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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

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Kikuyu Men's Conference In Murang'a Seeks To Restore Identity

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Worth Noting:

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Maina Njega in godfather cap addressing masses at Kimorori Ground on Saturday 7th October 2023. inset right Dr. Thuo Mathenge in traditional regalia, L-R: Maina Njega and Dr. Thuo Mathenge eft Maina Njega

The Mountain Region or Central Kenya to be precise, is not just a bedrock of Kenya's rich heritage and history, but it's also iconic for a people who since antiquity maintained their identity, culture and values.

Until recently, the rain started beating the people with a myriad of challenges right in front of them – ranging from historical injustices, alcoholism, inequality,

marginalisation just to mention but a few. In light of this a section of leaders from the Mountain Region led by Dr. Thuo Mathenge popularly known as Wanguku have taken the responsibility upon themselves to see to it that some of these pertinent challenges are addressed.

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Mr. Maina Njega called for swift action to address land injustices which date back to early times.

Citing the case of the Delmonte land, Mr Maina Njega said it's the high time the issue of land allocation to those who

were rendered homeless is expedited. "The late PMG Njuguna wa Ruthi had a bright idea of pursuing justice for the voiceless. He relentlessly fought for the squatters who for now have nowhere to call home ever since they were evicted from their homes."

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Kericho County Governor Dr. Eric Mutai confirmed 1,132 Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers into permanent and pensionable terms across 30 wards. The scheme of service, which includes certificates, diplomas, and degrees, has been implemented in full compliance with Salaries and Remuneration Commission regulations. The county government has also created 65 additional teaching positions on contract terms to ensure competent and professional teachers for Pre-Primary pupils.



Former Presidential contender Prof. George Wajackoya attended the Watanashati festival in Meru, Kenya, where he called for reconciliation as a virtue of uniting the country. Roots Party leader Wajackoya emphasized that Kenya is one and that everyone should feel comfortable visiting any part of the country without fear. He thanked President Dr. William Ruto for advancing this ideology.



In Kamahuha Ward of Murang'a County, nine sons and daughters have been buried with all their ambitions in the last ten months, with seven males and two females aged between 12 and 29 years old. KNA visited the bereaved families to understand what caused their loved ones to commit suicide and how they are coping with life after their kin's sudden demise. Joseph Murigi Njogu, the last-born son, was laid to rest on August 23, 2023, after committing suicide a week earlier. His mother, Margaret Wanjiku, narrates the events leading to his death, stating that his family only realised something was amiss in July when reports of him being arrested and detained at the Saba Saba Police Station. The family alleges that no charges were pressed against him but were asked to part with Sh30,000, which they raised half and the balance to be paid days later. The 29-year-old Mount Kenya University Bachelor of Business Management Banking and Finance graduate was released on Thursday evening and went to his rented house in Kaharati to attend an interview in Nyeri. He committed suicide using a sisal rope.



The Rotary Club Kitengela has donated sanitary towels to Standard eight and Grade six girls at G.K Prison Primary School in Kitengela, aiming to help them concentrate on revision for national examinations. The club plans to extend the same gesture to girls in Noonkopir and Dr. Likimani Primary Schools.



The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has praised stakeholders for their good working relations, leading to a transformation in port operations and improved service delivery. KPA Managing Director, Capt. William Ruto, cited landmark resolutions passed during port community meetings over the past 20 years to improve operations and meet customer demands for efficiency. Ruto emphasised the importance of modernising port infrastructure and automating processes to improve efficiency and reduce turnaround times. KPA is committed to embracing full automation and digitalization and is working with other partner government agencies and the entire Mombasa Port and Northern Corridor Community to ensure efficient service delivery at the Port of Mombasa and other port facilities. Maersk Line MD, Carl Lorenz, commended KPA for its continued improvement of port operations and safety. CMA CGM, Managing Director East Africa Cluster, expressed confidence in KPA's leadership and the need for partnership to improve export volumes.



Kegoosho women in Kiekonyokie, Kajiado West, have grown cow peas and yellow beans using solar-powered drip irrigation, with support from the Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN). The initiative aims to help residents in the semi-arid area, which has been severely affected by recent drought, continue to feed themselves and avoid relying on the government for relief food.

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Government Committed To Strengthening The Health Sector

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Worth Noting:

Speaking in Embu over the weekend where she was the Chief Fuest during the launch of CDF-funded NHIF Program for Manyatta Constituency residents led by area MP Gitonga Mukunji, PS Muthoni said they were assessing all the health facilities in the country in preparation for the rollout of the new scheme.

“This will help us equip our facilities in ensuring everyone who will be enrolled in the scheme can be treated anywhere in the country and in any facility be it private, public or faith-based,” she said.



Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni with Manyatta MP Gitonga Mukunji and other leaders during the launch of the programme.

The Government has reiterated its commitment in strengthening the health sector to ensure all Kenyans have access to all the health services they need.

Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni said all efforts geared towards transforming the health system aim at ensuring healthcare services are accessible, available and affordable to Kenyans from all walks of life.

She said through the new Social Health Insurance Bill that is among three others geared towards accelerating progress towards universal health coverage, Kenyans are set to access quality healthcare as envisioned by the Kenya Kwanza Government.

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She said they also want to ensure all facilities are well equipped in terms of equipment and human resource, which will be made possible through the Facility Improvement Financing Bill.

“We want to establish which facilities

need equipping and the government is committed to ensure that is done to bring healthcare services close to the people,” she said.

She at the same time said, the Community Health Promoters (CHPs) program unveiled recently was instrumental in attainment of Universal Health Coverage by promoting preventive healthcare and community well-being.

The PS stressed that CHPs will play a big role in early diagnosis of ailments and referrals if need be at the grassroots to save lives and called on Kenyans to “receive them whenever they come knocking on their doors.”

She said CHPs who will act as a link between the community and health facilities had been trained to provide a

wide range of health services including nutrition education, immunization, prenatal care and treatment of minor ailments.

The PS also welcomed the initiative by MP Mukunji of paying NHIF fees for the needy in the constituency.

Six hundred households have been enrolled in the program at a cost of Sh1.8 million including boda boda riders who have been involved in road accidents and people with chronic illnesses.

The MP said this will be an ongoing programme and his office will look into ways of allocating more funds to accommodate more individuals.

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The Rains Are Here, Lets Reimagine Food Production For Growth

...Whereas Increased Production Is One Avenue To Pursue, We Must Also Diversify Our Production To Cover Crops Such As Soybeans And Yellow Maize



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Food Production

Worth Noting:

- Looking back almost four decades later, we truly had a fantastic childhood that prepared us for the challenges of modern-day living. I am glad we endured the experiences that have significantly shaped our lives today.
- Sadly, we may have taken a few steps back as agricultural production is dwindling compared to population growth. Lower agricultural production effectively leads to food insecurity and food inflation.
- In my current role at Kenya's leading milling enterprise, I am filled with sadness on the few occasions when I have to join my colleagues in approving purchase orders for imported raw materials such as maize and wheat, among other cereals and pulses that underpin the Unga brand.

The short rains are here with us, and with it, an opportunity to sow the seeds for a bounty harvest around November this year.

Whereas El Niño preps appear to be all the rave, recently, my mind couldn't help but reminisce on the good old days growing up in the village and the mixed feelings accompanying the onset of the rains.

We never loved the rains that much and considered it an unnecessary nuisance past the first day of rainfall. See, in my neck of the woods, we didn't have the luxury of singing "Rain, Rain, Go Away", that popular English nursery Rhyme. For us, the motivation for rain, rain, go away wasn't for little Choge to come out and play. It was to save little Choge from hard work and related challenges that came with rain.

In my village, the onset of rains meant the start of what project managers call a rapid results period. This was when we endured back-breaking field preparation and planting sessions.

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Had we kept the agricultural pace we maintained in my primary school days, and with the technological, mechanization and crop husbandry advances we've made over the years, there would be no reason to import our staple foods.

Sample this: According to the Kenya Economic Survey 2023, the quantity of maize imported rose to 793.8 thousand metric tonnes in 2022 against a

local production base of 150.8 thousand metric tonnes. The volume of wheat production in 2022 stood at 270.7 thousand tonnes in 2022, while wheat imports hovered at around 1.7 million tonnes last year.

This means we are importing more than five times the value of any staple produce we eat. Forget about Wheat and Maize; most of the rice you eat is more likely imported from Pakistan, and the same is true for the sugar you consumed this morning.

I get very excited When I see government strategies focusing on agricultural transformation. Kenya has significant arable land resources, and this wanton importation of staple foods must be contained by resetting and retooling our agricultural production endeavours.

Whereas increased production is one avenue to pursue, we must also diversify our production to cover crops such as soybeans and Yellow Maize. Growing these crops would provide a good foundation for food security ideals by reducing the competition for the scarce and expensive white maize for human and animal feed

production.

In Animal feed production, substituting yellow maize and soya beans instead of white maize in its various forms would effectively bring down the cost of animal feeds and positively impact efforts to lower the cost of maize flour. The reason is that the white maize currently consumed by animal feed manufacturers would now be accessible to human nutrition manufacturers.

The importation of yellow maize will not only stabilize the maize market but also help to reduce food prices and animal feed prices.

One of the key advantages of yellow maize is its versatility. Unlike white maize, primarily used for human consumption, yellow maize has multiple uses, including animal feed and industrial other purposes. This versatility creates a buffer against price fluctuations in the food market.

When maize prices for human consumption surge, farmers can divert their yellow maize to the animal feed or industrial sectors, stabilizing the overall market.

Yellow Maize is rich in essential nutrients like vitamin A and beta-carotene, which are crucial for maintaining a healthy population. By encouraging its consumption, the government can address malnutrition issues while reducing the pressure on white maize prices.

Interestingly, yellow maize utilization is low because it is regarded as a poor man's crop, associated with food aid and reserved as livestock feed. This negative perception can be changed through educational campaigns on its nutritional value to enhance local production and encourage social acceptability.

Finally, to fully realize the potential of yellow maize in achieving price stability, the government needs to invest in research and development, providing farmers with improved yellow maize varieties that are both high-yielding and disease-resistant.

As the rains set in, have yourself a reflective day and week ahead on how we can reimagine food production and agricultural transformation in Kenya. We all have a role to play.

Mr Joseph Choge is the Group Managing Director at Unga Group PLC

DP Gachagua Assures Government's Unity, Focus In Delivering Its Agenda

By: Christine Muchira



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday said the Government is intact and focused on delivering on promised development projects to improve the lives of the people.

Speaking at Kapsabet Showground, Nandi County where he attended ACK Church Service and presided over a fundraiser for construction of ACK Plaza in Kapsabet town, the DP said they will not be distracted in their quest to deliver on the promises made during campaigns and implementation of their agenda.

The Deputy President also emphasised the same later on Sunday at Chepswerta Primary School in Tinderet, Nandi County during the thanksgiving for Bishop Eli Rop of the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya.

"There is no problem in Government and there will be none whatsoever. Many people who did not support us are still in denial. They

have not given up and are looking for ways to distract us so this government can have problems but there will be none," Gachagua assured.

The Deputy President said they are fully behind the President and will accord him all the support he re-

quires to deliver on their agenda.

"There will be no division in this government. We talk the same language and consult and the President is taking us to a better place. We are here to support the President in the management of this great nation. We

know our work," he added.

Gachagua said he did not have a problem with opposition supporters throwing their weight behind the President saying he serves all Kenyans.

"They are welcome because the

President serves the whole country but there must also be someone to defend those who have supported him all along. That's my job," stated the DP.

The Deputy President said consolidating regions that overwhelmingly voted for the President was key, adding that he will continue doing so.

With the fight against Illicit brew and drug abuse intensifying, the DP said they take action against administrators who have failed to deal with the vices in their areas of jurisdiction.

"We will take punitive action against them for failing to discharge their duties," he said.

At the same time, the Deputy President also challenged churches to think of other ways of supporting the work of God on top of offering and tithes.

He said the ACK Kapsabet Diocese had done well to diversify its sources of funds.

"What you have done is something other churches should come here to benchmark," he said.

State To Arrest Lamu Terror Masterminds, CS Kindiki

By: Christine Muchira

respects collective culture, the CS warned that government will not allow criminals to use culture to brutalise people and mislead them through retrogressive activities.

He directed security officers in Kiambu and Murang'a Counties to immediately close down all premises used by criminals hiding behind culture.

Once investigations are completed, the CS said the culprits will be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

On Haiti, he noted that the request by United Nations Security Council for deployment of Police officers to Haiti will be subject to Parliamentary approval.

"Article 240 of the Constitution requires Parliament to approve deployment of security forces to any peacekeeping mission in foreign nations." He said.

The CS assured there will be no shortcuts or violation of the Constitution in deployment of Kenyan police officers to Haiti.

Kenya has previously contributed troops to peacekeeping missions in



Interior CS Kithure Kindiki.

The Government has identified the ringleaders and planners of the atrocities in Lamu County using religion and historical grievances as an excuse to kill and maim innocent citizens.

Speaking yesterday at a Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrews ACK Ndenderu Church, Kiambu County, Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki said a list of suspects will be published noting that they must surrender at the nearest police station.

"We will pursue and neutralize all these criminals. There is a direct connection between economic revival and security. We will make our country a safe and secure place for local and international investors." CS Kindiki said.

While acknowledging that the Constitution of Kenya recognises and

Namibia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Somalia and Congo.

"Deployment of our security offi-

cers to Haiti will not in any compromise or undermine our commitment and responsibility to safety and se-

curity of our citizens." CS Kindiki noted.

DP Gachagua Is A Good Leader Who Means Well For The Country - Pastor Rigathi

By: DPCS

The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has said the DP is a good leader who means well for this country.

Speaking at PCEA Kabiruini in Mathira constituency during the retirement service of Rev. Peter Mwikumi, Pastor Dorcas said she supports the Deputy President in prayers always.

“He (DP Gachagua) is a good leader, and he is going to lead, because we are on our knees. They said he will not get there; he is there by the grace of God. And by the power of God, he will remain there and we are going to pray for him. That is a message coming from his wife,” she said.

Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga said

the region is solidly behind the DP, a sentiment that was echoed by Senator Wahome Wamatinga and Mathira MP Eric Wamumbi who were all present.

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

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



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi with Rev. Peter Makumi (left) during yesterday's ceremony.



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Ruto, Gachagua Working Relationship Remains Cordial, Intact



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Worth Noting:

- President Ruto is currently visiting the Luo Nyanza, a region known to be the bedrock of arch rival opposition leader Raila Odinga. This comes in the wake of heightened war of words between Gachagua and Azimio leader Raila Odinga.
- The latter believes that the DP posed a real threat to him and his brigade fighting their way into joining the government of Dr Ruto.
- One can therefore understand where the story of the alleged sour relationship between the President and his deputy emanated from.
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President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua

The latest media reports seem to suggest that the relationship between President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua is currently encountering strong tides and turbulent waters. This development is taking place one year since the two took the oath of office following their victory in 2022 presidential elections. This is reminiscent to where the current President found himself in when he served as the Deputy President in the government of President Uhuru Kenyatta. Then, the duo's dramatic fallout had been triggered by the latter's decision to reach out to his arch-rival Raila Odinga for a truce. This led to the birth of the 'handshake' government. For Dr Ruto and Gachagua, this was a blessing in disguise. They capitalized on this in mobilizing the Kikuyus to rebel against their son, President Kenyatta. For Kikuyus, Raila was their enemy number one and have held this position for a long time. This political hatred took a turn for the worse during the campaigns. You would hear some of the Kikuyus taking this as a personal issue and in a feat of rage telling off Uhuru. Selling Raila in Mount Kenya region is like selling pork in Saudi Arabia. We have made up our mind that we will vote for Dr William Ruto. So, we have no time for your advice. Finish your term and go home.

A good politician is the one who is able to read the public mood and hype on the locals' expectations. Ruto and Gachagua had mastered this very well. This is not only while soliciting for votes in Mount Kenya but also in other parts of the countries. One thing was however clear in their mind. If we win the elections, we will put politics aside and run the country in accordance with the provisions of law and constitution. This required them to serve all Kenyans equally. To achieve this, they would be guided by the virtues of nondiscrimination, equality and equity. Deputy President Gachagua has so far demonstrated that he fully understands his constitutional mandate. As a principal assistant to the President, he supposed to help the head of state to discharge his mandate. President Ruto is currently visiting the Luo Nyanza, a region known to be the bedrock of arch rival opposition leader Raila Odinga. This comes in the wake of heightened war of words between Gachagua and Azimio leader Raila Odinga. The latter believes that the DP posed a real threat to him and his brigade fighting their way into joining the government of Dr Ruto. One can therefore understand where the story of the alleged sour relationship between the President and his deputy emanated from.

Azimio has been burning midnight oil with a view to putting DP into a collision course with the President. Dr Ruto is a well-schooled and career leader and he understands this very well. He cannot fall into their tricks. As Ruto commenced the tour of Luo Nyanza, Gachagua had interview with iNooro FM which focussed on a wide range of issues. The DP took this opportunity to defend the decisions of the President including those that he has made in the recent past. While reaffirming his loyalty to the President, he noted that Dr Ruto had made a raft of promises during the campaigns. He has been walking the talk and as his deputy I have been helping him to ensure he has met his targets. The recent mini cabinet reshuffle was designed to achieve this. As a Cabinet Secretary, you are supposed to deliver. This is in terms of serving the people of Kenya. Therefore, you can only excell in a docket where you understand your job very well. On whether he supported the ongoing bipartisan talks chaired by Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka and Kimani Ichungwah of Kenya Kwanza, he stated. There were issues that I support but I disagreed with others. You people of the media think that here I'm contradicting my boss, President

Ruto. We are reading the same script. Azimio keep insisting that Dr Ruto and I did not win the election. They want elections servers to be opened to prove this. This is tantamount to setting the stage for another wave of bloody and destructive violence. The judges of the Supreme Court of Kenya pronounced themselves on this matter. The servers were opened and the Coalition's renowned lawyers failed to prove their claims. The judges consequently upheld the victory of Dr William Ruto as the President-elect. Azimio is however free to revisit the matter by going back to the Supreme Court. I doubt their application will be accepted. So, Azimio leader have only one option; accept the sovereign will of majority of Kenyans and move on. The other issue that Gachagua disagreed with during the interview is the sharing of the government with Raila. The Azimio leader have so far lost 5 presidential elections and he has been using the same political card to force his way into government. This does not help to further the course of democracy. Besides, the provisions of the constitution of 2010 are very clear. Those who have won the elections should form the government. Those who have lost should play the role of opposition. It is as simple as that. Well, Gachagua spoke on a day when the President while addressing the residents of Siaya county stated. My administration is not limited shareholding. It belongs to all of you because you pay taxes. Gachagua's critics would interpret this to mean that the President was attacking his deputy. I doubt. Yes, Gachagua had been quoted as likening the Ruto's administration to limited shareholding company. I'm not holding brief for DP but I don't think he meant the regions which did not vote for Dr Ruto should be denied funds for development and other services tailored to transform the lives of the people. In Siaya, the President was responding to concerns raised by local leaders over the DP's assertions. One of the speakers was blunt. We were told that your government belongs to the shareholders. Please we want you to clarify this? Are we part of it. How did you expect Dr Ruto to respond to this? Remember he was being hosted by a fierce critic of Gachagua, the area governor James Orengo. This is my parting shot. The working chemistry between the president and his deputy remains cordial and intact. Let us continue to support the President. This is as Gachagua rallied us during the interview.

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Kenya Will Never Legalize LGBTQ - Pastor Dorcas Rigathi

By:DPCS

The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has said that the country will never legalize same sex relationships. She spoke during an orientation forum for first year students at the Masaai Mara University in Narok County.

“I am a pastor and am a mother, and I have never in the history of the world found where religion, that is Christianity, the Muslim and the traditional religion, the culture and the law, meet at one place and say that this is the wrong thing. In this country it is not lawful for a man to marry a man. It is not lawful for a woman to marry a woman. It is illegal,” she said.

“Africa is not ready for that, we have our culture, we have our own religion, we have our religion, I think it is time we come out and speak. When you hear us speak



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi at Maasai Mara University.

about this, it is because we want to have a thriving Africa,” she added.

While addressing the student Pastor Dorcas further urged the students to

always speak about issues affecting them instead of taking their lives.

She spoke referring to increased cases of suicide among university

and college students. In her recent engagement with University of Nairobi students Pastor Dorcas was told of numerous cases of suicide among

students.

Pastor Dorcas has been conducting talks in institutions of higher learning having held sessions in the University of Nairobi, Daystar University, Mt.Kenya University and several vocational institutes.

She has also been to secondary schools among them Tudor Boys in Mombasa, Dagoreti High School, Aldai Girls in Nandi county, Kahuhia High School in Murang’a, Kagumo High School in Nyeri and Narok Boys High School in her preventive program in collaboration with NACADA and religious organizations.

“Please don’t die on me, I am a mother crying and speaking to you. Please stay alive. We need you,” she urged the Masaai Mara University student.

Pastor Dorcas is running a boychild program as she fights against drugs and. Substance abuse.

NGCDF Board Under Fire Over Unpreparedness By Some Fund Account Managers In Audit Review Processes

By: PSCU

The National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) CEO and his board have come under fire after several Fund Account Managers from Busia County appeared unprepared before the Committee to answer queries raised by the Office of the Auditor General's audit reports on constituency fund statements.

Fund Managers from Teso South, Teso North, Matayos, Butula and Budalangi constituencies all requested more time to prepare documents which raised eyebrows on the NG-CDF board's role in managing the constituency fund.

Mburu Kahang'ara (Lari) emphasized the need for adherence to procurement laws when dealing with public funds.

“The law is very clear on the audit

process. Why are we stuck on issues, some going back 10 years, yet both the Constituency office and the NG-CDF board have officers employed to take care of public funds,” stated Kahang'ara.

West Mugirango MP Stephen Mogaka on his part questioned the board's employment policies.

“As a board, do you have an internal Audit? Do you carry out Appraisals? Do you need summons from Parliament for you to start looking into issues yet audit reports are prepared annually?” he asked.

Homa Bay County MP Joyce Osogo also questioned whether this was a deliberate attempt at throwing off the audit process.

“I am establishing that there is a gap in terms of knowledge, professionalism and manner in which these matters are being handled. Both the Fund Managers and NGCDF board's role in this is wanting and something urgent needs to be done as this



could be a way of embezzling public funds” she stated.

Mulyungi directed for the NGCDF CEO and his board to be summoned to address the Committee's concerns on the deficiencies in their manage-

ment of the constituency fund offices.

This move underscores the Committee's commitment to upholding transparency and accountability in the management of public funds,

sending a strong message about the seriousness with which financial matters were being handled by the Committee and Parliament as the representatives of the people.

Chuka Igambang'ombe MP Question How Equalisation Fund In Tharaka Nithi Is Spent

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Chuka Igambang'ombe MP Patrick Munene when he graced KNUT Meru South branch AGM at Chuka Baptist church hall..

Chuka Igambang'ombe MP Patrick Munene has challenged residents in areas with hardship perks to demand to know how their equalisation fund is spent by the county government of Tharaka Nithi.

According to Parto, the kitty comes per sub location with the aim of developing localities in terms of roads, water and health, which respective residents must sit and agree on in public participation forums.

He revealed that the whole of Tharaka constituency receives the funding and asked residents even in other areas to endeavor to know how the money is spent.

"The only way to implement equalisation fund is by having residents from the respective sub locations identify projects which revolve around roads, health and water. Ask yourselves where lastly did such a meeting happen in the benefiting ar-

reas like Tharaka Constituency," MP Parto said.

In Igambang'ombe, the legislator said they have been considered and 7 sub locations have been listed in the program and will now be receiving equalisation funds for the first time.

He further argued that the funding helps in raising County's allocation and when the money is received, it should be taken to the respective marginalized areas for development and not elsewhere.

Currently the better part of Tharaka

constituency and Igambang'ombe Sub County in Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency are less developed compared to the other parts of the County which are favoured by climatic conditions.

For instance, the affected areas suffers poor roads, lacks both irrigation and domestic water and other vital facilities enjoyed by residents from developed parts of the County.

In relation to the hardship allowances that teachers and leaders from the marginalized Igambang'ombe have been advocating for, the Chuka Igambang'ombe MP said the best way to deal with the issues is developing the affected regions to alleviate challenges making them hardy.

He stated that Kathwana municipality which is part of the marginalized Igambang'ombe has so far received over Sh 2 billion from World Bank alone which should be developing the place to make it better but unfortunately it hasn't happened.

Therefore the MP said that even as debate on hardship allowances rage, the discussion should be the whereabouts of such money that should be transforming Igambang'ombe to a better place.

PSASB And IIA Sign MoU To Promote Financial Professional Practice In The Public Sector

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Public Sector Accounting Standard Board (PSASB) and the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote professionalism, facilitate capacity building, research, integrity, and ethical conduct in regard to internal auditing and risk management within the Public Sector.

The signing of (the MoU) between PSASB and IIA sets out a framework for the two institutions to explore opportunities for collaboration in promoting the professional practice of internal audit and risk management in the Public Sector.

Speaking during the occasion, PSASB Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Fredrick Riaga emphasized that the two organizations will leverage their expertise and experiences to support capacity building in the adoption of the International Profes-

sional Practices Framework (IPPF) standards by various Public Sector entities.

Riaga added that Public Finance Management Regulations for the National and County Governments require internal auditors to comply with the IPPF as issued by IIA from time to time.

"The regulation also directs inter-

nal auditors to follow policies and guidelines issued by PSASB to ensure uniformity and consistency across the public sector," stated Riaga.

At the same time, IIA CEO Joyce Omima echoed that internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve

an organization's operations.

"Internal Auditing helps organizations accomplish their objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. This partnership seeks to enhance that role," stressed Omima.

The chairman of PSASB Pius Mun-

gai said that the MoU sets out a framework for the two organizations to explore opportunities for collaboration for their mutual benefit and details the roles of each party to further their interests.

"The two organizations will cooperate and focus on the development and adoption of Internal Audit Standards and Frameworks, promote and monitor the Implementation of the Standards, provide training and capacity-building programs, and offer advisory services to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery in the public sector," said Mungai.

The chairman noted that the MoU further seeks collaboration to support heads of internal audit within public sector entities in establishing and implementing quality assessment improvement programs with the ultimate objective of assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of internal audit functions and conformance with the standards and code of ethics.

What happens?



Why does a person gain value only when he loses his loved ones? What if it gets worth it before it loses it? What if we just hug our loved ones, tell them we love them, share joy for no reason, give gifts, just make them happy? Will we be short of anything? Or will our pride be trampled? Are we inferior to others? I don't think so. We are just too rude, arrogant. Telling someone we love you is hard for us. Our whole body moves to make it come out of our tongue. In fact, just one word will make

them happy. We say, "No one is making us happy, why should we make someone happy." What can it be but arrogance? Only when we lose them completely, we realize that they are more important to us than our arrogance and pride... Unfortunately, regret after parting is useless. Even if we cry and regret, they will not come back. Like a bird, they flew away from our lives. Let's just be human, instead of decorating the graves of our loved ones with flowers, let's say a sweet word at the time of their life. This will not diminish anything. On the contrary, we are happy to see them happy. Protect your loved ones, always tell them you love them.

Laylo Bakhtiyorova

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The Motherland Beats In My Veins



What is the meaning of the word "Homeland"? The word "Homeland" is an Arabic word that means "place of birth", "motherland". There is a proverb in our people: "A nightingale loves a garden, a man loves his country". Every creature should love its own corner. Well, when a nightingale loves its host, why don't we love our Motherland?! The nightingale loves the field even if it has many thorns, why should we not love our prosperous and beautiful Motherland?!

Love starts from Motherland. If you don't love your Motherland, you can't love anyone and anything. So, the world prospered because people loved their country. Every creature in existence lives in the corner it likes. Starting with humans, animals in the mountains and deserts, birds in the sky, and fish in the ocean have their own habitats. They also hold space for feeling happiness and peace.

One day, at a meeting with students of Muhammad Yusuf Medical Institute, he answered a girl's question, "What is the Motherland for you, how do you understand the Motherland?" as follows: "Sister, here you are, you will become a doctor after completing your studies. You treat patients. Tell me, is it possible to heal a dead body? No. My country is my soul. Just as one cannot live without a soul, one cannot live without the Motherland. They say, "The soul is sweet." The country is sweeter than the soul. I can't imagine my life, every breath I take, every step I take, every word I say without this sweet soul. That's how I

understand the Motherland..." You see, our great poets and great-grandfathers loved their country from the bottom of their hearts, and were not afraid to sacrifice their lives for their country if necessary. Alhamdulillah, our country is peaceful, our sky is clear, we have all conditions, we have no less places than other countries.

Especially in our country, the door of opportunities is open to every person, there is nothing impossible! I am happy and proud to be a child of such a country. Come on, young people! Let's use these opportunities properly and contribute to the development of our country! After all, this great Motherland belongs to all of us!!!

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She has been teaching English to the young generation for 17 years at the 19th school in the Navbahor district... She has an Aptis C1 certificate. Currently, several of her students are working in prestigious places... Shakhnoza's creative works were also published in regional newspapers... "My mother is the reason why I chose the teaching profession, I am at this level thanks to my mother, I am proud to have such a mother," says Shakhnoza. Shakhnoza loves her profession and is proud of it.

The Moon's Loving Light



"Oh, Moon, so fair and bright,
In the darkest hour, you bring us light.
Lucky and kind, you shine above,
A beacon of hope, spreading love.

I often wonder, as a human being,
Why we're not like you, so caring and freeing.
You light up the world, for all to see,
Regardless of who they may be.

When I lay in my front yard, gazing high,
You kiss my tears, as they softly cry.
You're there with me, in my moments
of pain,

As I pour my heart out, like drops of rain.

Why do we hurt, when we could heal?
Why do we break, when we could seal?
The moon, so kind, never loses its grace,
While we humans stumble, in this earthly race.

Let's learn from the moon, its gentle ways,
And strive to be kind, throughout our days.
For one day, we'll leave this world behind,
But the moon will continue to shine, so kind.

So let's be like the moon, spreading light,
In a world that often feels dark and tight.
With love and compassion, let's make our stand,
And illuminate the world, hand in hand.

Anila Bukhari

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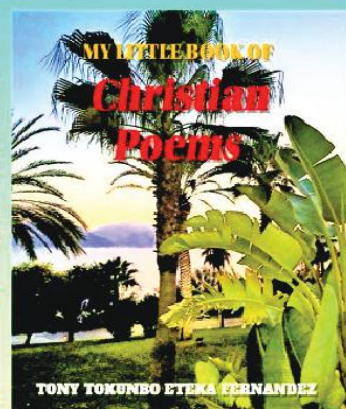
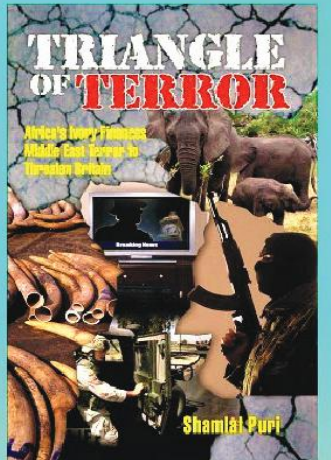
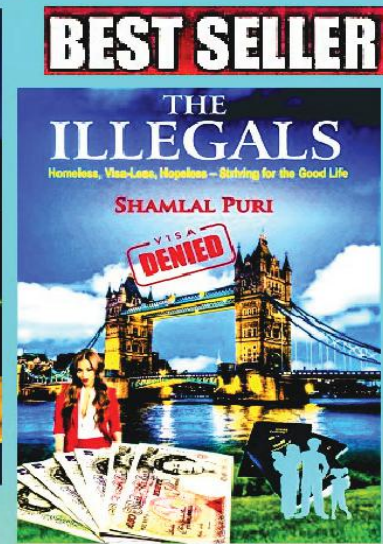
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Dairyland Relaunches Chocolate Bars with New Look and Flavors

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Dairyland, the pioneering local Dairy and confectionery manufacturing company, is thrilled to announce the relaunch of its chocolate bars with a new look, improved formulation, and campaign called “The Kenyan Love Language.” This initiative marks a significant milestone in our commitment to connect with our cherished customers while embracing the dynamic shifts in consumer preferences and economic climates.

For over 25 years, Dairyland has been synonymous with unrivaled product quality and is the sole local chocolate manufacturer in Kenya. Our dedication to excellence has propelled us to expand our reach across the Eastern & Central African region, reaffirming our position as a leader in the industry.

The relaunched chocolate bars feature a more fun and vibrant design that is intended to appeal to a wider



Sunil Shah, Dairyland Board Chairman, Monica Nd'ung'u, Chief Operations Officer Nation Media Group, Dipam Shah, Managing Director Glacier and Situl Shah Research and Development director pose with the new Dairyland chocolate packaging. The design is in line with Dairyland's vision of creating products that appeal to Kenyan market..

range of consumers. The formulation has also been improved to deliver a richer and more flavorful chocolate experience.

“We are excited to relaunch our chocolate bars with a new look, improved formulation, and campaign

that truly reflects our brand values,” said Milan Kabata, Head of Marketing. “We wanted to create a chocolate that is both delicious and affordable, and that speaks to the unique Kenyan love experience.” The “The Kenyan Love Language” campaign

aims to tell the story of how Kenyans express their love in a unique and special way. The campaign will feature a variety of experiences and activations that celebrate the many different ways that Kenyans love each other.

“We wanted to create a campaign that would resonate with our target audience and make them feel like our chocolates are made for them,” said Milan.

“We believe that our chocolates are a perfect way to express love to the people in our lives, and we are excited to share this message with Kenyans everywhere.”

The relaunched chocolate bars will be available in a variety of flavors, including original milk chocolate, dark chocolate, and flavored chocolates such as hazelnut and coconut. The bars will be available at modern trade and general trade retailers across Kenya.

Dairyland is committed to providing Kenyan consumers with high-quality chocolate products at an affordable price. The company believes that everyone should be able to enjoy a luxury treat without breaking the bank.

“We are excited to introduce our new chocolate bars to Kenyan consumers,” said Milan. “We believe that these bars are a delicious and affordable way to express love to the people in our lives.”

State Department On Mining Has Opposed The Natural Resources Bill

By: PSCU

The State Department for Mining has opposed the Natural Resource (Benefit Sharing) Bill, Senate Bill No. 6 of 2022.

This was revealed during an extensive engagement between the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining led by its Vice Chair, Charles Kamuren (Baringo South), and the State Department for Mining led by Mr. Elijah Mwangi PS Mining.

In his presentation, Mr Mwangi said the interpretation of the word Royalty in the Bill states; includes fees or payments by whatever name, paid by an entity for the exploitation exploration of a natural resource in Kenya. He further explained that according to the Mining Act Section 182 and 183, Fees and Charges are



Mr. Elijah Mwangi PS Mining.

different from royalties.

“This Ministry’s concern with the proposal is that a portion of the monies are utilized to fund the Ministry’s regulatory and operational activities in appropriations-in-aid (A-in-A) and are therefore not remitted to the Consolidated Fund. The proposed definition of royalty includes fees and charges even in the exploration stage. This is not tenable considering that an entity at this point has yet to establish the resource’s presence, value and extent,” Mr. Mwangi

The PS also pointed out Clause 3(h) of the Bill saying the Benefit Sharing Authority is contradicting with the functions of the Cabinet Secretary for Mining as provided for in Mining Act, 2016.

“As per the functions of the proposed Authority and Clause 3(h) of the Bill, it is true that if this Bill go through as it is, the State Department of Mining will cease to exist.” PS. Mwangi

Among the the stakeholders that were represent was the Center for Minority Rights Development (CEMIRIDE) led by the CEO, Mr. Nyangori Ohenjo. He said that the current provision in the Bill states ‘Affected Entity’ as an organization or person involved in the exploitation of natural resource to which this Act applies.

“Indigenous and local communities are also hugely affected by natural resource exploitation. “ said Mr. Ohenjo.

IGAD Validates Action Plan To Unlock The Regional Potential Of The Middle East Region

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Ambassador Moi Lemoshira, the Director General at the Kenya State Department of Foreign Affairs (right) chats with Mohamed Ali, the IGAD Special Envoy in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden region during a validation exercise of action plans to address challenges facing the region..

Worth Noting:

- Lemoshira said the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden region had been faced with growing challenges including the threat of climate change and insecurity including terrorism and extremism, perpetual political transitions as well as political instability that slows down the region's economic development.
- The ambassador decried the rising costs of conflicts in the region that has seen a diversion of developmental resources towards addressing conflicts and insecurity noting that the common plan seeks to harness a collaborative approach with member states to address these concerns.
- Speaking to ambassadors from IGAD member states, Lemoshira affirmed Kenya's commitment towards enhancing trade, shipping, and navigation operations in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and Somalia (RESGAS) to unlock the full potential of the maritime resources.

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has validated the Regional Plan of Action and Common Position that will provide a roadmap towards unlocking the full potential and addressing a myriad of challenges facing the region.

The regional body has identified four key thematic areas of interest that the five-year plan seeks to address including regional cohesion and cooperation, socio-economic development, maritime and terrestrial matters, research, technology, and innovation as well as capacity building.

IGAD termed the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPA) as key to the achievement of IGAD peace and security objectives as well as safeguarding the interests of member states and strengthening their cooperation on safety issues in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden area.

According to Ambassador Moi Lemoshira, the Director General at the Kenya State Department of Foreign Affairs, there is a need for a common action that safeguards the political, economic, and security interests and

stability of the region's population.

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"IGAD member states continue to struggle to sustain regional peace and security as well as to protect their interests in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and have seen an in-

crease in illegal trade routes used for trafficking drugs, weapons, persons and contrabands," IGAD report noted.

Lemoshira said the region maritime is key towards the development of the resources but has been plagued by increased illegal fishing, piracy and armed robberies, terrorism at sea, and kidnappings for ransoms which the common action plan seeks to reverse through security cooperation and engagements among member states.

On his part, Mohamed Ali, the IGAD Special Envoy in the RESGAS region termed the region as fragile due to growing insecurity which has led to loss of lives, economic disruptions, and the rise of extremist groups and criminals.

Ali said the threats of climatic change in the region have disrupted communities, local economies, and security with the region having experienced its worst drought in decades where millions of people were affected and thousands of livestock lost.

Ali hailed the leaders for committing their resources towards address-

ing climate change concerns during the just concluded Africa Climate Summit which was held in Nairobi noting that the region seeks to unlock new opportunities on the political, economic, and security fronts.

The envoy added that the action plan has also developed a framework of cooperation to ensure freedom of navigation and trade in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden which continue to attract external interests and competition from international players.

This comes after the region experienced increased political instability and security concerns in countries such as Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia.

Ali said the validated Regional Plan of Action and Common Position which has been on course for the past four years will be presented for adoption by the IGAD Council of Ministers in the coming months.

Kiptum Crushes Kipchoge's Marathon World Record In Chicago

By: Citizen Sports

Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum set a new gold standard in marathon running when he ran an world record 2:00:35 to win the Chicago Marathon.

His mark eclipsed the previous world record held by Eliud Kipchoge, slicing from the 2:01:09 achieved by the Kenyan great at last year's Berlin Marathon.

Kiptum entered Sunday's race as the second-fastest marathon runner of all time having ran 2:01:25 just five months ago when he won in London.

The 23-year-old passed the halfway mark in 1:00:48 before producing a jaw-dropping second half to clinch glory.

He approached the final 200m with the record well in his sight, pumping his chest and waving to the crowd before collapsing into the hands of his manager after crossing the finish line.

His effort means he is now just the

first man in history to break 2:01.

Kiptum had not originally targeted the record but said he knew that twice Olympic champion Kipchoge's previous mark of 2:01:09 was within reach in the final kilometres, as he dug deep to make history. "I feel so happy. I wasn't prepared," he said at the finish line. "A world record was not in my mind today."

He broke the tape three minutes and 27 seconds ahead of compatriot Daniel Mateiko, while Belgian Bashir Abdi finished third in 2:04:32.

Dutch star Sifan Hassan won the Chicago Marathon women's title in 2:13:44 - the second-fastest women's time in marathon history.

The 30-year-old Ethiopian-born runner set a course record. Her time was second only to the women's world record of 2:11:53 set by Ethiopian Tigist Assefa at last month's Berlin Marathon.

Hassan, who won her marathon debut in April at London, is the Tokyo Olympic champion at 5,000m and 10,000m and won medals at 1,500m and 5,000m six weeks ago at the World Athletics Championships.



Kenya's Kevin Kiptum wins the 2023 London Marathon. PHOTO/Mirrors

KEWOTA In Frontline Promoting Digital Learning

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Kenya Women Teachers Association (abbreviated as KEWOTA) under the wise and able leadership of the Chief Executive Officer Benta Opande has championed digital learning in the country.

Alluding this in the side-lines of the World Teachers Day, CEO Benta observed:

"And we have gone ten steps ahead as KEWOTA with our laptop project. Currently we are supplying laptops to teachers. These laptops have got digital books which have already been embedded in them. Around 145 books from the orange book as approved by KICD, which are digitalised are available for teachers on the Opiq platform. Our members now can carry a laptop and go with it to class without carrying textbooks, so long as that school has a projector.

But if the school has students who already have got laptops, the learn-



Kenya Women Teachers Association (KEWOTA) Chief Executive Officer Madam Benta Opande

ing gets more exciting, more captivating, and children enjoy learning a lot.

In that laptop, you can generate as a teacher your lesson plans, your records of work, your scheme of work,

and everything that you require is in that gadget. We are providing it as loan which is given by our finance partners like My credit company.

We are encouraging all teachers to embrace the digital space in order to

enhance their skills in digital learning and also digital teaching. Once we have teachers who can teach using the gadgets we have, we will not need to be crying about shortage of teachers, because one teacher can

teach 300 kids in one hour and the feedback can be provided immediately."

She added, "In that laptop we also have a project where the teachers can earn income. You simply need to register for free on the Roodito platform, upload quality questions which are then audited by our retired teachers. The platform has over 840,000 students already registered there. So once you upload that question we have very senior retired teachers who are auditing those questions and when your question is picked, you are paid through your wallet which is in that laptop and that money you withdraw it using Mpesa. We want teachers to have a side hustle alongside their normal duties. Our flagship project is to ensure that the teacher has more money in the pocket and also has better skills. I want to appeal to our colleagues in the trade unions to come and let's embrace synergy into how we can improve teachers in this very fast changing teaching and learning environment."

In My Sky Full Of Dreams, Mother Without My Moon

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Shahnoza Eshboriyeva.

Worth Noting:

- There is a person who makes a mistake like a perfect person. You make a mistake in study or work, it is natural to tell everyone about your pain. Of course, my mother says, "My child". If you remember, in the novel "Horizon" by Said Ahmed, the traitor Tursunboy escapes from the war and lives in the thicket.
- The sick mother Jannat left this bright, lying world with the last breath of her life as her child. As we mentioned above, no mother calls her child black, guilty or a traitor Said Ahmed creatively described. A mother is still a mother, so she does not need to be defined.

Little in the world have wingless angels on earth who shower us with love. Our mothers are the flowers of Paradise that we have seen in the bright world, blessed by God. When we step into the mortal world crying, even if they are in a difficult situation, they embrace us in the desire to comfort us, give us white milk and bring us up.

If you have observed the fate of mothers in life, this woman will not live for herself from the day she gets this status. She is ready to sacrifice her life for her child's good luck and bright future. Think about it, girls who were not even able to wipe the dust when they were proud only yesterday will change their views completely when they have children. A person who keeps his child clean, no matter what, is one, but her place in life is different. If we wake up at night, she wakes up and shakes the crib, she wakes up in the morning and does the housework, cooks, looks after the property, does the housework, she does not rest day and night...

She eats without eating, wears without wearing, silently carries all our bitterness and feels guilty if necessary... not by speaking badly, but when we thoughtlessly said that I lack this from my friend, I lack this from my friend, I could not create such conditions, I could not make my lover happy as a mother she eats the insides.

We can never understand the ex-

periences of mothers until we have been there ourselves, be it a son or a father or a daughter. But we should realize that our mothers never saw us as bad. They are the only ones who see our dreams as dreams.

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We have such women who do not care for their wives when their husbands are with them, they do not give a single flower in one year or even twenty years. She puts all the difficulties of life on her wife and leaves a family on the shoulders of one mother.

Let's take a look. The mother, who washes and combs her two daughters white, takes care of them like the apple of an eye, this year she turned fifty-five years old. Her face was darkened by the sun, her hair was white, her hands were calloused from hard work, and the veins pushed her skin to the skin. He

didn't know what make-up was or what perfume was.

But their bright faces, which have not yet lost their wrinkles, their hot hearts, and their black hair are long and charming. Even so, Allah, the Exalted, is testing His beloved servants. My mother, who is being subjected to life's trials and is being tested, is old from her face and eyes. there are no symptoms, young girls and brides stand at the bar with their waists tied at the wedding-show, party and etc. until we reach the age of seventy, we call by this name. This word is incomprehensible to some of us.

Children find it easier to say the word "that" because they can't say the word "good". Who or what? They show honor, kindness, and attention to everything. Even though our mother struggled to carry the heavy burdens of life on her small shoulders, she never complained. Even when she said she had had enough, she said, "I can't even see the day I saw, even my enemy's dog".

I think that these words coming out of her lips softened the heart of a hard-hearted person and brought tears to his eyes. For twenty-five years, she has been making a living doing menial work. What kind of work can you do in winter? In the bitter cold of winter, she wears rubber boots on his feet, and wears an outer garment made of cloth, in the rain of the day, in the dew of the

follows, and if she picks cabbages in the field for a day, and one day he grinds the harvested cabbages standing for twelve hours.

When the breath of spring blows into our country and the day start getting warmer, they work in the fields that give the districts daily wages. Now, she is picking cotton with her face covered in cotton wool, and she spends the income she earns from the skin of her forehead only for her children to get knowledge. What do you think is for himself?

Our mother, who has a hard-working will and is strong as a mat, worked hard and prayed for her two children to be educated so that they would not be fried in the difficulties of life like her. Currently, the eldest daughter is a teacher in a kindergarten, and the second is a student of the 2nd level of a higher education institution. This woman, who burned her soul for my child, cried with her when she cried, and whose heart bleeds when she is in pain, is preparing to fly her swallows...

Are you saying that our enthusiastic, hard-working, simple-minded, childish mother, who has briefly explored the path of life, doesn't dream of eating and drinking like everyone else, enjoying life, traveling around the world, wearing shiny tongues? Of course, nobody wants to. But because life forced him, she only gave her money for two black eyes.

Mom was happy when she said that she would read. She cried with joy when he achieved success in her studies. If our mother with such a pure heart had reached this age, she would not have gone to me with anyone, her heart is the sun and her love is a river. "It's time to pray for our mothers like this, and now it's time to fulfill our duty as children".

Shahnoza Eshboriyeva

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Help Stop Illicit Brew

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There have been high rate of illicit brew consumption in Kenya today. These drug is laced with a dangerous chemical called methanol which is not good for consumption. It has become a problem for several decades, especially with the occurrence of death episodes blamed on the consumption of changaa.

It has affected not only consumers but the family of the consumers and the society at large. According to the statistics male gender that is men and young teenage boys are the most affected gender who take illicit brew.

In the society today men and young boys disappear to a nearby illicit brew centres only to arrive late in the night and sometimes others even fail to arrive back home. This has course a lot of problems such as deterioration of their health, poverty, school drop outs have increased, conflicts, divorce and many more.

It is always sad to see women striking in the streets just because their young teenage boys have been found death in breweries centres ,their husbands have fail to return back to their homes and just spending time at those centres and even others their young boys have been arrested having involve themselves in crime.

The Kenyan government in 2010,legalised the traditional home brewed spirit in an effort to take business away from establishments where toxic chemicals were added in the brew to make stronger.

Many traditional Brewer seems to have taken advantage of the freedom and begun adding methanol in the drinks. There is need for the society to arise and campaign against illicit brew. The government should come into the issues and take legal actions concerning the matter.



Illicit Brew.

Young Women Suffering Silently

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Despite that the society has focused so much in empowering women, young women still undergoes alot of problems in the society. Society still neglects young women.

This has seen some drop out of schools because of early teenage pregnancies, others languishing in poverty, early marriages; others abuse drugs and turn into addicts ruining their lives and their health.

Though there are several platforms for them to speak out issues affecting them they still suffer privately because they fear speaking out.

These happen especially to the young women who are married because they fear that they will be ridiculed by their spouses, battered and some even treathen.

In today's society young women are

the one providing for their families and when doing so they encounter alot of problems. Showing women love and care will help reduce their stress and make them feel a part of the society.

The society needs to allow young women to express themselves in the platforms offered and by doing so their mental health will be improved as well as reducing gender inequality.

A woman crying.



Build Lasting Relationships! Liberian Blogger, Kerkula Blama, Cautions Artist To Prioritize Creating Personal Relationships With Industry Stakeholders.

Liberian Blogger Kerkula Blama has listed out an important procedure that every artist needs to take into consideration on the journey to prominence.

“Artists, it’s crucial to cultivate and maintain YOUR OWN RELATIONSHIPS.

When managers and labels change, and they will, you don’t want that to mean the end of valuable connections. Owning your network ensures your relationships stay with you, no matter what happens”, he stated.

“So, how do you accomplish this as an artist’s?

Start by building relationships BEFORE working with a manager or signing with a label. Remember that building and maintaining relationships takes time and effort. Be patient and genuine in your interactions, and focus on creating synergy.

Once a manager enters the fold or if you sign on with a label partner, ensure your immediate team informs you of significant new connections

— writers, editors, curators, promoters, agencies, etc.

When introduced directly, exchange contact information. Ask to be BCCed on emails.

While working with representation, allow them to manage and quarterback your relationships. However, don’t be a ghost. If you have a number or email, check in occasionally if you value a particular relationship. Offer thank yous for continued support, inquire what’s new, etc.”

It’s important to note that In this journey, you, the artist, are the constant. Managers and labels may change, but a network you own can remain FOREVER.” He concluded.

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Liberian Blogger Kerkula Blama

Chuka Technical And Vocational College Set To Be Elevated To A National Polytechnic

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Plans to elevate Chuka technical and vocational college in Mariani ward of Chuka Igambang’ombe Constituency to a national polytechnic are in top gear.

This has been revealed by Chuka Igambang’ombe MP Patrick Munene after jointly visiting the institution with the presidential delivery unit to assess its preparedness.

According to MP Patrick,the institution that started four years ago together with other TVETS around has rapidly grown and currently has over 3000 students,a success he attributed to intense lobbying and marketing.

After the visit,he stated that the president had directed that two hostels of 500 capacity each be put up in the college in preparation for the elevation.

Also,he said that when President Ruto will be visiting the constituency in about two months’ time he will launch tarmacking of the road leading to the institution.

Another project Ruto will be inspecting on his visit is Sh 130 million Chuka KMTC that the government is building.

The second time youthful MP said his constituency was reaping all this from his cordial relationship with the president and the government of the day.

The college has completely transformed the once unknown Mwanjati and Kianthan’ga areas of Mariani ward,as evidenced by mushrooming buildings and other business enterprises to cater for the rising population of students.

The legislator was addressing Meru South teachers when he graced their annual general meeting at Chuka Baptist Church hall in Chuka town.



Students at Chuka Technical and Vocational College during an address by Chuka Igambang’ombe MP Patrick Munene and Presidential Delivery Unit when they visited the institution.

Sports >> *Manchester United pulled off a sensational last-minute comeback thanks to substitute Scott McTominay's two goals in stoppage time to secure a 2-1 victory over Brentford.

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Crazy Finish At Man Utd As Mctominay's Stoppage-Time Double Downs Brentford



2T0J8M4 Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag with Scott McTominay after the Premier League match at Old Trafford, Manchester. Picture date: Saturday October 7, 2023..

Manchester United pulled off a sensational last-minute comeback thanks to substitute Scott McTominay's two goals in stoppage time to secure a 2-1 victory over Brentford.

Premier League losses at home to Brighton and Crystal Palace led to intense scrutiny and pressure that had increased further after Tuesday's tough Champions League defeat to Galatasaray.

Erik ten Hag's men needed to go into the international break on a high but floundered for the most part on Saturday afternoon, with a string of errors resulting in Mathias Jensen's opener.

But McTominay, brought on as a final roll of the dice in the 87th minute, had other ideas, firing home a 93rd-minute equaliser before heading home a scarcely believable winner four minutes later to spark wild Old Trafford celebrations.

It was an incredible end to a day that began in poignant fashion as Old Trafford paid tribute to Lady Cathy Ferguson following

the death of Sir Alex Ferguson's wife.

Players wore black armband and flags flew at half-mast on a day that both teams began with intent that they struggled to turn into clear-cut chances.

Aaron Hickey twice tried his luck from distance as the Bees attempted to sting a makeshift United backline.

With five defenders injured and the defence unbalanced, Victor Lindelof was deployed at left-back and Harry Maguire made his first league start of the campaign alongside Jonny Evans.

United lacked the Bees' coherence and discipline and, shortly after mightily impressive Ethan Pinnock's sliding block denied Mason Mount, their ongoing issues cost them.

Slack Casemiro gave away possession around the centre circle and failed to win it back, with Lindelof then failing to effectively deal with Yoane Wissa's low ball into the box.

That botched clearance rico-

cheted off the Brentford forward into the path of Jensen to sweep home a low, first-time strike that Andre Onana could not get down to stop.

It was an all too familiar gut punch for United, who failed to muster a shot on target until Marcus Rashford wriggled free to test Premier League debutant Thomas Strakosha in the 37th minute.

Bryan Mbeumo sent a curling effort skipping just wide when Brentford returned to the attack, with United creating precious beyond a hopeful looping Casemiro header back across goal.

Boos greeted the half-time whistle and Ten Hag replaced underperforming Casemiro with former Brentford midfielder Christian Eriksen at the break.

The introduction's hopeful, long-range piledriver forced Strakosha into action in the 53rd minute, with Rashford and Rasmus Hojlund trying to eke out an equaliser.

Diogo Dalot hacked clear after

a long Brentford throw-in was flicked on, but play was now nearly entirely focused at the other end.

The right-back flashed an effort over and Hojlund struck into the side netting, with Strakosha palming away a Bruno Fernandes effort.

Lindelof went straight down the tunnel after being replaced by Anthony Martial, perhaps suggesting another injury for a United side struggling for luck or cohesion.

The France forward saw penalty appeals overlooked in between fellow introduction Alejandro Garnacho whipping over and Fernandes missing the target.

Onana impressively clawed away substitute Neal Maupay's audacious 20-yard attempt but a few frustrated fans had begun heading towards the exit.

Anyone that left early missed a box office conclusion.

United thought they had equalised in the 89th minute, only to realise Martial had strayed off-side when flicking a cross that deflected into the Brentford goal.

That setback made the stoppage-time turnaround all the sweeter for the Old Trafford faithful.

Three minutes into stoppage time Garnacho hooked back for Dalot to get a shot that Strakosha parried, with McTominay eventually controlling a clearance and drilling home.

Martial got a low shot on goal during a melee as United sought a winner that arrived in the seventh minute of stoppage time.

Fernandes' floated free-kick from around the halfway line was headed on by Maguire and McTominay battled to head home to secure a jaw-dropping late victory.

Sports >> *After years of trying, the Chana brothers, Jasmeet and Ravi, have finally gotten their mitts on the Kenya National Rally Championship title with two rounds to spare.

Chana Brothers Crowned Champions As Samman Wins KMSC Rally



Ravi (left) and Jasmeet celebrate in Bisil. Photo/Citizen Sports.

By Citizen Sports

After years of trying, the Chana brothers, Jasmeet and Ravi, have finally gotten their mitts on the Kenya National Rally Championship title with two rounds to spare. The Nairobi-based siblings finished in second place on the KMSC Kajiado Rally in Il-Bisil, as Skoda Fabia's Samman Vohra savored a career-best maiden KNRC victory. Samman, who was navigated by Alfir Khan in a Skoda Fabia Rally 2, clocked 01:36:36.8 to beat Mitsubishi Evolution's Chana to second (01:43:45.8), as McRae Kimathi (Ford Fiesta) in a time of 01:45:57.3 sealed the podium dash. Samman's big win was, however, overshadowed by Chana's title victory on a dry and dusty day. The Rubis Energy Kenya-sponsored Chanas had their campaign effectively sewn up with an unassailable 196 points score. They also attained the newly introduced 50% threshold of participation in the 9-leg series. To finish within fifth place in

the Kenya Motor Sports Club (KMSC) organized round, the Chanas sped to the podium with zest and vigour. Jasmeet's feat means he is one of the few drivers in the country to win virtually all categories of the KNRC from Division 3, Two Wheel Drive, Group N and Group S. The Chanas now join the growing list of Kenyan legends who have won the coveted national rally title. The legends who have done that before include Baldev Chager, Alastair Cavenagh, Lee Rose, Karan Patel, Partick Njiru, Carl "Flash" Tundo and Rory Green just to name but a few. "It's such a great feeling emerging the champion in a very successful year alongside my elder brother," remarked Jasmeet, who lost the title last year to Karan Patel on Voi homestretch. The outgoing champion, Karan Patel rested his traditional championship-winning Ford Fiesta Rally 2 marquee and instead entered his old Evolution X. Karan is preserving his Fiesta for

the penultimate round of the FIA Africa Rally Championship slated for Zambia later in the month. He was on for a points-scoring finish on his return to Bisil in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution X, but an overheating problem from SS1 saw him retire from the event. Karan's younger brother Kush Patel also had issues with the boost and elected to retire. Notable absentee on Kajiado Rally was youngster Hamza Anwar who will also be chasing his junior ARC Championship title in Zambia. Hamza was in Kajiado to offer his cousin Sahabaz Anwar moral support. Shavaz is one of the three drivers who participated in the Clubman category. Final Classification after SS04 Marble 2 (PS)

1. Samman Vohra/Alfir Khan (Skoda Fabia) 01:36:36.8
2. Jasmeet Chana/Ravi Chana (Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 01:43:45.8
3. McRae Kimathi/ Mwangi

- Kioni (Ford Fiesta) 01:45:57.3
 4. Jeremiah Wahome/Victor Okundi (Ford Fiesta) 02:00:16.0
 5. Asad Anwar/Yusuf Shammer (Datsun 180 B) 02:02:52.8
 6. Jose Sardinha/Assad Mughal (Mitsubishi Pajero) 02:05:17.0
 7. Joey Ghose /Arshad Khan (Porsche 911) 02:12:55.7
 8. Daren Miranda Linet Ayuko (Subaru Impreza) 02:21:28.1
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1. Jasmeet Chana 196
 2. Jeremiah Wahome 106
 3. McRae Kimathi 102
 4. Kush Patel 66
 5. Samman Vohra 55
 6. Nikhil Sachania 44
 7. Izhar Mirza 44
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Sol Generation Launches Capacity Building Initiative For Over 300 Eastern Africa Musicians

By: Our Correspondent

Worth Noting:

- The artistes who were chosen through an ADP based process, will be taken through a development programme, that will include songwriting, brand development, marketing, financial management and proper music distribution methods.
- “The six month program funded by the Ignite Culture Fund, curated by British Council and Heva Fund mainly targets female musicians and will culminate in the production of an EP for the top four musicians,” he explained.
- The project is expected to impact the whole creative industry ecosystem with hundreds of jobs opportunities directly and indirectly that include engineers, coaches, stylists, PR practitioners, content creators, dancers, beat makers and set designers among others.



Sol Generation has announced plans to equip over 300 Eastern Africa musicians with the necessary skill to develop their talent amidst the popularity of African music globally. The initiative dubbed Press Play is an Artists' Development Program (ADP) aimed at taking young Eastern Africa artists from aspiring musicians to professionalisation through developing skills, building brand equity, and access to new physical and digital markets.

Sol Generation Chief Executive Officer Nanjero says despite its vibrant creativity and boom in production, the Eastern African music industry is nowhere near realising its potential amidst a growing middle class that present a great opportunity for artists to develop bigger local audiences and customers for their artistic

products.

“The goal is to enhance the technical expertise of the different stakeholders in the creative economy in a bid to Intensify the standard and quality of Eastern African music, the creative industry and enable a robust ecosystem,” Nanjero noted.

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International Federation of the Phonographic Industry's (IFPI) Global Music Report 2023, named Sub-Saharan Africa the fastest-growing market region in 2022, following a 34.7 percent rise in music sales, largely driven by the booming music market in South Africa, where sales were up by more than 30 percent year-on-year.

Sol Generation Directors and Sauti Sol Members say Press Play is curated to increase Eastern Africa Musicians dominance in key African and

global music markets.

“The dominance of the American sound globally has waned in favour of a stronger African influence and lately it has been Nigerian music that has dominated youth markets, alongside music from South Africa and Ghana. This African ascendancy offers inspiration for many musicians and Kenya has begun to export its music to neighbouring countries,” the directors said.

Research firm Dataxis projects Africa's annual music streaming revenues will grow from \$92.9m in 2021 to \$314.6m by 2026, while warning that internet penetration rates will be the main ceiling on this growth. “Streaming cannot go faster than infrastructure,” the company says.