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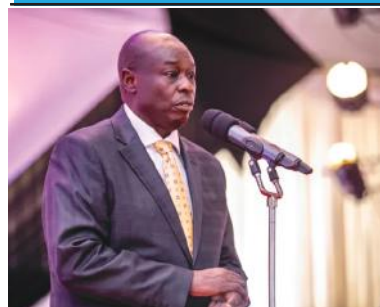
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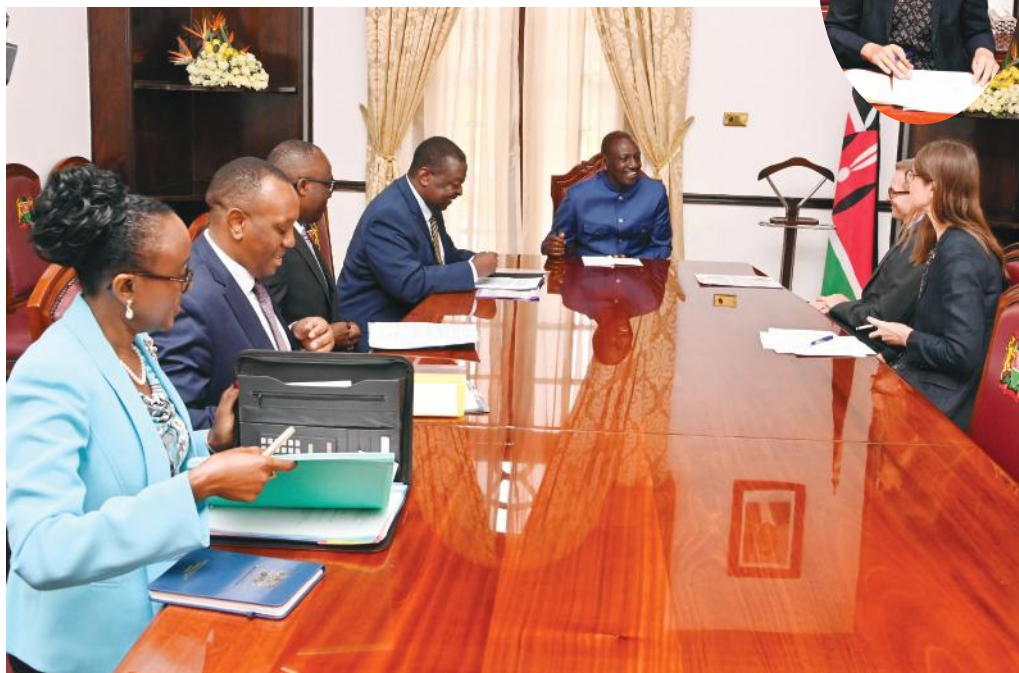
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Ruto Meets With Wigan Ahead Of King Charles III's Visit

During their visit, the King and Queen will explore Nairobi City County, Mombasa County, and surrounding areas, with a program that reflects the collaborative efforts of Kenya and the United Kingdom.

Kenya is honoured that King Charles III and Queen Camilla have chosen our country for their first visit to a Commonwealth nation. This choice is testament to the depth of our relations and the mutual beneficial nature of our partnership," President Ruto said.



President Ruto when he met with British High Commissioner Neil Wigan, Oct 23, 2023. / PSCU.

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Pastor Dorcas Rigathi Meet With Counties First Ladies Caucus Leadership

The Second Lady Met The County First Ladies Association Leaders To Deliberate On How To Kick Start Programs For The Vulnerable Across All The Counties

By:OSDP

Worth Noting:

- “We decided to sit and talk about the boy child with the county first ladies, and also about our counties and nation, and the condition of drug abuse in the nation. We are accountable. When a mother speaks, the nation listens,” said Pastor Dorcas.
- “Just like malaria and HIV, we are asking people not to condemn these men in addictions, but to encourage them to become a part of rehabilitation and transformation. Much of the GBV, FGM cases, can actually be addressed when the boy child is parented and brought up the right way,” added Pastor Dorcas.



County First Ladies who held a meeting with Pastor Dorcas Rigathi where they deliberated her strategic plan for the vulnerable in the society.

The spouse of Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi yesterday met the leadership of the ‘County First Ladies Association’ (CFLA) to strategically advance programs touching the vulnerable across the 47 counties.

They included First Ladies’ caucus chair Allamitu Jattani (Marsabit), Saline Bar-chok (Bomet), Beatrice Sakaja (Nairobi), Dr. Emily Chesire (Baringo), Edna Lenku (Kajiado), Emily Nyaribo (Nyamira), and Rukia Abdinasiir (Wajir).

Speaking during the meeting, Pastor Dorcas shared her journey of reaching out to the boy child, widows, orphans and people with disabilities in the last one year since the Kenya Kwanza Government came into office.

She highlighted her visits to the drug dens, streets, and rehabilitation centres to seek the transformation of the boys and men lost in alcohol, drug and substance abuse.

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The chairperson of the association said their meeting was an eyeopener into the Office of the Spouse of the Deputy President (OSDP) programs.

“When we heard you (Pastor Dorcas) talk about the boy child, we realized there is a gap, and the boy child issues need to be urgently addressed,” said Jattani.

“We are looking to have a bigger meet-

ing with Her Excellency, which shall be inclusive of all spouses of governors in Kenya, so she can share with us in a large way, how to support her vision, and we can support her in a big way. We believe in a healthy and balanced community that works together and takes care of the vulnerable, boy child,” she added.

She also pointed out the need to demystify the perspective of rehabilitation centres in the eyes of the public, for the facilities to be viewed as sanctuaries of treatment and mentoring.

Jattani also decried the high numbers of widows in the Marsabit and North Eastern parts of Kenya caused by border conflicts that result to death of the men.

Edna Lenku said they were happy with the direction taken by Pastor Dorcas in advocating for the youth. She expressed support for the programs.

“As mothers, led by pastor Dorcas, we shall hold the hands of our youth and

walk with them because we love our nation, families and this is a crucial opportunity given to us by God,” Mrs Lenku.

“As wives of Governors and County First Ladies, we work with the community. We championed the cause of the girl child and we thank God for its success; but looking back, we see the boy child was left behind, and we must champion this cause,” she added.

Pastor Dorcas agreed to work with the First Ladies, their association, and reach the 47 counties to better the lives of vulnerable populations through the programs of the boy child, widows and orphans and people with disabilities, and founded on chaplaincy, outreach and family values.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and Industry, Rebecca Miano, is set to attend the 2023 G7 Trade Ministers' Summit in Osaka, Japan. The event will focus on promoting open trade and resilient supply chains. Miano is committed to building strong diplomatic and trade relations with key global players, highlighting Kenya's role in the African economic landscape. She will also participate in the Japan-Kenya Business Round Table on October 27th, where she will encourage Japanese businesspeople to invest in Kenya. Miano will also highlight Kenya's efforts to enhance trade partnerships and promote local content production in the automotive industry, with 34 parts already considered for production. She will encourage Japanese investors to establish operations in Kenya, leveraging market access to the East African Community market and the African Continent through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the European Union.



Queen Maxima of the Netherlands has endorsed climate-smart agriculture as a way to improve food security in the country. She visited Kisumu, Kenya, as the UN Secretary General's special advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA). She emphasised that climate-smart agriculture would help farmers address climate change, drought, and floods, leading to better yields. She called for funding to support farmers and called on the government and other sector players to leverage digital finance platforms to bridge the gap. The Queen praised the penetration of digital financial services in Kenya, which has reached 80% of the population. She urged the focus to shift towards how farmers can benefit from digital financial services to venture into climate-smart agriculture and boost food security. She also visited various projects funded by the UN and the Dutch government in Kisumu, urging for stronger partnerships to unlock more development projects.

Women of Kiambu County affirms Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba as their spokesperson and pledges their support for her forthrightness. Speaking during a women conference organised by Inooro FM in Ndumburi stadium, the bold legislature asked the women if she's right in her recent quest to speak on their behalf. The meeting was also attended by Hon Alice Nganga MP Thika, Ann Wamuratha Women Rep Kiambu and Deputy Governor Kiambu Hon Mary Kirika among other women leaders.



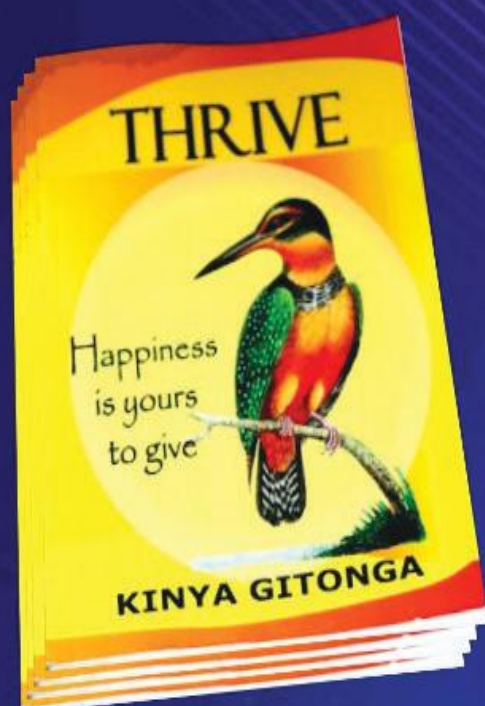
Dr. Anne Kagunda, a lecturer at Moi University, has called for early training of high school teachers and university lecturers on the implementation of Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). She highlighted the need for early preparation for the transition from the 8-4-4 system to CBC, stating that the transition requires the involvement of parents and stakeholders. Dr. Kagunda also emphasized the need for universities and colleges to retool their lecturers with CBC skills. She also emphasized the need for collaboration, consultation, and cooperation among learners, guardians, and the government to ensure the successful implementation of CBC. Dr. Kagunda also urged parents to give practical assignments and manual work to their children, as they are heading for a long holiday. She also emphasized the importance of parents instilling values in their children, such as saying "thank you," "I am sorry," and "excuse me," to help them learn how to live with others.



As elected leaders, we must strive to achieve people-centered development. County governor Joshua Irungu with Senator John Kinyua, Laikipia Woman Representative Jane Kagiri and Laikipia West Member of Parliament Dr. Wachira Karani held a development-oriented meeting with Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua at his Karen official residence.

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Gaza Death Toll Passes 5,000 With No Ceasefire In Sight

By: Christine Muchira



© UNICEF/Eyad El Baba Trucks carrying humanitarian aid prepare to cross into Gaza through Rafah. .

Worth Noting:

- According to Israeli official sources quoted by OCHA, some 1,400 people have been killed in Israel, the vast majority in the Hamas attacks on 7 October which triggered the latest conflict.
- OCHA said that the reported fatality toll is “over threefold the cumulative number of Israelis killed” since it began recording casualties in 2005.
- At least 212 Israeli and foreign nationals are being held captive in Gaza, the Israeli authorities have said. Two hostages were released last Friday. UN Secretary-General António Guterres has repeatedly called upon Hamas to release hostages immediately and unconditionally.

The number of people killed in Gaza has reached 5,087 according to latest reports, amid intensifying Israeli airstrikes in response to Hamas attacks, while humanitarians repeated urgent calls for a ceasefire and more aid convoys.

Echoing that message, UN health agency (WHO) chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus issued a new appeal on Monday for “sustained safe passage” for medical essentials and fuel to keep health facilities open.

“Lives depend on these decisions,” he insisted on social platform X.

Latest media reports citing the Gaza Ministry of Health indicate that the number of people killed in Gaza since 7 October has risen to 5,087.

Women and children have made up more than 62 per cent of the fatalities, while more than 15,273 people have been injured.

In its latest humanitarian update on the Gaza-Israel crisis UN humanitar-

ian aid coordination office, OCHA, said that more than 1,000 have been reported missing and “are presumed to be trapped or dead under the rubble”.

Israel: Threefold rise in deaths

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Trickle of aid

According to media reports a new aid convoy entered Gaza from Egypt on Monday through the Rafah border crossing. This was the third such delivery after the crossing opened on Saturday for the first time since the start of the conflict, following intense diplomatic efforts.

A total of 34 trucks with aid provided by the UN and the Egyptian Red Crescent entered the enclave over the weekend. The UN has stressed that to respond to soaring humanitarian needs, at least 100 aid trucks per day are required.

Desperate need for fuel

The development comes as UN agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) warned on Sunday that it was set to run out of fuel within three days, putting the humanitarian response in Gaza at risk.

UNRWA head Philippe Lazzarini said that without fuel, “there will be

no water, no functioning hospitals and bakeries” and that “no fuel will further strangle the children, women and people of Gaza”.

Education void

Meanwhile, OCHA said that more than 625,000 children in Gaza have been deprived of education for at least 12 days, and 206 schools have been damaged. At least 29 of them are UNRWA-run establishments.

UNRWA reported on Sunday that 29 of its staff members have been killed in Gaza since 7 October – half of them teachers.

In the occupied West Bank, the escalation has also resulted in restrictions on the access to education. OCHA said that all the schools inside the territory were closed from 7 to 9 October, affecting some 782,000 students. As of last week, over 230 schools which cater to some 50,000 students had not reopened.

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DP Gachagua Leaves For Three Day Official Visit To Belgium

By: Prudence Wanza

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua left the country yesterday for a three-day official visit to Belgium.

Gachagua will represent President William Ruto, at the Global Gateway Forum hosted by the European Commission in the Capital, Brussels.

The Forum aims to strengthen relations between the European Union (EU) and its partners, including Kenya, in key sectors such as digital innovation, green energy, transport, healthcare and education.

On the sidelines, the Deputy President will hold talks with the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen on boosting bilateral ties between Kenya and the EU.

As part of his efforts to seek better market for Kenyan coffee, the Deputy President will engage various actors.

Gachagua will also meet with Kenyans living in Belgium, at Tangla Ho-

tel in Brussels.

The Deputy President will extend his travel to Germany for other engagements on Coffee, Climate Change, Renewable Energy, among others.

He will also meet the Kenyan Diaspora in Germany, at The Bayerischer Hof Hotel in Munich.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua..



JSC Announces Vacancy At Office Of Chief Registrar Of Judiciary

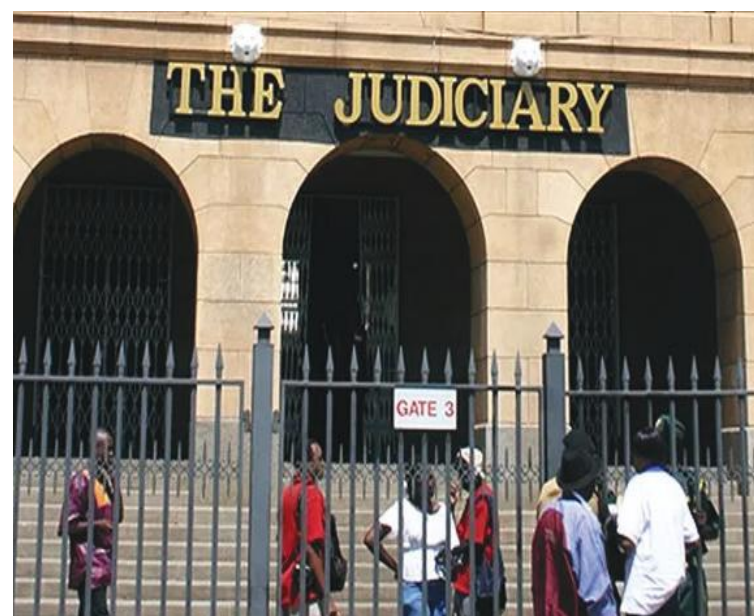
By: Christine Muchira and Micheal Njuguna

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has announced a vacancy in the Office of the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary as its current occupant Anne Amadi's term draws to a close. In an advertisement published yesterday, the Commission revealed that Amadi's term is set to lapse on 13th January 2024.

According to JSC, the appointment will be made in accordance with article 161(2)(c) of the Constitution, as read with Section 9 of the Judicial Service Act, 2011.

The Judicial Service Commission has asked interested and qualified persons to visit the JSC website for a detailed job description, requirements for appointment and instructions on how to apply.

All applications should reach the



commission not later than 13th November 2023, at 5PM.

JSC indicated that the successful applicant will serve a 5-year term, specifying that the term will be renewable depending on performance.

Amadi, assumed the position in January 2014 taking over the reins from former Chief Registrar of the Judiciary and current National Assembly Deputy Speaker Gladys Boss Shollei.

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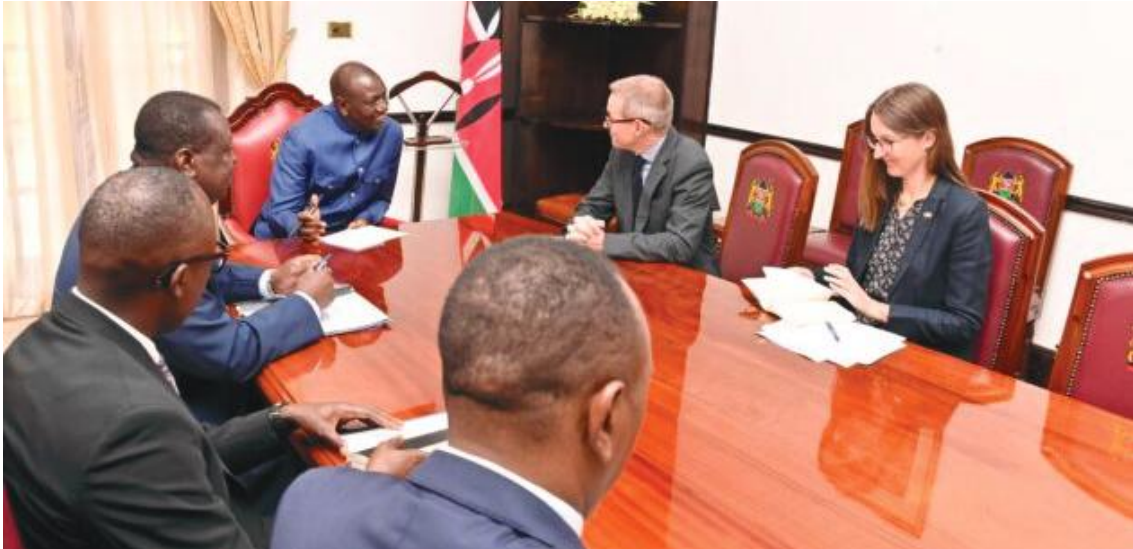
By: Capital News

President William Ruto yesterday met with the British High Commissioner to Kenya Neil Wigan and other senior officials to discuss King Charles III’s Royal visit to Kenya slated for next week.

King Charles III and the Queen are set to visit Kenya from October 31 to November 3rd in a historic visit tracing back in 1952 when Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne in the country.

Speaking following the meeting, President Ruto said the visit is a significant opportunity to enhance the collaboration between Kenya and UK in various areas of shared interest.

“Kenya is honoured that King Charles III and Queen Camilla have chosen our country for their first visit to a Commonwealth nation. This choice is testament to the depth of our relations and the mutual benefi-



President Ruto when he met with British High Commissioner Neil Wigan, Oct 23, 2023. / PSCU .

cial nature of our partnership,” President Ruto said.

On October 11, the British High Commission in Nairobi said the visit serves as a “celebration of the enduring and warm relationship between Kenya and the United Kingdom highlighting the strong and dynamic partnership they continue to forge.”

During their visit, the King and Queen will explore Nairobi City County, Mombasa County, and surrounding areas, with a program that reflects the collaborative efforts of Kenya and the United Kingdom.

The visit will focus on areas such as mutual prosperity, climate change mitigation, youth opportunity and

employment promotion, sustainable development, and regional stability.

While in Kenya, their Majesties will meet with President Ruto, the First Lady, and various members of the Kenyan Government, as well as engage with UN staff, CEOs, faith leaders, young people, future leaders, and Kenyan Marines training alongside

UK Royal Marines.

The King will also participate in an event honoring the life and work of the late Nobel Laureate, Professor Wangari Maathai, alongside Wangari’s daughter, Wanjira Mathai.

The visit will underscore the close connections between the British and Kenyan people, particularly in areas such as the creative arts, technology, enterprise, education, and innovation.

Additionally, it will acknowledge the more complex aspects of the shared history of the UK and Kenya, including the period of the Emergency (1952-1960). His Majesty will take the opportunity during the visit to deepen his understanding of the challenges faced by the people of Kenya during this period.

Together, Their Majesties will tour a new museum dedicated to Kenya’s history and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior at Uhuru Gardens, paying their respects to the site of Kenya’s declaration of independence in 1963.

President Ruto To Visit Japan In May Next Year

By: Capital News

President William Ruto is set to embark on an official visit to Japan in the coming year, reciprocating a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to Nairobi in May.

The upcoming visit was confirmed yesterday during a meeting between President Ruto and Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, Ken Okaniwa, at State House Nairobi.

Ambassador Okaniwa delivered a message from Prime Minister Kishida and briefed President Ruto on the forthcoming visit.

President Ruto highlighted the strong historical ties and cooperation between Kenya and Japan, particularly praising Japan’s support for various critical infrastructure projects in Kenya.

He expressed his gratitude for Ja-

pan’s contributions, which have included funding for projects in health, agriculture, education, such as the upgrade of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) laboratory, the construction of the Southern bypass in Mombasa, and the implementation of an intelligent transport system in Mombasa County.

The discussions during Prime Minister Kishida’s visit in May encompassed mutually beneficial commercial and economic partnerships, education, scholarships, and infrastructure development, while also addressing regional peace and security concerns, including the situation in Sudan.



President William Ruto with Japanese ambassador to Kenya Ken Okaniwa, who delivered a message from Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at State House, Nairobi on October 23, 2023. /X.

Public Participation Held Over Governor Kawira’s Impeachment

By: Christine Muchira And Jeff Mwangi

Heavy police presence was witnessed at Meru Show ground in Gitoro within North Imenti constituency as residents gave their views during public participation in all nine sub-counties on the intended second attempt to impeach the Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza.

The residents from five wards namely; Ntima East, Ntima West, Nyaki East, Nyaki West and Municipality wards gave their views, some in support of the governor’s impeachment while others were against.

According to Ntima West Patrick Kathurima Ntururu who was present said public participation is envisaged in the constitution.

The Notice of motion to impeach Governor Kawira was tabled at Meru County Assembly on 17th October 2023 by the leader of Majority Evans Mawira.

MCA Ntururu said all reports by the members of public will be included

in the report which will be compiled by the county assembly technical team Tuesday and that the Impeachment motion will be debated on Wednesday the 25th, October 2023.

He said after debating the impeachment motion at the county assembly, the MCAs will vote either for or against the impeachment. If the governor is impeached, the speaker of the county assembly will have 48 hrs to write to the speaker of the Senate an impeachment report.

MCA Ntururu said after the speaker of the Senate receives the impeachment report, then he will organize for a Senators’ house meeting.

After agreeing whether to debate the report in full house or as a committee of the house the senators will have 10 days to come up with a report adopting the MCAs decision to impeachment or not.

Accusations

While tabling the notice of motion Tuesday 17th October, the Majority leader Evans Mawira outlined 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.



Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza.

Court Orders Review Of Programming Code For Broadcasting Services

By: Sarafina Robi

The High Court has annulled the decision of the Communication Authority that censored six local TV stations for covering opposition demonstrations on the 20th of March this year.

The directive issued on the 22nd of March targeted KBC, TV47, Citizen TV, NTV, K24 and Ebru TV after the then former Communication Authority boss Ezra Chiloba accused the media houses of contravening broadcasting regulations.

“...section 46A (k)of the KICA implores the Authority to ensure compliance with broadcasting regulations and monitor compliance with broadcasting media standards as well as Regulation 19 1 (c) and (d) of KICA Broadcasting regulations, 2009 which require a licensee of broadcasting services to ensure that no broadcast by its stations glorifies violence or depicts violence in an

offensive manner; or is likely to incite, perpetuate hatred, vilify any person or section of the community.” Chiloba had argued while making the decision.

In a ruling by Justice John Chigiti, the court said regulation 19 (a)(b)(c) and (d) of the Kenya Information and Communication (Broadcasting) regulations, 2009 unconstitutionally limits the freedom of expression, media and information in vague and overbroad terms contrary to article 22,34 and 35 of the constitution.

Justice Chigiti further ordered that the programming Code for Broadcasting Services in Kenya ,2019 has expired and is of no legal effect under 46 H (2) (b) of the Kenya Information and Communications Act, 2009 and section 11(1) and (4) of the statutory Instruments Act, 2013 as a result of which clause 10.2.1 of the programming code does not sustain the Communications Authority’s decision.

The court has issued an order compelling the Communication Authority to review the programming code for Broadcasting Services in Kenya, 2019 under section 46H (2)(b) of the Kenya Information and communication Act 2009.



War On Graft, Ignore Ruto's Warning At Your Own Peril



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Worth Noting:

- Kericho county was the sixth county to host the national fete. It had become a tradition during the reign of the old constitution that the capital city of Nairobi hosted the main event to mark all national holidays.
- The president had earlier reiterated the place of state officials stealing hard earned public taxes is in jail.
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President William Ruto .

A few days ago, President William Ruto led the nation in marking this year's 60th Mashujaa day celebration.

In his speech, the head of state once again fired a stern warning to public servants and state officers who were contemplating stealing and looting the taxpayers' money.

He noted that billions of shillings will be allocated to run Universal Health Coverage (UHC) which he had just unveiled.

A huge of these monies will come from your pockets, your monthly contributions.

The national and county governments will also allocate more funds to power this noble initiative.

Some of the officers entrusted to manage these funds might think an opportune time of stealing and lining up their pockets have arisen. This is the time of eating.

My fellow Kenyans, take this from me, I will be hard very on them. It will never happen, Dr Ruto further stated.

For the first time, Kericho county hosted the Mashujaa day celebration which was held at the main Green Stadium in Kericho town.

This was in line with the spirit of furthering the course of the new constitution that was promulgated in 2010.

The decentralization of public resources, programmes and services had stood out as one of its key pillars. This heralded in birth of 47 county governments.

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money. What most of you have done so far is below their expectations.

He spoke as some 8 current and former governors were battling charges of corruption, economic sabotage and abuse of office in court.

This reminded me of what happened in Nigeria when the devolution was introduced. The pioneer county bosses thought that it is time to eat.

Little did they know that then President was a non-nonsense man. He was committed to walk the talk in slaying the dragon of corruption. He left half of them in jail when he retired.

Since he assumed office, President Ruto has remained consistent and focused in these endeavours. He always escalated the matters by calling on the heads of the anti-graft bodies to live up to their oath of office. There are no sacred cows in my government. You have my full support.

Turning to elected leaders, he always reminded them that they were not above the law. You must be accountable to the electorates. If not, you are not worth to be called leaders. They did not elect you to steal their resources.

The President's interventions have been resonating very well with the masses because this signaled a radical departure from Uhuru Kenyatta's presidency.

Uhuru was known for talking tough but without taking any tangible action.

There was a time he said that Sh2 billion was being stolen every day in Kenya but this matter ended there.

The head of public service Felix Koskei announced a few days ago that Ruto administration is in the process of setting an inquiry to look at this matter.

As of now, we cannot tell whether what the former President said is true or not. Koskei further stated that a donor have agreed to fund the inquiry.

Having said this, I want to assure Kenyans that President Ruto is committed to win the war against graft. You can take this to the bank. Koskei, the head of public service spoke at the Bomas of

Kenya where he was hosted by the civil society organizations involved in the fight against.

Back to Uhuru, he had earlier shocked Kenyans when he hosted the heads of anti-graft bodies at State House Nairobi.

Though one would have expected him to take on them for frustrating his administration's efforts to fight mega corruption scandals, he instead appeared helpless as he threw his hands in air. He posed: What do you want me to do? Kenyans interpreted this to mean they were on their own.

President Ruto again took a bold move when he thwarted a plot to steal Sh3.7 billion from the Global Fund earmarked for purchasing and supplying mosquito nets to tens of thousands of downtrodden Kenyans.

He fired the senior officials at the Ministry of Health and Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) who had been adversely mentioned.

He also called for the prosecution of the culprits.

The other day we saw Koskei unveiling a raft of measures aimed at streamlining the water works sector.

At Athi Water Works Development Agency, he announced the cancellation of the contract of the Chief Executive Officer and anti graft bodies to commence investigations against him.

At KFS, President Ruto endorsed the decision of the board to sack and send 29 managers and forest rangers packing. Those culpable should face the law.

At this juncture, allow me to turn to the narrative of Ruto's well known critics. They wanted Kenyans to believe that there was nothing to be proud of. Corruption is rife and President Ruto is just 'watching'. He is doing nothing to reverse the trend.

The top leadership of the opposition Azimio La Umoja-OKA coalition is the leading peddler of these claims.

The coalition is yet to prove these claims despite receiving a strong back-up from a section of the mainstream houses championing their course.

The claims by Azimio leader Raila Odinga and his brigade were mainly politically motivated and geared towards settling political scores. Raila never believed that he can lose elections to Dr Ruto.

This is because he was enjoying the support 'Handshake' partner President Uhuru Kenyatta. This is the first time he enjoyed the backing of the outgoing President.

In yester years, Azimio leader Raila Odinga had carved a niche of being a whistleblower. He had indeed become a household during the reign of President Mwai Kibaki and his successor Uhuru Kenyatta.

He had unearthed and exposed a number of mega corruption scandals.

But one thing remained clear. He would play this role when he was fighting and pushing these governments to succumb to his demands.

Once he had fought his way and occupied his seat at the high table where the national cake is being shared, he always become contented. He would no longer blow the whistle.

We know today he is harboring a major grudge with the current government of President Ruto.

As such, he could have been in forefront of exposing the so called corruption scandals if they ever existed.

He would not dare to do this. Reason? He knew he would end up being embarrassed and ashamed because of peddling outright lies.

But many Kenyans believed those cooking these stories fully enjoyed his blessing.

Reason? This card was helping him to further his political course. By painting him in bad light, he hoped this would make Dr Ruto soften his stance and invite him for talks.

It has dawned on him that Dr Ruto is a hard nut to crack. He cannot succumb to these tricks designed to blackmail and intimidate him.

For now, Raila's latest remarks and body language points to this. He wants to make peace with the President. Has realized this when it is too late?

He has been desperately looking for an opportunity to have one-on-one meeting with President Ruto.

It worth noting. Raila lost the election to Dr Ruto. After being declared the winner by the IEBC chairman, Raila filed a petition at the Supreme Court of Kenya to challenge his victory. He lost the case and the court upheld the Dr Ruto's victory.

Also, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka confirmed this when he spoke in Machakos during the Saba Saba demonstrations. He stated. Our eader Raila Odinga lost but Ruto won with a slight margin of 60,000 votes. This explains why the country is divided in the middle. We therefore call upon Ruto to respond to our calls for dialogue.

With this, President Ruto does not owe Raila any debt.

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PS Gathetha Spearheads Innovative Reforms For Public Servants

Taskforces, Mental Health Programs, Post-Retirement Medical Skill Implementation, and Counseling Desks Transform Kenya's Civil Service

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Worth Noting:

- The Taskforce on Public Sector Reform, under Mr. Gathetha's guidance, has worked diligently to streamline government operations, reduce bureaucracy, and enhance service delivery to citizens.
- In a country grappling with corruption, Mr. Gathetha recognized the urgency of addressing this issue head-on.
- Mr. Amos Gathetha has shown a keen understanding of the mental health challenges faced by public servants.
- Recognizing the need for accessible mental health support and counseling services, Mr. Gathetha has played a pivotal role in establishing counseling desks within Huduma Centres across the nation.
- As a civil servant with over three decades of experience, Mr. Gathetha's legacy in Kenya's civil service is marked by innovation and meaningful change.



Permanent Secretary of Kenya's Civil Service Mr. Amos Gathetha

Mr. Amos Gathetha, the Permanent Secretary of Kenya's Civil Service, has been at the forefront of groundbreaking reforms, bringing about significant changes in the nation's public administration. From pioneering mental health programs for public servants to implementing post-retirement medical skill initiatives and establishing counseling desks in Huduma Centres, Mr. Gathetha's visionary leadership is reshaping the landscape of Kenya's civil service.

Taskforces Paving the Way for Reform

Mr. Amos Gathetha has initiated and led a series of taskforces aimed at enhancing the efficiency, transparency, and overall effectiveness of Kenya's civil service. Notable among these taskforces are:

Taskforce on Public Sector Reform

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livery to citizens. The taskforce's recommendations have led to noticeable improvements in public service, reducing red tape and improving responsiveness.

Taskforce on Corruption Eradication

In a country grappling with corruption, Mr. Gathetha recognized the urgency of addressing this issue head-on. The Taskforce on Corruption Eradication, led by him, has been instrumental in rooting out corrupt practices within the civil service. This has resulted in a significant reduction in corruption and a renewed sense of integrity among civil servants.

Promoting Mental Health for Public Servants

Mr. Amos Gathetha has shown a keen understanding of the mental health challenges faced by public servants. To address this pressing issue, he introduced innovative mental health programs within government agencies. These programs provide mental health support, counseling,

and resources to public servants, recognizing the importance of their well-being in delivering effective public service.

Post-Retirement Medical Skill Implementation

Mr. Gathetha's forward-thinking approach extends to public servants' post-retirement phase. He has championed the implementation of post-retirement medical skill programs, ensuring that retired civil servants can continue to contribute their skills and expertise to the healthcare system. This initiative not only benefits retirees but also strengthens the country's healthcare sector.

Counseling Desks in Huduma Centres

Recognizing the need for accessible mental health support and counseling services, Mr. Gathetha has played a pivotal role in establishing counseling desks within Huduma Centres across the nation. This move ensures that citizens can access vital mental health resources conveniently and

without stigma.

Challenges and Future Endeavors

Mr. Amos Gathetha's path to reform has not been without obstacles. He has faced resistance from vested interests and encountered the complexities of battling corruption. Nonetheless, his unwavering commitment to the greater good and his vision for a responsive and efficient civil service continue to drive progress.

As a civil servant with over three decades of experience, Mr. Gathetha's legacy in Kenya's civil service is marked by innovation and meaningful change. Looking ahead, he remains dedicated to further reforms and is exploring new avenues to transform Kenya's public administration. His exemplary leadership and visionary initiatives serve as an inspiration, not only to civil servants but to the entire nation, as Kenya works towards a brighter and more efficient future in public service.

Who Mandated The Central Rift Water Works Development Agencies To Operate In The Lake Region

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The Senate committee on county public investment and special funds led by vihiga senator Godfrey Osotsi has questioned the Board of management at Lake Victoria South Water Works development Agencies on issues of audit queries and handing over of projects to more than 8 counties that the water agency is currently supplying water

While addressing the Committee Chrispine Juma CEO of the lake region water agency highlighted on the issue of whether the Central Rift water works development agencies are obligated to perform task at the lake region,a matter that has brought confusion on their mandate within the region.

The Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency, is one of the nine Water Works Development Agencies, established in the new Water Act 2016. The Agency is

currently under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation,covering 8 counties of Bomet, Homa Bay, Kericho, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, Nyamira and Siaya.

“Am concerned with the matter where like in our case the Central Rift Water Works development Agencies is implementing projects in our area of jurisdiction of which we don’t have any mandate and oversight on”Stated CEO Chrispine .O. Juma

On the other hand Kisumu senator Prof Tom Ojienda questioned on issues of county owning the water projects done by the agencies and the transfer of assets to the county water companies when handing over is being partaken.

According to the Chair Cavince Odoyo from Lake Victoria South Water Works development Agencies, the Agency since 2019 was covering an area of jurisdiction with about 8.8million people and has enough water to supply UpTo 2030.

However the committee chair senator Osotsi has commended the agency on its mode of organization



At the center is CEO Lake Victoria South Water Works development Agencies Mr Chrispine Juma and on the Right is Chairperson Cavince Odoyo

and advice on matters handing over that’s it’s prudent for counties to take charge on the water projects done by the ministry so that moneies acquired through the water tarrif can have value on paying debts .

“When doing handing over kindly ensure that it’s done properly so that counties can own the projects so that we can get value for money that mostly is usually acquired on loan “ Said Senator Osotsi.

Waithera’s Relentless Service To Nairobians Pays Off

By: John Kariuki
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South B Member of County assembly of Nairobi Waithera Chege has always stood firm and has been the voice of the voiceless and the down-trodden.

After all that sweat and effort, on Monday morning Waithera was all smiles after being encrowned as the Leader of the Minority in the county assembly of Nairobi.

From our desk here at Mt Kenya Times, here is what we wish Waithera Chege: We take this Honourous opportunity to wish her good health of body mind and soul, God’s immeasurable blessings and prosperity beyond fathomable limits.

Waithera noted,

“This is a new dawn for the UDA party in the Assembly. I am so much delighted by this opportunity to serve.

I am grateful to the almighty God for this opportunity.

I also thank the entire UDA Party led by H.E. the President William Samoei Ruto, for trusting in my leadership.

I also thank my colleagues in the Minority Party in the Assembly for believing in me

It is also a new high for women leadership in Kenya. Truly, going by the list from the Party, UDA and the Kenya Kwanza leadership believe in women empowerment.

I promise not to let down our members. I will work with everyone including those who have just been replaced. I believe in unity of purpose. We must restore confidence in the leadership of the party in the Assembly.

The next stage is for the Hon. Speaker to communicate to the Assembly of these changes. This is a straight forward matter. I know we are on recess now but our Standing Orders allow for advance communication of messages pending resumption.

I will be issuing further communication as we progress.”



South B MCA Waithera Chege.

Mad Girl



By David Jomo

My girl is insane
She does not think well
When she sees me from a mile
She wears a sweet smile
Flirting with her delicious lips
And condense her dimples
That she looks like an angel,
Reciting glory

She then runs fast
My dear is faster than a deer
With arms aside
As wings of a descending eagle
She meets me on the way
I say my girl is mad
Totally out of her mind
She then jumps on my shoulder
Like a lion pouncing it's prey
Her eyes looking up
With small giggles in her mouth
Happy one
She then sways on me
Like a possessed monkey
She does not care
That she might fall down
So I hold her tight
Fearing she might hurt
Cause I know she is just mad.
Mad in love,
And I got her heart .

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Quest Or...



Today I went to the market with some necessary work. Mainly, I noticed that there are more donation boxes in crowded places and they are placed in more places than before. Different names of mosques were written on each of them. Help this mosque for reward. Due to the large number of people, people even stood in line for the boxes placed for the construction and repair of the mosque. Then I thought, would people have been so generous if these boxes had been placed for something else, not for the construction or repair of the mosque? For example,

For the construction of spacious and comfortable schools for their children.that did not spend money on building schools in time will have to spend that money on building prisons." It follows from this that the citizens of the country, which we consider to be representatives of that other religion and send our children to study, have already understood how much role the school plays in their child's life. Realizing this, it would be more appropriate if we could allocate funds to build schools and control my child's studies and behavior without saying that he doesn't need a school and won't study anyway...
After all, it is a duty for parents.

Rakhmiddinova Madina Mansurovna Born in Surkhandarya region in 2007. Currently 11th grade student of the 3-specialized school in Angor district of Surkhandarya region.

Portuguese Language Controversy



By: Paula Otukile
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I'd like to take this opportunity to say that I still don't know how to speak Portuguese, and I don't know when I'll learn.

I'm from an area where the Portuguese language has had to wear other guises, I mean, it's had to cohabit with another language, it found another language in the throats of the tired old men and women who rested their bodies in the first musseques of Luanda, one that they could say everything, absolutely everything!

I remember my grandmother saying to me that she didn't like speaking Portuguese because it wasn't a language that would give her the freedom to say everything.

I also remember when she got a

small piece of land and the settlers came and asked her who had given her the land, my grandmother said she wanted to answer, but the language wouldn't allow her, so she spoke what she remembered in Portuguese, the strange thing was that some people understood her, but she said that those weren't the words she wanted, but she didn't know that she was being understood, and she said that later she began to speak a scratchy Portuguese mixed with Kimbundu, she didn't even realise at the time that later on a linguistic offspring would be born, which today feeds the neo-musseiros, however, I want to say that my grandmother wasn't the only one who was giving life to another way of speaking Portuguese. Not even the Portuguese knew that a new way of communicating would be born.

When I arrived in the world, I found a different way of speaking Portuguese, in fact, it's a linguistic heritage! In the short time that I've been in this world, I remember that my grandmother spoke to me in various ways.

At no time have I thought that Por-

tuguese on its own in the Musseques doesn't exist. I think that those of us who were born after my grandmother and my mother also have many ways of communicating: my grandmother would say something in Kimbundu and then add a bit of Portuguese at the end.

So, without many realising it, the Portuguese language in the place where I live is not 100%, we had a need to be understood, and we ended up using everything that is a mechanism to be understood, with this text, I present here my boldness and warn that the Portuguese language in the place where I live is not 100%, I still think that my grandmother wanted to say that our mother tongue is our national languages and the linguistic variations are the father, but they didn't realise that another language would emerge that would be the stepfather, today, we neo-musseiros are the stepchildren of the Portuguese language.

That's why I say, I still can't speak Portuguese.



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Unlocking Opportunities For Print Service Providers In The Booming African Print Decor Market



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Worth Noting:

- Canon has been active in the decor segment for many years, with a range of wide format production solutions, specialist software and media, and extensive expertise in interior print applications. With such a plethora of vibrant printed decor applications available and the market projecting continued growth, it's a great time for print businesses to dive into this expanding market and show customers just how effective print can be.
- Printed decor plays a pivotal role in the hospitality sector, contributing to branding, ambiance creation, and enhancing the overall guest experience. A similar trend extends to the workplace, where employers are increasingly turning to digitally printed decor elements to create more attractive and inspiring environments for their employees.



interior decor

In recent years, Africa's interior decor industry has witnessed a remarkable surge in the demand for printed decor solutions, a trend that shows no signs of slowing down.

With the African printing industry projected to reach a staggering value of US\$235.3 million by the end of 2031, the timing couldn't be better.

The market remains vibrant and promising, offering lucrative growth prospects for print service providers (PSPs) across various sectors of interior decor, including wallcoverings, fine art prints, and applications in both residential and commercial settings. According to Big Picture Magazine and Keypoint Intelligence's 2022 'Application and Utilization Survey', interior decor and wall coverings were among the top five most profitable applications for PSPs in the current market landscape.

Enhancing Consumer Experiences

This flourishing trend is driven by a confluence of factors tailored to meet evolving consumer habits in Africa. The surge in e-commerce popularity has compelled global retailers to focus on delivering seamless online and in-store shopping experiences. Simultaneously, the importance of enhancing the aesthetic appeal of

retail spaces and creating immersive customer experiences has soared. From wayfinding and point-of-sale solutions to floor and display graphics, retail decor is evolving rapidly. Brands are increasingly employing colourful signage and banners to support seasonal celebrations and events, aiming to draw customers back into physical stores.

The rise of pop-up shops and markets presents new opportunities for PSPs to provide turnkey print-based solutions that empower small businesses to create a captivating brand identity and engage in effective guerrilla marketing strategies.

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Printed Decor in Hospitality and Workplaces

Printed decor plays a pivotal role in the hospitality sector, contributing to

branding, ambiance creation, and enhancing the overall guest experience. A similar trend extends to the workplace, where employers are increasingly turning to digitally printed decor elements to create more attractive and inspiring environments for their employees. This strategy is designed to entice staff back into the office, marking one of several approaches taken by organisations to adapt to evolving work dynamics.

Africa's Dynamic Print Decor Market

However, thriving in the African printed decor market demands adaptability. The market is dynamic, and characterized by ever-changing design and fashion trends, meaning that décor service providers must remain agile, responsive, and adaptable to remain competitive.

Moreover, adopting a consultative mindset is critical for PSPs. They must proactively engage with prospective customers, presenting them with creative solutions and showcasing the myriad of available options. This involves inspiring clients with achievable ideas on how to refresh their spaces and explaining the practical and cost advantages of print-on-demand over traditional decorating

and renovation methods.

PSPs can further inspire clients by going beyond printing customer designs and providing them with creative interior décor content ideas. This collaborative approach opens up opportunities for partner artists, photographers, and designers to showcase their work through an expanded network of online marketplaces.

The New World of AI in Design

The emergence of generative AI presents an exciting opportunity for PSPs to create and inspire by bringing new visual concepts to life. Whether starting from scratch or updating previous images and concepts, generative AI can facilitate innovative design processes with relative ease.

With an array of vibrant printed decor applications available and the market poised for continued growth, this is an opportune moment for print businesses in Africa to immerse themselves in this expanding market and demonstrate to customers the remarkable effectiveness of print in transforming living and working spaces.

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Zainab Mustafa's Wish To Connect With The Whole World Through Literature



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Worth Noting:

- I am Zainab Mustafa. Writing makes me feel alive. I was inspired by one of my teachers and I discovered my passion for writing. Since 7th grade I started penning down my feelings into words.
- I am an internationally recognised writer, founder of Soul Words Publication, author of a solo book Soul Words, compiler of 7+ plus national and international anthologies, co-author in more than 100 Anthologies, position holder in international writing contests, and open Mics Literary Lieutenant in story Mirror community, published/featured writer in international and national magazine and newspapers.



This is a touching story of a writer who won't stop at nothing to achieve her dream. Knowing Zainab Mustafa and having worked with her is a blessing. This is because she never fails to inspire anyone who comes in contact with her.

Please tell us your name and how your journey started as a writer?

I am Zainab Mustafa. Writing makes me feel alive. I was inspired by one of my teachers and I discovered my passion for writing. Since 7th grade I started penning down my feelings into words. For me writing is not just putting different words on a piece of paper. Writing is a way of escaping my worries and cares. It works as medicine when I am facing a problem. Pen and paper are also my best friends when I feel happiness through my bones. I kept writing until the pen

became an extension of my arm. I want my writing to matter one day. I want people to know me. I want people to read my work and connect with it.

"Consistency in anything leads everyone to success" is my motto and I have an aim in life.

Have you won any major accolades for yourself in writing? Are you a published poet?

Yes I am an internationally recognised writer, founder of Soul Words Publication, author of a solo book Soul Words, compiler of 7+ plus national and international anthologies, co-author in more than 100 Anthologies, position holder in international writing contests, and open Mics Literary Lieutenant in story Mirror community, published/featured writer in international and

national magazine and newspapers. In addition, to being an author in an upcoming research paper.

Who is your inspiration?

My inspiration is one of my school teacher Ms Maryam JK, a well-known writer, who awakened the writer within me and gave me the opportunity to progress as a writer.

Where do you see yourself in the near future?

In the near future, I aspire to achieve greater recognition and connecting with a wider readership. I will be making a significant impact in the literary world while continuing to share my work and passion on my social media platform.

What problems have you faced as a writer?

As a writer, I've encountered several challenges on my journey. One of the biggest hurdles is writer's block, where ideas seem elusive. Self-doubt and imposter syndrome can also creep in, making it hard to believe in the value of my work. Additionally, finding the right balance between creativity and discipline is an ongoing struggle. Rejection and criticism can be tough to handle, but they are part of the process. Overall, the journey of a writer is a constant battle against self-doubt and external obstacles, but it's also incredibly rewarding.

Share with us one of your best writing piece?

LIFE IS A TRAIN NOT A STATION

15th of the 5th month in the year 2002, a train took off of its platform for its first ever journey. Little did the captains knew, it was going to be one of the most exciting travels. It was an ordinary day, like the day before it and like the day that would come after. Not a drop different, the sun was rising as usual and the birds welcomed the daylight as usual; normal for all except the couple that welcomed their first born: a daughter. They held her as she started her journey wailing, terrified of all the destinations the train of her life would come across, eager to conquer each one of them, with the tiny breaths that the tiny soul took. As the day began, so did her life with a terrible sense of humor. It seemed like the train that had taken off just a few hours earlier, had already arrived to its first stop. The baby had Microphthalmia. I believe the weather got foggy after that, as none of the doctors could determine whether the girl would ever be able to see or not, living with the disability.

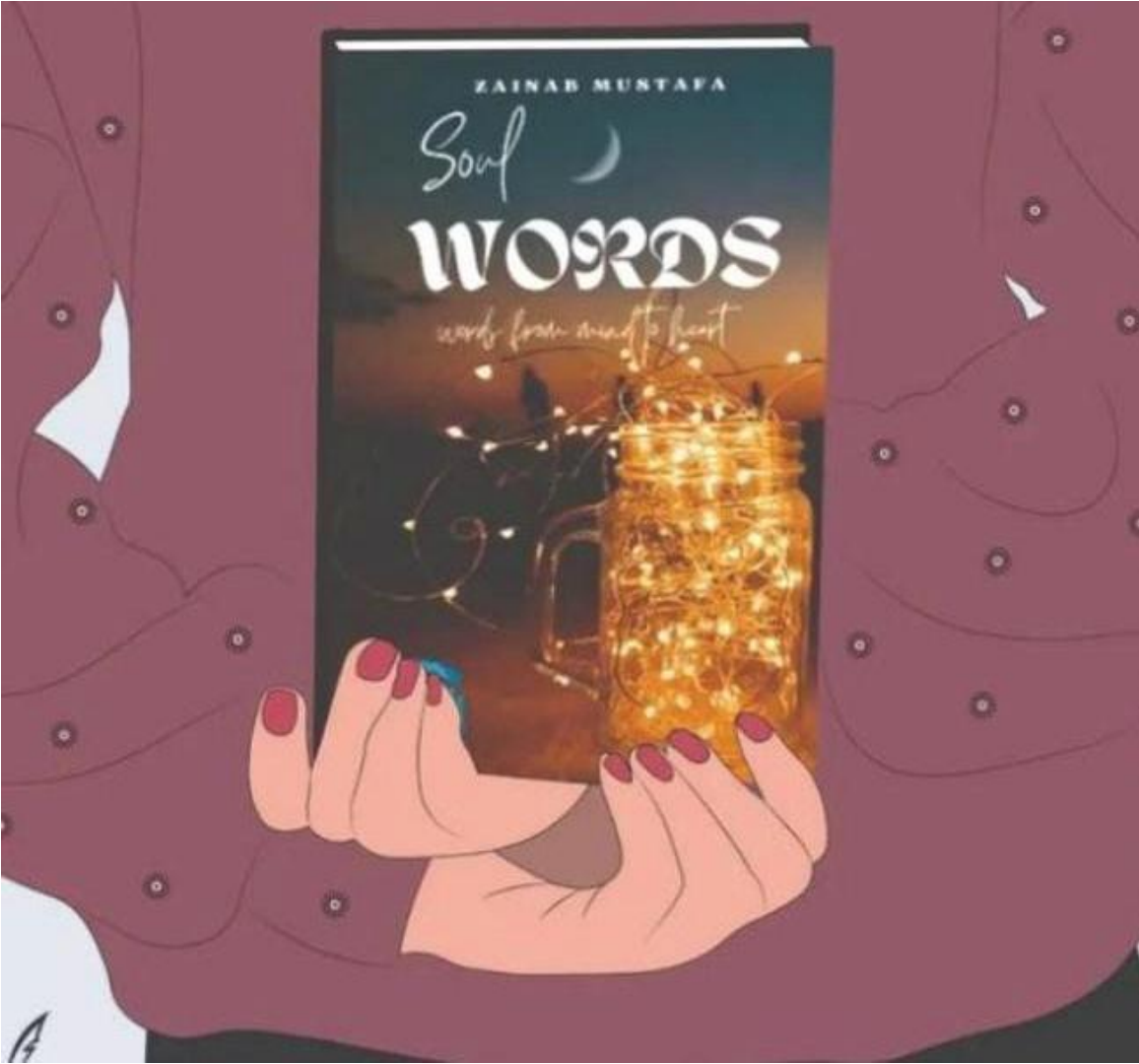
By nothing less than a miracle, the journey had resumed. The girl was now three years old and at the threshold of another stop in her trip. She had to start her education. Her parents were disheartened when specialists and consultants suggested the school for the blind. Ironically the same day, she started wearing thick glasses for her aid. After deeper consideration the parents gave her a chance at a

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Worth Noting:

- I guess it is true that the closing of a window, or a track, is the opening of a door or a new route because her dreams were now her reality as she entered a new place. Now she dreamed new dreams, with determination that one day, with enough efforts she would witness them come to life.
- There is a theatrical beauty in train journeys. Sometimes when you look out of the windows you see clear hills and cheerful valleys; while sometimes you sit amicably still in the turbulence, watching storms raging outside. You have no choice but to accept the uncertainty, will the storm ever end? You never know but you can do nothing but hope.



regular school with children, who all in some way were not all like her, but all were trying to maintain their speed in crossing this platform. All their parents wanted them to live a regular life and yet still stand out in their individual journeys. Her parents and teachers held her hand at each of her wobbly steps, and even though she tripped sometimes, she found the right track eventually.

She dreamed of attending the same school as her sibling. And with that dream another stop had revealed itself in not a very good manner, her school had refused to let her continue with them in third grade. With their heads still held high and full of optimism, the parents applied to her siblings' school even after receiving red flags for their decisions in relevance to her performance not being able to match her peers.

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I hope you understand I'm talking about life, specifically the life of our young dreamer. In a crowd, she always stood out because of her different eyes. Which meant dealing with questions and an unsurpassable urge of not being noticed. Her self-esteem crumbled at moments, but she held herself through the cracks. You see, You see, when a sword is broken and mended, it becomes stronger at the mended points. She never let any of her weaknesses define her. Passing through storms do make you clean, and she did appear on the other side brighter and tougher with the ability to withstand the violence of storms.

When you look out of a window, you see your own reflection. At times it is blurry, but eventually you do see yourself, all of the

grooves and crevices and curves and plains of your face. Exactly like that, one day.

Our dreamer saw herself, in words and sentences, in prose and poetry. Where pain was beauty and ideas were freedom. She wanted to write stories of sceneries she had yet to see.

She did great things. Crossed stations that navigators had tagged impossible. Achieved everything doctors said she couldn't. Of course she would, there is a defiance in being a dreamer and she promised herself she would do greater.

As she traveled further, her journey took steeper turns. She decided at once she would memorize AL QURAN MAJEED. Immortalizing her soul with the reverence of the holy text. It was an arduous journey in itself, but it was a journey to the stars. Every step was rougher than the last, but whenever she wavered the shine of the stars gave her strength to always move forward. To everyone's bewilderment, she completed her goal in one year. Now she dwelt among the stars that once gave her hope.

The girl completed college, consistently outperforming her peers and

earning top honors. She overcame numerous obstacles and hardships but never gave up.

She is an authentic writer, and an author who has had her work published in books, magazines, and newspapers on a national and international scale.

Her goal is to earn a degree in English. She attended university, but there are still roadblocks in her path. Despite this, she is unstoppable in her pursuit of her goals. She would like to be a doctor with her name being attached to a PhD.

Destinations and stops along the way are fleeting. Despite her desire to continue basking in the glow of her success, she had decisions to make. She needed to go further, to establish a career. Unsurprisingly, it was difficult, few things in this life are not. Failure and rejection are unavoidable. The difference, however, is in the aftermath, in how determined you are to achieve your goals. Are we even mildly surprised that our dreamer has succeeded yet again despite criticism?

Changing paths is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength, that you trust yourself enough to go where your heart desires. Even when the young girl's vision of dreams changed, her clarity of believing in them did not. I have said this before, life has a terrible sense of humor.

It's ironic that she couldn't physically see what was in front of her eyes without help, but in life she could see miles ahead; further than anyone her age could imagine. Life will continue to take her to too many stations, some of which she will want to live forever but knows she cannot. When everything around her is falling apart, the only thing holding her together is the hope that it will pass. It is often said that the only thing stronger than fear is hope. The only things that keep us going on this terrible lonely journey called life.

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Any word of advice to others who would want to venture into the world of writing

If you're considering entering the world of writing, I'd say embrace your unique voice, read widely, write regularly, and don't be discouraged by rejection. It's a journey of self-discovery and persistence.

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The Teacher’s Name Is Great, She/He Is A Great Person

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Worth Noting:

- Through the knowledge given by my teachers at school, I entered Karakalpak State University named after Berdak in 2020. The study began, when we were still able to understand the terms “lecture”, “bed”, “cafedra” and similar terms. One day, both groups had a lesson in a large auditorium.
- For us, Shinar was the teacher’s lessons. As soon as they entered, everyone fell silent. Our teacher, who looks strict, is actually very kind and sincere. They always tell interesting information during the lesson. Because the lesson process was so interesting, the lesson seemed to pass in a flash. Be it related to the topic or off topic, they always give us useful information. By asking questions during the lesson, all students can be involved in the lesson.



Zamira Kamoladdinova and her teacher

Teacher! This word is really a great word. When we hear his name, the first thing that comes to our eyes is the person who first taught us how to write by holding our hands and introduced us to letters.

Paying special attention to the education of children and the development of the young generation into mature human beings is one of the noble qualities of our nation. There are many auspicious interpretations of them in our people. “Teacher is as great as your father”, “Teacher is a rock, student is water” and so on. Even in our holy religion, respect for teachers and coaches is incomparable. The career of teaching, coaching and mentoring is a great honor. After all, the prophets, who are among the greatest representatives of mankind, were sent as teachers and mentors. It is difficult to imagine our life without them. As the sun illuminates the world with its rays, they are beacons that illuminate our ways of life through knowledge. The following verses of Hazrat Abdurahman Jami can be a clear example of our words: Time without a teacher, The world would be black with darkness.

The meaning of the word “teacher” means “giver of knowledge, teacher, teacher”. In our country, a lot of work

is being done to pay respect to them, honor them, and provide them with social support.

My mentor, Shinar Kadyrbaevna Matzhanova, whom I admired from the first time I saw them. Before my teacher started working in this field, they had to go through a long difficult path. 2001-2002 - laboratory assistant at Oltinsoy farm, Beruni district, student at Karakalpak State University between 2002-2006, 2006-2007 geography teacher at secondary school No. 4 of Beruni district, Karakalpak in 2008 2nd-level specialist of the State Committee on Nature Protection of the Republic of Estonia, State Inspection Specialized in Analytical Control of the Republic, in 2007-2009, a master’s student at Karakalpak State University, in 2009-2017 at Nukus Academic Lyceum No. 3 under Karakalpak State University. “Kamolot” youth social movement leader, teacher of geography, in 2017-2020 educator and pedagogue of student residence number 1 at Karakalpak State University named after Berdak and from 2020 Karakalpak State University Faculty of Geography and Natural Resources, Geodesy, Cartography and are working as a teacher-trainee at the department of natural resources. Until now, he has been engaged in a number of

scientific works, and his scientific works have been published in international journals in English and Russian. Teaching and coaching are ingrained in their blood. I think that the fact that they were born into a family of intellectuals was one of the motivations for them to become teachers.

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In conclusion, Sister Shinar is one of the most perfect women I have ever met. I was always amazed by his knowledge, behavior and behavior. A teacher’s enthusiasm can be com-

pared to a burning candle. It lights up and spreads light around. Others will enjoy this light. For this reason, every person, regardless of age, position, and level, always bows before the teacher-coach who taught him.

As Hazrat Navoi said, no amount of wealth or treasure can measure the hard work of the teachers who taught us the truth with a thousand hardships. Their work is incomparable and Benazir. Since 1997, by the decree of the first president of our country, I. A. Karimov, October 1 has been widely celebrated as “Teachers and Trainers’ Day” and is a clear proof of our country’s respect for them. The head of our country gave the following definition about them: “If the greatest of the world’s buildings is a school, then the most honorable of the professions is teaching and coaching.” That’s why we always honor them.

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Sports >> *Anthony Joshua says his fight with Deontay Wilder could be part of a sensational double bill with Tyson Fury's bout against Oleksandr Usyk.

Fury v Usyk and Anthony Joshua v Wilder could become double bill in April



Anthony Joshua floors his opponent in a past match

Anthony Joshua says his fight with Deontay Wilder could be part of a sensational double bill with Tyson Fury's bout against Oleksandr Usyk.

Champions Fury and Usyk agreed a deal in October for a historic undisputed heavyweight fight, set to take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"They want to put Usyk-Fury, Joshua-Wilder on the same night. That might not happen until April," Joshua told BBC Sport and other outlets on the sidelines at the US Grand Prix in Austin, Texas on Sunday.

Former two-time world heavyweight champion Joshua has been heavily linked with a fight against hard-hitting American Wilder, with his promoter Eddie Hearn previously saying "we've agreed the money, we've agreed everything".

But that fight fell through and no contracts were ever signed between the two parties.

Fury, 35, must first come through uninjured in a non-title bout against MMA star Francis Ngannou on Saturday in Riyadh. "When Fury gets through Ngannou, it is going to be late Octo-

ber, early November, so I doubt he will now prepare for Usyk and fight in December, it's too short," said Joshua.

"So the next window will probably be in March-April, so that's probably when the undisputed fight will potentially happen.

"Then obviously what we are being told is they want to make it a mega card and they like the sound of Joshua v Wilder on the same card as well."

Briton Fury is the WBC champion and Ukraine's Usyk, 36, holds the WBA, WBO and IBF titles.

The winner will be crowned the first undisputed heavyweight champion in the four-belt era.

Fury has won 33 fights with one draw since turning professional in 2008, while Usyk – who has won all 21 professional bouts – defended his titles against Londoner Daniel Dubois in August.

"The heavyweights always spark the imagination of the fans, and I have no doubt this will be the biggest boxing event of the century," Fury's promoter Frank Warren said in September when the fight was announced, with an intended date of 23 December.

The four fighters have, along with the retired Wladimir Klitschko, dominated heavyweight boxing for the past 15 years and their careers are intertwined.

Fury won his first world title after dethroning Klitschko in 2015, before taking a hiatus from the sport.

After well-documented issues with mental health, he returned more than two and a half years later. He contested a trilogy with Wilder and, having drawn the first fight, beat the American in 2020 to become WBC champion. Fury won the third fight with hard-hitting Wilder and has since defended his belt against Britons Dillian Whyte and Derek Chisora.

Usyk is one of the most decorated fighters in world boxing. The London 2012 Olympic gold medallist became undisputed world champion before dethroning Briton Joshua in 2021.

Joshua has picked up two victories this year, over Jermaine Franklin and Robert Helenius, following consecutive defeats by Usyk as his previously dominant career hit a roadblock.

In a phenomenal rise to stardom,

2012 Olympic gold medallist Joshua became world champion in his 16th fight, knocked out his first 20 opponents and unified the division in his 21st outing.

Between those events, he defeated Klitschko in 2017 in the Ukrainian's final bout in one of the greatest fights of all time.

Wilder, who turned 38 on Sunday, held the WBC heavyweight title from 2015 to 2020, making 10 successful defences.

He has only fought once since the second of his two losses to Fury, in October 2021, beating Helenius in the first round a year ago.

Joshua said he plans to fight in December "in London, probably [at] the O2 or Wembley Arena" against an unnamed opponent, before taking on Wilder.

"For an event, that's good [the potential double bill], but for a career, I've got to stay busy," the 34-year-old said. "So in terms of opponent, we have to find the right opponent. I'm switching trainers. I am following my process."

Joshua later clarified that he meant "switching" to different working styles with different trainers before he goes into full training camp, rather than switching to a new trainer.

He added: "I remember when they said they didn't want me to fight this year. They were like, don't fight this year, we're going to do the Usyk-Fury fight. Imagine like I fought twice this year already, I would have had a stagnant year again."

"So I am just following my process, I am not listening to all the noise about Wilder and these guys. When the opportunity comes, we will be ready, because I will have trusted where I'm going and it will have led me to the fight, but I am not waiting around for big opportunities."

-By BBC Sports

GET THE BEST OF WORLD

Sports >>> *Marc Guiu scored the winner 33 seconds into his senior debut to give Barcelona a 1-0 home win over Athletic Bilbao.

Teenage star Guiu nets winner 33 seconds into Barcelona debut



Marc Guiu celebrates his winning goal for Barcelona. PHOTO/Barca/Twitter

Marc Guiu scored the winner 33 seconds into his senior debut to give Barcelona a 1-0 home win over Athletic Bilbao.

The 17-year-old Spanish forward came on for fellow youngster Fermin Lopez in the 79th minute and struck almost immediately.

It means he has scored his first league goal for Barcelona quicker than any other player in the club's history.

Victory took third-placed Barca back within a point of leaders Real Madrid, who they face next Saturday.

Barcelona manager Xavi said: "I

told him he would have one good chance. I love seeing the face of these kids. They have no fear."

Earlier on Sunday, Girona won 5-2 at home to Almeria to go level with Real, who drew 1-1 at Sevilla on Saturday.

Guiu was added to Barca's senior squad as coach Xavi has several players out through injury, including Robert Lewandowski and Frenkie de Jong.

A Joao Felix shot clipped the top of the crossbar from a Ferran Torres cut-back in the first half while Nico Williams had a shot saved by home goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter

Stegen.

Just before the hour mark, visiting keeper Unai Simon saved Felix's low striker before denying Lopez from the rebound.

Then 16-year-old winger Lamine Yamal, who became the youngest scorer in La Liga history earlier this month, dragged a shot wide before fellow substitute Guiu slotted the ball past Simon after being played in by Felix.

Guiu joined Barcelona's youth academy, more commonly known as La Masia, in 2013.

With Argentina superstar Lionel Messi its most famous product,

La Masia's other graduates include current Barca coach Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Carles Puyol, along with Gerard Pique, Sergio Busquets and Jordi Alba.

Cesc Fabregas left La Masia at 16 to join Arsenal, while Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola is another notable member of La Masia alumni.

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A Tourism Dining And Entertainment Experience With Boma



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Worth Noting:

- To be brutally honest, tourists should put their mouth where their benjamins are. On a par with wining and dining, the restaurant will be abuzz with adept cordon bleus and waiters who are down for whatever the guests deem necessary.
- Crying wolf and wagging your tongue about being famished will go through the window once you set foot inside this joint. In the aftermath of an eating spree, tourists will have to put on their dancing shoes.
- Thus, the conspiracy behind dancing after eating only reconnoiters on burning those calories. With all due respect, our tourism operations are always focusing on breaking new ground considering the fact that this show is a potent game changer.



The Boma in Zimbabwe.

The last time I checked on reputable restaurants, the Boma's four-course dinner buffet topped the charts as it manages to amass numerous tourists to its humble abode.

Hope keeps on mushrooming on this dining and entertainment experience which has proven to be a remarkable package in Victoria Falls.

Truth is that, a bucket list of mouth watering meals are on offer for the Boma does bode well with epicure tourists.

Tourism operators are on the prowl and showcasing their expertise on culinary arts is a foregone conclusion. Don't let any spoilsport tell you otherwise because we are all suckers for an appetizing ambrosia.

Our visitors rarely lodge a complaint against the restaurant's service quality because impeccability is

the Boma's second name. Booking a table gets even better when we hold the Carnival and the Marathon, that is why customers from all walks of life continue to take a bow for this food outlet.

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respect, our tourism operations are always focusing on breaking new ground considering the fact that this show is a potent game changer. The Boma does not stop at this but goes on to market our traditional music and dance moves to a multitude of tourists on a daily basis.

In short, the afrocentric Dinner and Drum Show alias Boman karaoke gives leverage to this niche of tourism. The beauty of music is that it cuts across every race so you might as well end up stomping the dance-floor with your footwork.

What say you to such an exciting past time? Tourists can also drink the night away by quenching their thirst with the Dawa cocktail. Naturally, this medicinal beverage is garnering support from visitors who have tried and tasted it.

For what it's worth, Dawa is an infusion of vodka, cinnamon, honey and ice to boot. Furthermore it's somewhat mystical to say that as part of the itinerary the same place boasts of Luke Mhlanga a fortune teller who is on a mission to predict your future.

He is an alumni of a traditional initiation school therefore throwing the bones for a living is his calling.

The icing to the cake, we can all attest that Victoria Falls continues to raise the hotel and catering flag high. No tourist or visitor of ours will get away that easily without ordering some relish from the menu. Come out of your shell and make a date with us.