legal Framework

By: Nicholas Kigundu

Worth Noting:

- The proposed Primary Health Care Bill will provide a framework for the effective delivery and management of primary healthcare services using Primary Healthcare Networks (PCNs) and Community Health Units while delineating the roles of all stakeholders in the provision of primary health care services across the country.
- The Bill also seeks to entrench the role of the Community Health Promoters in the provision of community based Primary Healthcare Services.



Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha .

The Universal Healthcare Coverage agenda is set to receive impetus with the expected signing into law of four bills viewed as integral in the advancement of the government’s healthcare plan.

Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha says President William Ruto will assent to the Social Health Insurance Bill, Digital Health Bill, Primary Healthcare Bill and the Facility Improvement Bill by Thursday following their endorsement by parliament.

“At the cabinet level, we have formulated four bills which have gone through both houses of parliament with the national assembly endorsing two bills on Tuesday morning. The President will assent to the four bills by Thursday” said Nakhumicha.

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Further, the Facility Improvement Financing Bill will provide for an efficient, secure and accountable mechanism for the collection, retention and management of revenue derived from health services, whereas the Digital Health Bill will develop, operationalise and maintain the Comprehensive Integrated Management

Information System, to manage the core digital systems and the infrastructure required for its seamless health information exchange.

Speaking during the ongoing UHC conference in Kericho County, Nakhumicha said the government plans to kick-start the healthcare plan with the establishment of the Social Health Authority and the Social Health Insurance.

The Authority according to the CS, will provide for financing at the primary level with the Social Health Insurance on-boarding Kenyans. The premiums will be capped at 2.75 percent of household earnings with the maximum being 5,000 shillings.

According to Nakhumicha, while the constitution provides that every Kenyan has a right to emergency healthcare, it

has failed to specify mechanisms on how the provision will be realised, a challenge she says the government is working to address through the creation of the chronic illness fund.

The fund is expected to take care of those involved in accidents, ensuring they receive prompt medical care and support as well as cushioning those with critical illnesses and non-communicable diseases requiring lifetime medical care, from financial hardships.

The ongoing conference comes ahead of the Mashujaa day celebrations set to be presided over by President William Ruto at the Kericho Green stadium, with the UHC agenda set to take center stage.

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The Narok Green Account Initiative (NGAI), a initiative under Compassion Kenya, has launched a campaign to empower vulnerable children and households in Transmara. The initiative aims to reduce greenhouse emissions, stop deforestation, and restore 5.1 million hectares of deforested landscapes. Transmara West Assistant County Commissioner Brian Wafula welcomed the initiative, stating it will help the government achieve its goals of reducing greenhouse emissions and restoring degraded landscapes. Compassion Kenya Director Zakayo Leshao urged residents to plant more trees for prosperity and support vulnerable children in achieving their academic dreams. The initiative also encourages the public to take part in environmental sustainability by planting more trees.



Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) has invested Sh70 million in community projects in the Sondu area of Kisumu County, Kenya. The investment aims to improve the wellbeing of the community, which is home to the Sondu-Miriu hydropower project. The company has sponsored secondary school students with Sh850,000 over the last two years, and has ensured consistent access to safe water through the installation of water points, boreholes, and water pumps. The company is currently restoring collapsed water projects and considering replacing old pumps with modern electrical pumps. Over Sh5 million has been spent on water projects, while Sh5.3 million has been spent on tree planting to enhance ecological balance. The company is in talks with other agencies to find ways to connect affected homes. The committee is impressed by the progress made since the resolutions were passed in June last year.



The East Africa Community (EAC) is set to benefit from an ultra-modern maritime training facility at the Fisheries Training Institute (FTI) in Entebbe, Uganda. The facility, under construction at a cost of USD 1.45 million, aims to train and build capacity for vessel operators in both navigable water bodies and the oceans. It includes state-of-the-art facilities, marine training, a swimming pool bridge simulator, equipped laboratories, and a medical first aid facility. The facility will assist in training marine officers, marine engineers, boat and ship operators, coxswain, fishermen, and able sea men from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan, and the DRC to attain qualifications in marine education.



Kenya's Galana-Kulalu food security project is nearing completion, with the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) finalizing key irrigation infrastructure. The project, currently at 90% completion, aims to increase agricultural productivity; lower living costs, and creates employment for local communities. The County Implementation, Coordination and Management Committee (CICMC) chairman, Samuel Mutisya, said that with full maximisation, the country could produce 20 million bags of maize annually. Twiga Feeds is transitioning to take over the 10,000-acre model farm, which is being managed by the NIA. The project is also being connected to the national grid by the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC). Kenya's Wildlife Service is planning to relocate wildlife in the Galana-Kulalu area, which borders Tsavo National Park.



German recruiting consultant firm BBW Group is set to interview Kenyans with technical and vocational skills for various German industries as part of a government-partnered labour migration programme. Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu held consultations with Volker Falchi, Managing Director for BBW Group, who emphasized Kenya's well-trained young people with the necessary technical competencies and skills to work anywhere in the world. Falch said potential candidates should have the right work ethic, demonstrate the ability to learn the German language, and have the necessary technical competencies for German industries.



Kisumu County residents have benefited from Sh800 million from the Hustlers Fund kitty as of October 10, 2023. Kisumu Central leads the pack in terms of borrowers and repayment, with a positive repayment rate of 66%. The seven sub-counties are performing well, with Kisumu Central leading the pack in terms of numbers of borrowers and repayment. Nationally, 21.4 million Kenyans have greatly benefited from the Sh38 billion disbursed from the kitty as of October 16th. Over 500 leaders of registered women groups were called to form cooperatives to access government funding for starting up businesses. The financing kitties earmarked for groups of youth, women, and persons with disabilities include the National Government Affirmative Action Fund, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund, the Women Enterprise Fund, the Uwezo Fund, and the Hustlers Fund.

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Speaker Roots For Behavioral Change In Food Consumption As Part Of Efforts To Promote Food Security

By: PSCU

Worth Noting:

- He noted that over-reliance of maize as a food crop is not sustainable given that maize is susceptible to weather and climate changes. He stated that alternative food sources such as cassava, among others, have much more resilience than maize.
- Speaker Wetang'ula expressed regret that while other regions have focused their energies on ways to enhance their food security, the African region has spent more time addressing other forms of security rather than that of food.



Delegates pose for a photo.

The Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetang'ula has rooted for behavioral change as a remedy for promoting food security.

He at the same time urged regional leaders to create awareness towards the cultivation of other crops that would make the Africa region food secure.

The Speaker made the remarks during the opening of the 5th Parliamentary Dialogue of the Eastern Africa Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition (EAPA FSN).

"We have climate change issues in Africa. As leaders, we need to engineer behavioral change in food consumption. I call upon legislators and the Alliance's partner, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to create awareness and encourage pos-

itive behavioral and social change regarding food among our people."

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"Our founding fathers aimed at eradicating poverty, ignorance, diseases, and hunger, yet even 50 years post-independence, these challenges still persist" said Wetangu'ula.

He urged the legislators to take keen interest in their oversight role and ensure that the policies formulated by the executive take into account the needs of the people as far as food security and nutrition are concerned.

He affirmed his commitment to anchor in legislation the outcome of the Parliamentary Dialogue.

On his part, the Regional Chairperson, EAPA FSN, Yussuf Adan Haji (Mandera West) reiterated that the Alliance's main focus will be to eradicate hunger. He added that Africa has good soil, climate, livestock and blue economy and that's all we need to eradicate hunger.

While delivering his opening remarks Charles Kamuren (Baringo South), Chairperson of the Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition

Caucus, advocated for more funding to be channelled towards enhancing food production and climate action in line with the Maputo Declaration.

The Declaration made in 2003 gives prominence to the "commitment to the allocation of at least 10 percent of national budgetary resources to agriculture, and rural development policy implementation within five years".

Participants in the forum comprise lawmakers and representatives from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, the East African Community (EAC) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

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KEBS Unveils New Standards To Boost Kenya's Global Excellence

By: Our Correspondent

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Worth Noting:

- “Today’s launch showcases our commitment to progress and the promotion of safety, quality, and sustainability,” Ms. Ngari said.
- She noted that ten of the newly introduced standards are geared towards intelligent transport systems, a move strategically aligned with the objectives of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, aiming to mitigate road traffic accidents.
- Dr. Juma Mukhwana, Principal Secretary, State Department of Industry, MITI, echoed this sentiment.
- “The unveiling of these new standards marks a decisive step forward, bridging gaps in various sectors and enhancing the efficiency of our industries.”
- He praised KEBS’s efforts in ensuring that sectors such as health-care and nutrition have robust standards. Stringent measures ensure the safety of medical devices, notably syringes, directly impacting the reduction of disease spread.



Kenya Bureau of Standards Managing Director Esther Ngari takes a selfie with Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry Rebecca Miano and outgoing KEBS chairman Peter Munyiri during the unveiling of 416 new standards developed by KEBS, an event that coincided with the World Standards Day Celebrations on Monday.

In a landmark event celebrating World Standards Day, the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) unveiled 416 new emerging standards, signaling the country’s relentless pursuit of excellence, safety, and innovation.

The Monday event brought together key stakeholders, luminaries, and leaders dedicated to upholding and championing standards in Kenya and across the globe.

Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI) Rebecca Miano applauded KEBS for underscoring its pivotal role in realizing the broader goals of the Kenya Kwanza Government.

“Through KEBS’s initiatives, we are ensuring that our products are globally competitive and reflect our nation’s dedication to safety, quality, and innovation. These standards form the backbone of the aspirations of Kenya Vision 2030,” she noted.

Expanding on the significance of these standards, Esther Ngari, Managing Director, KEBS, emphasized their role in diverse sectors.

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“By setting high benchmarks for products like baby food, KEBS provides the assurance of safety and optimal nutrition to our citizens,” he added.

Mr. Eddy Njoroge, Advisor to the ISO President, delved deeper into the global implications of these standards.

“International standards are paramount in sculpting a world where well-being is universal,” Njoroge remarked.

He highlighted the role of standards

in attaining SDG 3, “Good Health and Well-being.”

Pointing out the swift development of COVID-19 vaccines and quality control of essential equipment, he demonstrated the tangible benefits of global collaboration.

Peter Munyiri, the outgoing chairman of the National Standards Council, KEBS, added a visionary touch.

Recently, nominated as Kenya’s Ambassador to India, Munyiri drew attention to the potential for stronger Kenya-India collaboration in healthcare. “Beyond medical tourism, there lies a vast realm of knowledge exchange, partnership building, and standard harmonization. This collaboration promises a brighter future, rich with opportunities and innovations for both nations.”

Njoroge further urged for the active participation of developing nations in the standard creation process. “Their inclusion is vital. It ensures that unique challenges and requirements are recognized and incorporated into the global framework, fostering an environment of mutual growth and understanding,” he emphasized.

Munyiri also reaffirmed his support for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Kenya, recognizing them as the heart of innovation

and economic growth.

“MSMEs play a vital role in our economy, and our dedication to providing them with the highest quality standards remains unwavering,” he stated.

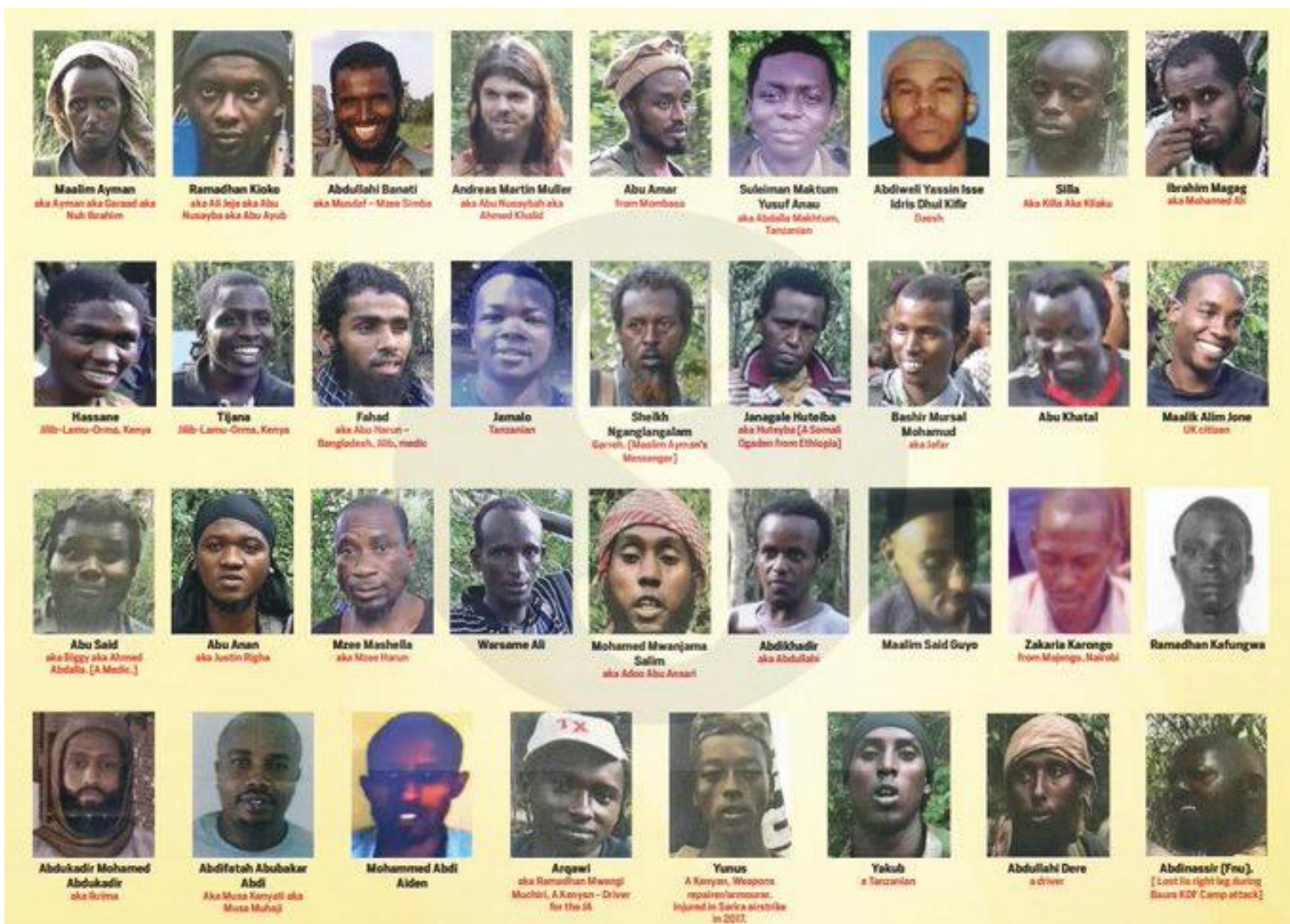
Ahmed Farah, Country Director at TradeMark Africa restated the organization’s continued support for KEBS.

He said, “Our partnership with KEBS has resulted in a 91.6 per cent reduction in turnaround time for test results at KEBS satellite labs and increased the accuracy of calibration testing by about 30 per cent. We strive to ensure that we maintain high-quality standards, especially for products meant for export, and reduce the costs associated with trade.”

As the event celebrated the essence of standards in fostering a sustainable and progressive nation, the collective voices resonated with the sentiment that standards are more than guidelines; they are the embodiment of Kenya’s vision for a brighter, safer, and more innovative future.

CS Kindiki Releases Names, Pictures Of 35 Al-Shabaab Suspects Behind Lamu Attacks

By: Brenda Wang'a



Worth Noting:

- The names are Maalim Ayman, Ramadhan Kioko, Abdullahi Banati, Andreas Martin Muller, Abu Amar, Suleiman Maktum, Yusuf Anau a Tanzanian national, Abdiweli Yassin Isse, Idris Dhul Kifir, Silla, Ibrahim Magag, Hassane, Tijana and Fahad a Bangladeshi national who is also a medic (Bangladesh-Medic).
- Others on the wanted list are Tanzanian national Jamalo, Sheikh Nganglangalam, a messenger, Ethiopian national Janagale Huteiba, Bashir Mursal Mohamud, Abu Khatal, Maalik Alim Jone from the United Kingdom, Abu Said (a medic), Abu Anan, Mzee Mashella, Warsame Ali, Mohamed Mwanjama Salim and Abdikhadir.
- “We will give notice to those criminals to surrender to the nearest police station, chief’s centre. if they don’t surrender, we will look for them we will find them and we will do what we must,” Kindiki said.

The Ministry for Interior has released the names and pictures of thirty-five people believed to be part of the terrorist group, Al-Shabaab that has been terrorising Lamu and Boni residents.

Interior CS Kithure Kindiki says the 35 are connected with the placement of explosive devices, the murders of civilians and the attack on the American military base at Manda in 2020.

Members of the public have been asked to volunteer information about their whereabouts for an undisclosed financial reward.

“Ministry of Interior is going to publish those suspects that we consider to be the chief planners, those ones we consider to bear the great responsibility of financing and orchestrating the violence,” Kindiki said.

The list is made up largely of Kenyan residents, with a sprinkling of foreigners who have been planning and executing attacks on the Kenyan coast.

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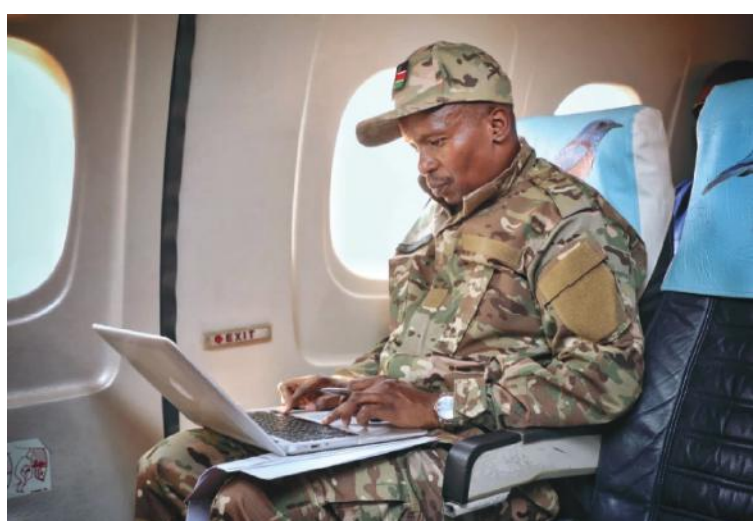
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Prof Kindiki also says the suspected terrorists are responsible for a number of attacks in Lamu and the Boni forest enclave.

They are accused of planting IEDS on various earth roads that resulted in the killings of civilians along the Lamu-Witu-Garsen highway, the killing of civilians at Lango la Simba, Witu, Mpeketoni, and the attack on the American Military base back in January 2020 amongst other areas.

The government has also named Maalim Said Guyo, Zakaria Karongo, Ramadhan Kafungwa, Abdikadir Mohamed Abdikadir, Abdifatah Abubakar Abdi, Mohamed



Interior CS Kithure Kindiki

Abdi Aiden as part of the Alshabaab terrorists. Others are Arqawi who serves as a driver, Yunus (weapons repairer), Tanzanian national Yakub, Abdullahi Dere (Driver) and Abdinassir.

The attacks by the terrorists in the last few months have left tens of civilians and security personnel dead.

The government now says it will use all means available to it to apprehend and punish the perpetrators, including roping in the members of the public

“We will be calling on the people of Kenya to give us information; we will reward financially, information that can help us apprehend those dangerous criminals,” said Kindiki.

The wanted terrorists have been asked to surrender to the nearest police station with the government vowing to either arrest or neutralize the terrorists as it seeks to win the war against the terrorists not just at the coast, but across the country.

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I Believe In The Church!



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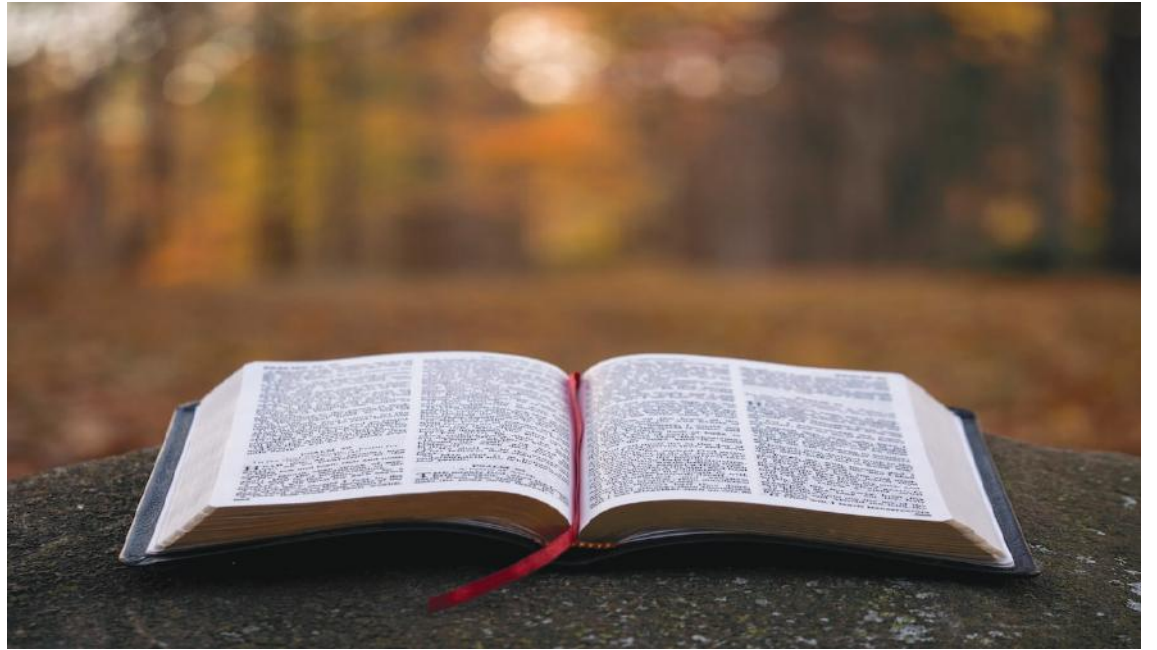
I owe so much to Christ's Church: my life, my character, my worldview, my calling, my vision, my peace, my hope — everything. I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH! Understanding, then, that we need the mothering of the Church, we must also understand that we will never benefit as we should from it apart from commitment to her Head. The entire Christian life is about commitment — first and above all to Christ, but also to the Church, to family, to marriage, to friendship, to ministry. None of these will ever flourish apart from commitment.

For example, marriage can never produce the security, satisfaction, and growth that it promises unless there is commitment. This is why today's provisional live-in arrange-

ments are coming up short. Commitment through good and bad times is what makes a marriage grow and brings the greatest fulfillment.

Men, on the most elementary level, you do not have to go to church to be a Christian. You do not have to go home to be married either. But in both cases if you do not, you will have a very poor relationship. Among the growth-inducing benefits of commitment to the Church are:

- **Worship** — having your soul swept up to God in the unique elevating power of corporate worship.
- **Hearing the Word** — so that your soul can feed on its proper food, bringing health to your whole being.
- **Attendance at the Lord's Table** — so that you are refreshed as you thank God for the atoning work of Christ. "We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread, And long to feast upon Thee still; We drink of Thee, the Fountainhead, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill." —Bernard of Clairvaux
- **Discipleship** — as one is committed to the Church through its ups and downs, an appropriate deepening takes place which the uncommitted heart



can never know.

- **Vision and mission** — as one remains committed, a supernatural vision for life takes hold which results in mission.

Men, you need the Church because the Scriptures say you do, because you need a mother, and because without commitment to her you will not grow: SELAH!

HALELUJAH: PRAISE BE TO

GOD ALWAYS FOR HIS CONTINUOUS ENLIGHTENMENT.

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

Mavoko Delmolitions: MCA's Pass Motion To Pursue Justice For Victims

By: Beth Nyaga

The County Assembly of Machakos yesterday unanimously passed a motion to pursue justice for the victims of demolitions at the East African Portland Cement in Mavoko constituency.

The motion called for the county government to be enjoined in the appeal case against the East African Portland Cement Company calling for the compensation for the victims of the demolitions.

In addition, the case will also address the issue of administration of land in Syokimau and Mlolongo Ward be done in Machakos rather than in Nairobi and clear defining of boundaries between Machakos and Nairobi counties to avoid further administration clashes.

Syokimau/Mlolongo Ward Representative Daniel Ndwiki while moving the motion noted that the victims had not been given notice to vacate hence the

demolition act was inhuman.

He called for the victims to be compensated.

His Kinanie Ward counterpart Francis Kavyu who also spoke about the matter said justice must be done because the rights of the people to own property had been violated.

He called for the suspension of any land searches from the registry in Nairobi until the same was moved to Machakos.

Kavyu noted that one of the intended beneficiaries of the said land according to President William Ruto's remarks before the demolitions was the Export Processing Zone authority (EPZ) which had over 1000 acres of unutilized land. He read malice and mischief in the demolitions.

The MCA demanded a disclosure of the full list of intended beneficiaries.

He further proposed that the county government should not approve any development plans on the said land until the victims of demolitions were compensated or allocated an alternative place to settle.

Kavyu also wanted the status of the EAPCC payment of land rates to the



Demolitions.

county government of Machakos and compensation for extracting minerals from the land made public.

"If EAPCC records are not up to date in payment of land rates, we as a county

government can undertake repossession of the land," said Kavyu.

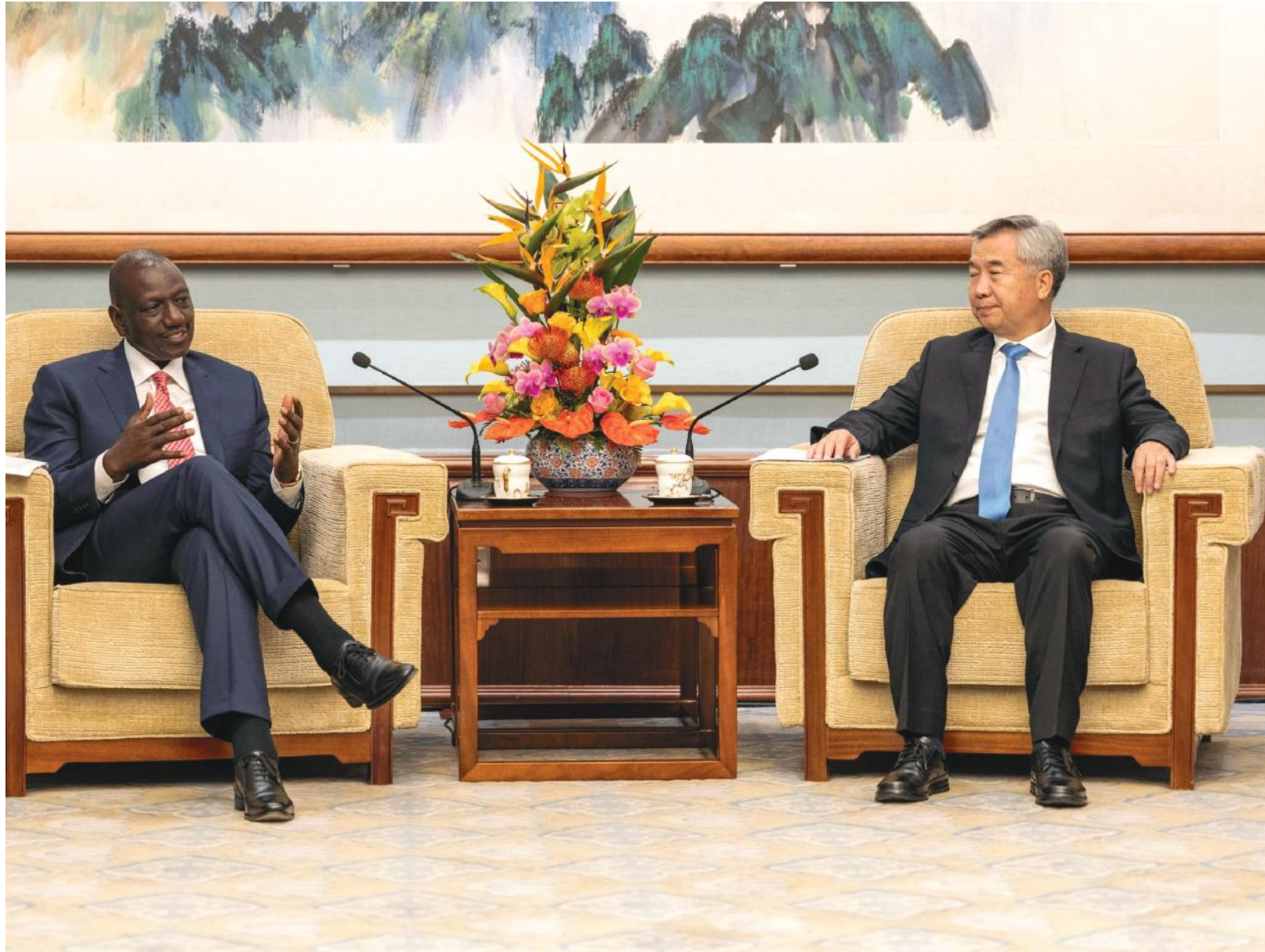
Machakos Governor Wavinya Ndeti has supported the motion saying the County government will do everything

to ensure justice for the people of Machakos and the safeguarding of their basic human rights.

Kenya Set To Reap Big From Ruto's Just Concluded Visit To China



By: Joseph Mutua Ndonga
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President William Ruto meeting with Mr LI Xi, a senior member of China's Communist Party Political Bureau in Beijing..

Worth Noting:

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- In this maiden visit, President Ruto joined more than 100 heads of state and government invited by the President of China to attend the summit on development.
- On the sidelines, Dr Ruto had a busy schedule. He held talks with chief executives of the big companies specializing in strategic areas of mutual interest including energy and technology.
- By the time of writing of this article, he had witnessed Kenya signing multi-millions deals with these companies.
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President William Ruto has just concluded his three-day official visit to China. This was the first visit since he assumed office.

It came at a time when it was being speculated that he had shunned the East in favor of the West, a narrative peddled by those who cited his numerous visits to the Western capitals.

To me, it is too early to judge him. Dr Ruto is a democrat and a strong believer in the Kenyan constitution and the rule of law. So, he cannot make such a decision without seeking concurrence of the relevant arms of the Kenyan government.

It is worth noting that former President Mwai Kibaki laid the foundation that saw Kenya turning East and sought to strengthen ties with China.

As a result, China was awarded contracts worth billions of shillings.

Thika Superhighway, Lamu Port and Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) were among the major projects clinched by the Asian giant.

Kibaki's successor President Uhuru Kenyatta followed the suit.

On SGR, he managed to negotiate for a whopping contractual loan totalling to

Sh370 billion.

The monies were used to construct the new modern line from Mombasa to Nairobi and to buy the rolling stocks.

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On technology, Ruto's interventions were equally fruitful. The cost of the communication gadgets and internet services was bound to come down.

On SGR, I'm sure many recalls that this was a government to government deal. It follows that some of the key contents of agreement were not made the public.

The content becomes the top secret of Uhuru's administration.

We recall that during this period the relationship between Uhuru his deputy Ruto had begun to worsen. It did not take long before the implosion preceded by the 'handshake' between the President Uhuru and his arch rival Raila Odinga occurred.

From then, Dr Ruto was kept in darkness. Uhuru would not share critical information with him.

This is despite these mega projects having generated a public debate.

As Kenyans, this is a big burden being placed on our shoulders. The big question was. Are we going to get value for our money?

Ruto's visit was therefore long overdue.

It gave him an opportunity to get to know the secrets.

It is worth noting that during the era of President Daniel Arap Moi, the West stood as Kenya's key development part-

ners.

I have been listening to the powerful speeches Dr Ruto had been making when the Presidents of Western countries invited him. He would boldly champion the interests of Kenyans and the course of Pan Africanism.

Given this scenerio, the President would not shy working with the partners who gave us better deals.

For the contracts, the government would always consider the firms that offer better terms. The cost of the project. But the quality of the work would surpass all the considerations.

President Ruto has been visiting rich countries and he has so far secured goodies worth billions of shillings for all of us, Kenyans. This shows that he means well for Kenya. Let us continue supporting him.

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Calls To Honour Freedom Fighters As Mashujaa Day Beckons

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Worth Noting:

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The Freedom Fighters Association wants the government to set up a fund to cater to those who fought for the country's independence and their families.

They said on Monday that the fund would be an expression of appreciation for the role the fighters played as the country approaches 60 years of its independence, adding that most of the liberators and their families live in abject poverty, unable to cater for their basic needs.

The Kenya African Mau Mau and Freedom Fighters Union (KAMFFU) has also expressed concern that while the stories of those who advocated for independence through constitutional means have been amplified and glorified, those who waged the liberation war, such as Field-Marshal Muthoni wa Kirima, General M'Anampiu Gaita, Mekatilili wa Menza, Elijah Masinde, Koitalel Arap Samoei, General Kuritu ole Kisio, and Otenyo Nyamaterere, among others, do not get the same attention.

While noting that members of Mau Mau and other liberation movements who fought for the country's independence had been left landless and ignored by successive governments, KAMFFU patron Mr. Peter Tena hailed President William Ruto's administration for undertaking to address the land question in the country that has remained emotive for the last six decades.

Such a move, Mr. Tena argued, was the only way of ensuring justice for all Kenyans as the country celebrates Mashujaa Day.

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The British government agreed in 2013 to pay Sh2.8 billion (£19.9 million) as compensation to Mau Mau victims and apologised for the atrocities.

The then-foreign secretary, William



Hague, even made a statement to the House of Commons, expressing that the government "sincerely regrets that these abuses took place".

Mr. Tena added that the government should ensure the remains of Nandi leader Koitalel Arap Samoei and Kisii Warrior Otenyo Nyamaterere are returned to the country for a proper burial.

Koitalel Arap Samoei, who led the Nandi people in the independence war, was murdered in 1905, while Nyamaterere was condemned to death by a firing squad in 1908 when he led an uprising after over 8,000 livestock were impounded by the British.

Mr. Tena challenged historians and other academics to stop underrating the role played by Asians such as Manilal Desai, Makhani Singh, and Alibhai Mulla Jevanjee in the struggle for freedom, adding that heroes and heroines such as Muindi Mbingu, Dennis Akumu, Joseph Kang'ethe, James Beutah, and Jesse Kariuki, among others, should also be featured in the school curriculum for their role in voicing the tribulations faced by Africans during the colonial period.

In 1923, Desai and Jevanjee organised tax boycotts to protest the exploitation and oppression of Africans by Europeans, who had not only taken over all the prime land but had formulated tough policies and taxes to force Africans to work for them.

Desai also founded an anti-colonial newspaper, "The Democrat," and teamed up with Kikuyu Central Association leaders Kang'ethe, Beutah, and Kariuki to voice the tribulations faced by Africans.

Addressing the media in Nakuru to highlight KAMFFU's preparations for Mashujaa Day celebrations scheduled for October 20, Mr. Tena said most freedom fighters were now more than 70 years old and expressed fears that if their welfare was not taken care of, there would be no heroes to write home about in the next 10 years.

"The majority of those who fought for independence are living in poverty. The government should set up a fund to assist them. They played an important role in the freedom Kenyans are enjoying," said the patron.

This year's edition of Mashujaa Day celebrations will be held in Kericho County. The celebrations are held annually and are aimed at celebrating all the heroes and heroines who took part in the struggle for independence and those that have contributed positively in the post-independence of Kenya.

Mr. Tena observed that the Kenya Heroes Act was enacted in 2014 to provide a framework for recognising, identifying, and honouring heroes. He urged the state to map out the families of pro-independence liberation movement fighters in a bid to find out their situation.

"We need proper documentation. The National Heroes Council should consistently tell us who these heroes are or were, the obstacles they overcame, their character strengths, and how, as a nation, we can share their qualities. Independence War icons are an indisputable point of our national pride," he added.

Mr. Tena stated that there should be space for freedom fighters where

their history and memorabilia should be preserved.

He called for the establishment of a full-fledged research centre to facilitate the furtherance of the liberators' studies by scholars and researchers.

The patron added, "Already, there is great interest from scholars. Many books have been written on the topic by writers as diverse as Maina wa Kinyatti with his book 'Kenya's Freedom Struggle', while Carl Rosberg and John Nottingham have co-authored the book 'The Myth of Mau Mau: Nationalism in Kenya. In more recent times, the acclaimed contributions of Professor Caroline Elkins (Britain's Gulag) and Dr. David Anderson (Histories of the Hanged), who are Harvard and Oxford scholars, respectively,"

Koitalel, who has been immortalised as a national hero, was killed on Thursday, October 19, 1905, during a peace truce after leading a rebellion against the colonial invasion of Nandi land. His annual commemoration falls on the eve of Mashujaa Day.

The legendary freedom fighter's leadership batons were sneaked out of the country after his death, and to this day, the whereabouts of his head, believed to have been taken away after the killing, has not been traced.

In 1908, British government officers from the Kings African Rifles landed in Kisii, made invasions in grazing areas known as 'Ebisarate', and forcibly took away over 8,000 livestock. A warrior named Otenyo could not

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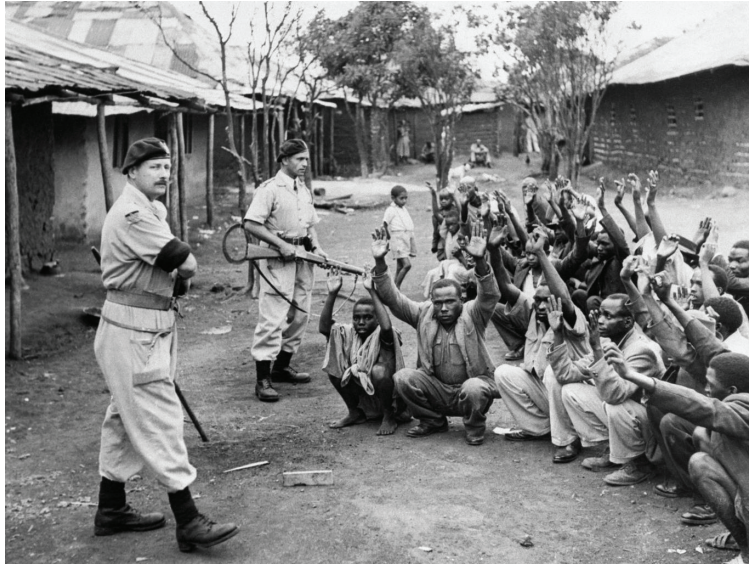
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take the acts of the Britons any more, having survived a number of earlier raids. He plotted a revenge attack, which is said to have led to the killing of a colonial administrator.

He was later tried and executed by a firing squad at Gusii Stadium, and his trunk was buried at the current Gusii Sports Club.

Muindi Mbingu, a former Kenya Power and Colonial Police employee, became the face of the Akamba freedom struggle after they were evicted from their lands and condemned to the Native Reserves in 1937.

The colonialists also pursued a destocking policy in which they forcefully confiscated Kamba cattle. In 1938, when Sir Robert Brooke Prophan was the Governor of Ken-



Mau Mau and Freedom Fighters.

ya, Mbingu led a massive demonstration, with protestors from Ngelani and Komarock areas trekking 60 kilometres to Nairobi.

They camped at Kariokor (then

called Carrier Corps) for a month, demanding to see Sir Prophan, whom Mbingu saluted in jest whenever he passed by.

On seeing women breastfeed-

ing young ones in the cold, Mrs. Prophan asked her husband to act. Mbingu got his audience, and thereafter, the cattle were released to their owners.

Another heroine of the anti-colonial struggle is Mekatilili wa Menza. Believed to have been born in Kenya's coastal county of Kilifi in the 1840s, she was named Mnyazi wa Menza, but after the birth of her son, her name was changed to Mekatilili, meaning "Mother of Katilili".

After becoming a widow, she organised the Giriama people to rebel against the British, who threatened their sovereignty and freedom with forced labour and taxation.

Menza travelled from village to village, drawing crowds before giving powerful speeches to mobilise public resistance.

Her leadership contributed to uprisings in 1913 and 1914, and despite multiple arrests and imprisonments, she was successful.

The British ultimately relaxed control of the region, granting Menza and the Giriama people's demands. Menza died in the 1920s of natural causes.

At the height of the liberation struggle in the 1950s, Elijah Masinde took on the colonial authorities, earning a stint in jail, and after he was released, he continued challenging the Western type of religion. He started his own sect, Dini Ya Musambwa, and even after his death, his mausoleum was turned into a shrine where adherents of his religion congregate once a year to pay tribute to him.

Mau Mau General M'Anampiu Gaita, fondly known as Muchori, was among the first people to take up arms against colonialists in 1952.

The late General Muchori was credited with enlisting renowned freedom fighters like the late Field Marshal Mwariama and the late General Baimungi into the Mau Mau.

Fertilizer For Tea Farmers Arrives

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Ship with first consignment of fertilizer docks at Mombasa port

The Kenya tea development Agency Management Services Limited (KTDA MS) has imported 92,737 tonnes i.e. 956,000 50kg bags, while the second delivering the balance is expected to dock in November.

The fertilizer will be bagged at port for onward distribution to farmers via SGR to Nairobi and further to factories. This arrangement allows smooth and efficient delivery to farmers' upto the closest tea buying centres. Farmers do not incur extra cost transporting the fertilizer from the factory stores.

The cost of fertilizer has been negatively impacted by rising cost of natural gas (a key component in the manufacture of NPK chemically compounded fertilizer) unfavourable exchange rates, global supply constraints, high crude oil costs, and the cost of shipment among other factors. The final cost of a 50kg bag of fer-



Ship with Consignment of KTDA Fertilizer docks at Mombasa Port.

tizer will be determined once the clearing And transport cost to respective tea factories across the country as well as marine and overland insurance cost have been factored in.

Application of fertilizer on tea bushes at the onset of the short rains is necessary to ensure consistent high quality and quantity of Green leaf essential

for premium tea production.

KTDA procures fertilizer in bulk for more than 650,000 small scale tea farmers who are the shareholders of its managed factories through competitive international bidding. The fertilizer is then distributed to the farmers through the respective factory companies. This arrangement enables

small scale tea farmers to access high quality fertiliser at the most competitive price and in a reliable manner.

The effectiveness of the procurement and distribution process has attracted other organisations and individuals who are not necessarily within the KTDA network who now prefer to make their orders through KTDA.

The KTDA fertilizer credit scheme enables farmers to pay in instalments for the fertilizer they have ordered for use in their farm. These payments are made over several months to ease the farmers' burden on the purchase of fertilizer which is a major input cost in tea farming.

Properly Distributed Time Is The Key To Wealth And Success



every minute of time. Everyone believes in their own strength and capabilities and lives in search of ways to achieve their dreams. For this, he needs a certain amount of time, and there is always a shortage of time.

If young people make good use of time to realize their dreams and achieve them faster, they will not miss opportunities. Of course, it is natural for every person to have some random situations. But despite this, the important thing is that you will achieve more results than on bad days. Another important note is to rank the tasks in your diary according to your desire and highlight the important ones in red. Place the next ones in the free part of your day.

If you want, if you want to write sentences under each date that inspire you and push you forward, they will greatly contribute to your mood and work productivity. Before I had a notebook, I was not clear about my studies, homework and playing with my friends. When I start something, I always have other things in my mind, so I don't finish any of my work. But Side Notebook changed all that. I got used to doing everything in order.

Most importantly, I got rid of laziness. In this way, I am trying to spend my time, which is more valuable than gold and more valuable than ore, meaningfully and productively. I think that each of you will try to keep a notebook. My dears, let's try to fill all the hours and even the minutes of life with useful and healthy activities, so that there is no empty space left for sadness to crawl in. Let's not spend our time banging our heads against the wall and making a door out of it! If we manage to allocate time correctly, high goals await us. Let's appreciate God by thanking him for every breath and every day. Because this time is a deposit for all of us. Let's remove the words TOMORROW or THEN from our vocabulary when we can act now. Because "TOMORROW" may not come, or it may be late...

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Abstract: The article uses the example of student life thinking about using it. Time is the most precious gift given to us, a very short opportunity at our disposal that will surely come to an end one day.

Every wasted moment means that the opportunity at our disposal has been wasted. However, we had the opportunity to do useful things during this opportunity. A person who knows how to seize an opportunity can use his time effectively. A person who knows the value of time has the right to be great. Our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "There are two things that many people do not appreciate. One is health, the other is time." those who blessed me.

Nowadays, the phrase "free time" is often mentioned in our language. This is actually one of our biggest mistakes. A person should not have free time. Time is wasted. Waste of time is a waste of life. People can lose their health as a result of neglecting time. For example, if one of the parts of a person hurts, they do not treat it in time so that it will recover, and as a result, they may suffer from a serious illness and even have bad consequences.

That's why we need to get used to doing everything on time without wasting time. If you love life, don't waste time, because it is not for nothing that they say that our life is a life given to us in measure. The most valuable thing for a person is time and this is the truth. Anything lost - wealth, deeds or home - can be found. but there is no way to find or turn back the past. Therefore, we should make good use of

The People Among Us



Those who THINK OF PEOPLE and care about PEOPLE.

Life itself shows the importance of entrepreneurship in the economy. Therefore, the well-being of our life and the abundance of the market largely depend on entrepreneurship. This is especially evident in the production of consumer goods and the provision of various services. Small business occupies a special place in the field of entrepreneurship. That is why in our Republic constant importance is attached to support of business, especially small and private entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship, first of all, requires a person's hard work and enthusiasm. Our comrades who have such qualities are today providing exemplary service to our people as big businessmen. Bekturdi Usmanov is well known in Khanka district. Our hero graduated from the Urganch Automobile and Road Technical College in 1986. B. Usmanov, who correctly understood the needs of the times, has been engaged in business for the 23rd year and provides permanent jobs to dozens of his colleagues.

In 2019, he brought 10 African ostriches, and now

the restless businessman has fully adapted them to local conditions. Animals have already started laying eggs. Having understood the benefits of ostrich eggs for public health, brother Bekturdi is looking for measures to increase their number. In 2020, the businessman also brought 17 head of purebred cattle from Germany. Today their number has reached 65. The most important thing is that 250 liters of milk are delivered here per day. More than 90 tons of milk were sold to the state last year.

Naturally, high productivity of livestock and poultry depends on their feed base. At the moment, the entrepreneur grows fodder crops on 12 hectares. Yes, a person who knows how to work always succeeds and earns more. Our hero has also become a master of his work, and brings benefits to both the state and his family. Consequently, B. Usmanov performed the blessed Umrah at the beginning of this year. Standing at the blessed place, he wished peace to our country, peace to our compatriots, and blessings to our professions. God, may the prayers of our father be answered!

BIOGRAPHY

Maftuna Sotimova was born in 2002 in Khanka district of Khorezm region. In 2020, she graduated from the 40th general education school in the center of the district, and in 2023, she graduated from the Urgench Agricultural Technology Technical College. At the moment, she is working as the editor of the newspaper "Xorazm ma'rifati", which is published in the educational and spiritual direction in the region.

She has been interested in books, art, and journalism since childhood. Many examples of her work were published in the newspaper she works for, as well as in the "Tumaris Avlodi" magazine. "Gunchalar" are shown in the team collection.

Miss Parvinabonu



The light of my face is you
The sad moan of my heart is you
Mother, the pearl of my heart is you

My joy is you
A good road header is you
The most kind of pain is you
Mother, the pearl of my heart is you

I will be a worthy child
I will justify your trust
I will make your face bright
Mother, you are the pearl of my heart

Shomurotova Parvinabonu Sheraliyevna was born on November 12, 2008 in the Bukhara district of the Bukhara region of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Currently, he is a 10th grade student of the 20th school. A number of poems and articles such as "Dilgavharim Onajon", "O'tajonim", "Vatan" were published in newspapers. Active participant and winner of a number of competitions

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The meaning of my life is you
Mother, the pearl of my heart is you
Black and white of my eye is you

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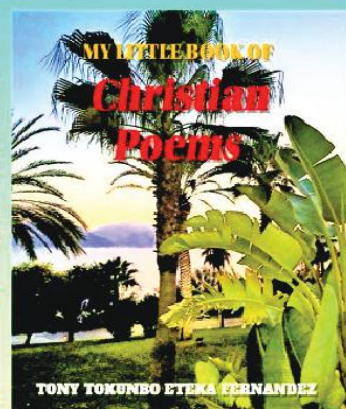
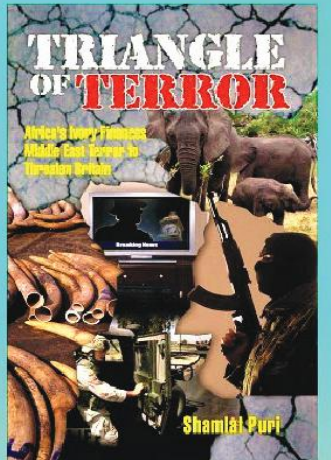
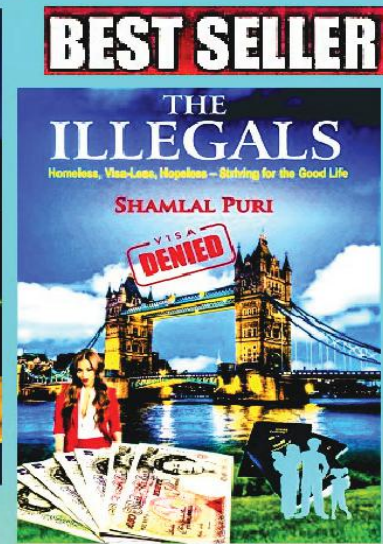
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Sweat Economy To Usher 140M Users To Web3; Launches In Nine Countries

Sweat Economy's expansion reinforces its vision to onboard the next billion people into a healthier and wealthier community

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Worth Noting:

- Once onboarded into Sweat Wallet, users can mint \$SWEAT by engaging in physical activities. Accrued \$SWEAT can then be used in various ways, including deposited into "Growth Jars" to be saved and multiplied, and unlock exclusive rewards within the ecosystem.

- Users can also compete in the free-to-play Sweat Hero NFT game to win additional \$SWEAT, while also having the option to purchase \$SWEAT in-app using the MoonPay fiat on-ramp.

- In just a few months, \$SWEAT has become the 9th most held1 and the 13th most actively used token2 in the world prior to this expansion—having also established a deflationary status following the community's decision to burn 1.8 billion unclaimed \$SWEAT.



Sweat Economy, the Web3 ecosystem on a mission to help the world be more physically active by incentivizing activity, has expanded into the United States and eight new countries including the Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Ghana, Jamaica, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, and Uganda. The move paves the way for millions of users to officially begin tokenizing their physical activity within the Sweat Economy ecosystem, adding momentum to the burgeoning global movement economy.

Sweat Economy enters these new markets with the overwhelming support of its community, who participated in a historic vote, with over 380K users deciding to burn and reallocate idle tokens to support the current launch effort. Sweat Economy builds on the success of the massively popular Sweatcoin app that launched in 2015. As one of the pioneers of the move-to-earn phenomenon, Sweatcoin quickly amassed more than 140M registered users and became the most downloaded health app in over 60 countries. Sweat Economy represents the latest evolution of this story, to accelerate the mainstream adoption of Web3 technologies at the intersection of tokenization, health, and crypto.

Sweat Economy revolutionizes

movement using a unique passive reward system. By leveraging the Sweatcoin application in tandem, users can verify their movement—tokenizing their physical activity. As a reward, users can mint \$SWEAT, a token on the NEAR Protocol positioning Sweat Economy as one of the largest Web3 on-ramps in history, with millions of existing Sweatcoin users being onboarded onto Sweat Wallet. By choosing to build on NEAR, Sweat Economy will be well placed to leverage the protocol's incredibly secure and infinitely scalable sharding infrastructure—unlocking the opportunity to onboard millions of potential users into a burgeoning Web3 movement economy.

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Oleg Fomenko, co-founder of Sweat Economy said: "We are thrilled to finally bring the Sweat Economy experience to the United States and 8 other markets. We are excited that residents of these countries will also be able to—literally—WALK INTO CRYPTO. Our global community of users has been instrumental in supporting this launch and we are thankful for their participation in the biggest ever governance vote that allocated nearly 700 million \$SWEAT to the new community members in consideration for their verified physical activity. By expanding into these markets, we aim to inspire a new wave of physical activity and incentivize individuals to lead healthier lives, while paving the

way for the next billion users looking to participate in the movement economy.

Chris Donovan, CEO of the NEAR Foundation, said: "It's incredible to see the progress of Sweat Economy as it enables us to achieve our mission to bring millions into the open web. As an industry leader in tokenizing physical activity, Sweat Economy's launch into the U.S. represents a major milestone not just for the project, but for the entire NEAR ecosystem. It also demonstrates the incredible scalability of the NEAR Protocol, which has been able to seamlessly support one of the largest consumer apps in Web3 operating at significant scale."

Communities are undergoing a significant transformation as individuals seek innovative ways to stay motivated and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Sweat Economy's unique approach, combining fitness tracking with blockchain technology, brings an exciting and refreshing perspective to this space. By rewarding users for their physical activity, Sweat Economy not only encourages people to exercise more but also creates a vibrant and engaged group of like-minded people.

Sweatcoin has 140M+ users, who are 20% more active after downloading the app. It has 800+ brand partners including the likes of Adidas, Paramount, Fabletics, Amazon, and Garmin who provide exclusive discounts, offers, and free products in exchange for sweatcoins plus over 100 charity partners who have benefited from Sweatcoin donations. Interested individuals can download the Sweatcoin app and Sweat Wallet from the App Store or Google Play Store and become part of a thriving ecosystem that values health, fitness, and progress.





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Mudavadi Vows To Protect Kenyans In Diaspora, Strengthen Global Diplomacy

By: OPCS

Worth Noting:

- He said that the transformative engagement with Kenya's Diaspora will be guided by the commitment that it is more than just remittances.
- "Our engagement will be governed by the principle that Kenyans outside our shores should enjoy their fundamental rights and protection by the Government of Kenya, as they pursue their goals and aspirations within the confines of the laws of host nations," he stated.
- Mudavadi takes over from the incumbent, Alfred Mutua, who has since been moved to the Tourism and Wildlife docket following the re-alignment of Ministries and State Departments to optimize performance and enhance service delivery as set out in his administration's Manifesto under the Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda (BeTA).



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi .

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi has said that Kenya will ensure its people in the diaspora are treated with dignity and respect. Mudavadi says Kenya will not relent on its efforts to protect her people wherever they are and that the government will deploy its diplomatic tools for this purpose. "We will not relent in our efforts to ensure that Kenyans are treated with dignity, respect and in accordance with the rule of law, wherever they are; and that they get opportunities they deserve," said Mudavadi. He also stated that Kenya believes conduct in Global Affairs reinforces confidence, pride and dignity as a people. "We have built a Republic that continues to win the respect of our peers globally and this has allowed us to play a more constructive part in the

counsels and organised activities of humankind," he said. He made the remarks during the handover ceremony at the Office of Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs at Railway Headquarters in Nairobi. "We commit that whenever any Kenyan national abroad is in distress, we will not hesitate. We shall deploy our diplomatic tools to ensure the protection of our people," assured Mudavadi. He said that the transformative engagement with Kenya's Diaspora will be guided by the commitment that it is more than just remittances. "Our engagement will be governed by the principle that Kenyans outside our shores should enjoy their fundamental rights and protection by the Government of Kenya, as they pursue their goals and aspirations within the confines of the laws

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"As I take over this ministry, I am fully aware of the significance of my dual role as the Prime Cabinet Secretary and as the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs. The two portfolios complement each other appropriately in Kenya's social-economic, political and security transformational agenda," he added. He explained that Kenya's Foreign Policy is an indispensable component in advancing the country's economic growth and development agenda. To this end, he stated that the Foreign Policy will remain anchored and fully aligned to the implementation of Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). On international obligations, he said it is time to accept that being African is also a global responsibility. In this regard, he said Kenya will continue honouring her international obligations, consistent with the Foreign Policy guidance of the President and also in accordance with Constitutional provisions. "Our fidelity to a rules-based international order, will remain firm. For us, the principles and objectives of the UN Charter are sacrosanct and offer the best safeguards for all nations, big or small, weak or strong," Mudavadi explained. Mudavadi explained that Kenya is a critical player in international relations and has the structure and instruments for resolving any disputes in a manner that protects lives, property and the freedoms. With the support of the talented and professional Foreign Service Officer Corp in the Ministry, he promised to promote, protect and project Kenya's interests, globally. This will entail a new focus of digital diplomacy, where Kenya will transact in realtime, engage with national, regional and global audiences, and promote Kenya's interests and values in the conduct of foreign policy. He welcomed officers from the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs to the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary stating that now this becomes a big family that has to deliver as one. Mudavadi also wished Dr Alfred Mutua every success in his new assignment at the Tourism and Wildlife docket.

Umulkheir's Warning Shot To Governor Godana

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Nominated Member of Parliament Umulkheir Harun, has urged Tana River Governor Dhadho Godana to cease invasion of public land that belongs to Masalani people.

In a visit to the farm which Umulkheir says Governor Godana has started to invade, the MP called for dialogue so as to solve the stalemate. Here is what she had to say:

"We are currently here in all this land behind me belongs to Masalani people. These are the farms that have been existing and we have the farmers here with us. Some work has been done here where they have dug a ditch probably wanting to lay water pipes and these are not residents of Masalani who have done this work

Every Time the Governor of Tana River comes into power and I know him because he is my party member the conflict of three miles like my colleague has said, residents of Ijara and residents of Tana River have ex-

isted before, they are not people who fight over resources or anything, and they work together.

My specific issue here is with the Governor Godana. I know you are the one behind this, do not bring conflict among these People who coexist peacefully even before I was born myself I grew up in Hola nobody chased me there's I come from Masalani we live with people from Tana River peacefully. So if you start issues of conflict touching on land because land is a very sensitive issue, People will kill each other there will be bloodshed so stick to your side and we stick to our side and we will fight in court. We will go to the National Land Commission we will claim what is ours, the issue of the three mile we are going to sort it out because it's a Draconian law that is there. It's a colonial boundary that was laid anyway, so do not intimidate us we are not scared of you.

Right now we are looking for dialogue. Do not make us look for conflict because even with conflict we are ready for you. That's all I can tell you."



Nominated MP Umulkheir Harun.

KOGs President Congratulate FIGO President

By: John Kariuki
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Dr. Ann Kihara Beatrice has made Kenya proud on her elevation to the prestigious position of President of the International Federation of Gynaecologist and Obstetricians (FIGO.)

She notes, "I am deeply honored and humbled to be inaugurated as the President of FIGO. This is a momentous opportunity to advance women's health globally. Together, we will strive for excellence in obstetrics and gynaecology, forging a healthier world for all."

In a show of solidarity, the Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological (KOGs) President Dr Kireki Omanwa took a moment to congratulate Dr Kihara on that well deserved honour "It is a historical achievement and

puts Kenya and Africa in general squarely on the map of leadership in Sexual Reproductive Health.

It also now puts a spotlight on other agreements that African governments have signed in the past for example Abuja Declaration to increase allocation to health to the tune of 15 % of the Gross Domestic Product. (GDP)

It is time to walk the talk!"

Dr. Ann Kihara Beatrice .



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All is set for Boys Circumcision

By: John Kariuki
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Elders drawn from all over the country have announced that all preparations are set ahead of boys circumcision which coincides with the December holiday Countrywide.

Led by the National Patron Captain Kung'u Muigai, the elders highlighted the importance of embracing the cultural way and shunning Western trends some of which is slowly infiltrating in our society.

Captain Kung'u Muigai who led the elders in Nairobi noted:

"In the meeting which we held on Monday 16th October 2023, we discussed several issues top among them the readiness to conduct circumcision for our boys whose age set we shall name in due course. We have also discussed issues of national importance as well as some few

issues like the issue of LGBTQ and as elders we are categorical that such trends are against our cultural norms and also alien to our community," he noted.

He reiterated that the Kiama Kia Ma is solid and united and downplayed any rumors of divisions.

Capt. Kung'u Muigai, National Patron
Kiama Kia Ma



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Sports >> *The stage is set for a titanic battle as 10 teams congregate at the Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani for once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to feature at next February's Pro Bowl Games in Orlando, Florida.

New Dawn For American Football In Kenya As Kasarani Set To Host NFL Flag Championships



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The NFL Flag Championships in Nairobi — set for this month — will comprise teams of boys and girls aged 12 years and below, with the winners representing Kenya at the NFL FLAG International Division during the All-Star Games, which often feature the league's star players.

Flag football is the non-contact version of American football and is considered a fun and safe way to introduce young talents to the sport.

The championships will be conducted in partnership with the Kenya Federation of Amer-

ican Football (KFAF) who have equally been on a countrywide campaign to popularise the sport and increase its uptake among the youth.

The tournament comes over six months after the American football governing body held a week long training camp at the same venue in which several African-born NFL players were in attendance to mentor the young ones.

Pupils from 10 schools across the city were trained on the basics of flag football while local primary school teachers as well as KFAF officials were coached on flag football to enhance expansion of the sport countrywide.

Moreover, 29 prospects aged 16-21, from African nations including Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco,



Nigeria and Senegal, took part in a three-day NFL Combine-style camp to showcase their skills.

Players were competing for invites to the NFL International Combine, NFL International Player Pathway Program, or the opportunity to join the NFL

Academy in the UK as part of league efforts to advance pathways to play in the NFL for international athletes.

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NBA App Launches All-New Personalization Features, Live Game Experience For 2023-24 Season



The NBA on Tuesday announced an array of new programming and enhancements on the NBA App ahead of the 2023-24 season.

The NBA App – which generated more than one billion video views this past season, more than triple the prior year’s total – will deliver unique experiences through advanced personalization features, enhanced live game viewing options and expanded content offerings that will bring fans closer to the game.

As part of a deepened personalized experience on the NBA App powered by Microsoft Azure AI Services, fans will have the ability to add multiple team and player tabs to their app main screen, allowing fans to seamlessly access real-time content.

The new tabs will include the latest news, trending topics, vertical video highlights and updates related to their favorite teams and players.

A new “Moments” experience will allow fans to scroll through unlimited NBA content using a vertical social media-style interface.

NBA ID members will also have expanded benefits this season with the opportunity to earn new

badges by watching live games and programming on the NBA App and NBA League Pass, voting for NBA All-Star, daily trivia and more.

Additionally, members will have the chance to win special prizes, including tickets throughout the regular season.

To keep fans informed on the latest key storylines from around the league, the NBA will distribute a new daily newsletter – “Starting 5” – with current and former NBA players, coaches and analytics experts serving as guest contributors, including the Boston Celtics’ Jayson Tatum, Indiana Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle, Basketball Hall of Famer Pau Gasol and more.

NBA Entertainment will present a wide range of new original content on the NBA App, including “Bring it Home,” narrated by Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray.

“Bring it Home” offers a behind-the-scenes look into the Nuggets’ 2022-23 season, which culminated in the franchise’s first-ever NBA championship.

“Pass the Rock” will return for season two to provide an in-depth look at the league’s up-and-com-

ing stars, featuring Minnesota Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards, New York Knicks guard Jalen Brunson, Memphis Grizzlies forward Jaren Jackson Jr., Orlando Magic forward Paolo Banchero and Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton, among others.

The NBA App will feature more than 10,000 additional hours of programming to entertain fans throughout the 2023-24 season, including:

NBA CrunchTime: “NBA CrunchTime” – the league’s weekly whiparound show taking fans live to crucial moments of each game and providing real-time updates and analysis – returns with more than 50 episodes, twice as many as last season.

Hosted by Jared Greenberg and produced by NBA TV, which is jointly managed by TNT Sports, “NBA CrunchTime” will debut on Monday, Oct. 30 this season.

Race for the NBA Cup: “Race for the Cup” will document the inaugural NBA In-Season Tournament, giving fans exclusive access to teams competing for the first NBA Cup from tip-off on Nov. 3 through the championship game in Las Vegas on Dec. 9.

Coaches Corner: “Coaches Corner” will feature NBA coaches breaking down the X’s and O’s in interviews and game-film analysis, including sessions with Nekias Duncan and Steve Jones, hosts of the popular “The Dunker Spot” podcast.

For a full list of new content series, initiatives and programming included on the NBA App this season, please click here. Additional programming will be announced throughout the season.

This season, NBA League Pass – the league’s live game subscription service – will feature an enhanced live game streaming experience making it easier for fans to switch between multiple broadcast and language options while

interacting with dynamic overlays featuring live player stats, scores and betting odds and other content.

Returning this season, NBA League Pass subscribers will also have the ability to stream multiple games simultaneously with multi-view.

Packages are available on NBA.com and the NBA App with a premium commercial-free option available at \$149.99 a year (or \$22.99 a month), providing access to more than 800 live out-of-market games, the ability to download games for offline viewing and a variety of alternate telecast options, including NBA Strategy Stream, NBABet Stream and NBA HooperVision.

Students attending accredited universities and colleges in the U.S. can purchase NBA League Pass at an all-new discounted price.

Later this season, cross-platform Watch Parties will be available to NBA App mobile users.

The feature will allow NBA League Pass subscribers to video chat with up to four participants while watching a synchronized video broadcast.

The cross-platform approach enables fans globally to watch games together on Apple and Android devices.

The new NBA League Pass, NBA App and NBA ID features were celebrated in the league’s tip-off campaign spots, “So Much Game” and “Everyone’s NBA App,” spotlighting the true fan excitement when engaging in the live game experience on the NBA’s digital consumer products.

The NBA App – a product of NBA Digital, the league’s joint venture with Warner Bros. Discovery Sports – is powered by Microsoft Azure and free to download here.

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Second Attempt To Impeach Governor Mwangaza Kicks Off As MCAs Table Motion

By: Prudence Wanza

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The second attempt to oust Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza from office has kicked off at the Meru County Assembly.

Majority leader Evans Mawira tabled first notice of motion on yesterday, outlining seven grounds on which the Assembly intends to impeach Mwangaza.

The MCAs have accused Mwangaza of misappropriation and misuse of county resources by withdrawing county funds under the guise of paying for various supplies by the Governor's relatives who are not eligible to bid for contracts.

Mwangaza is also accused of nepotism. The MCAs alleged that the Governor appointed one Edwin

Mutuma Murangiri (her husband's nephew) as the CEO of Meru Youth Service and Acting Chief Officer, Ministry of Finance.

The MCAs further accuse Mwangaza of bullying, vilification and demeaning other leaders in the public.

Illegal appointments and usurpation of statutory powers, contempt of court, illegal naming of a public road after her husband and contempt of the Assembly are also some of the accusations labelled against the Governor.

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Court Rules Josephine Kabura, 4 Others Have Case To Answer In Sh791mn NYS Corruption Case

By: Capital Correspondent

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A Nairobi Court has ruled that businesswoman Josephine Kabura and four others have a case to answer in the Sh791 million National Youth Service (NYS) corruption case.

Trial magistrate Wendy Micheni on Monday ruled that they will now have to defend themselves in the case facing them.

She however set free former NYS Director General Nelson Githinji, former Principal Secretary Peter Mangiti, businessman Ben Gethi and others in the graft case.

Micheni ruled that the prosecution failed to produce enough evidence linking them to the theft.

The magistrate further noted that the prosecution relied on general in-

formation which was not backed up by both electronic and documentary evidence.

"Having failed to establish a prima facie case against the accused persons, I hereby acquit them for lack of evidence," the magistrate ruled.

In the case the Prosecution called more than 50 witnesses to testify against Magiti and others.

In 2015, the accused persons denied the charges of conspiracy and theft of the money.

Josephine Kabura.

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