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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing faithful in Embu County yesterday

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Businesswoman Linked To Ksh 17B Oil Import Allegedly Goes Missing

By: Haniel Mengistu



Worth Noting:

- Ombeta said that the authorities and the two companies have been questioning where Njeri got the money to import diesel worth such a colossal sum.
- Ombeta said that her client received a High Court order in Mombasa barring the ship from leaving the dock and the diesel being offloaded until the ownership dispute is heard and determined.
- In her prayers, Njeri wants Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Kenya Pipeline (KPL), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Ramco and Galana to deposit Ksh 17 billion in an interest earning account pending the hearing and determination of the case.



Businesswoman Ann Njeri

..... Businesswoman Ann Njeri who is said to have imported a Ksh 17 billion consignment of Diesel from Turkey is missing.

She was last seen recording a statement at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) over a dispute on the ownership of the fuel, according to her lawyer Cliff Ombeta.

Two companies Galana Energies Limited and Ramco have laid claim to the 100,000 metric tons of the said diesel.

Njeri's lawyer said that her phone had been switched off and the DCI have de-

nied having Njeri in their custody despite statements showing she had recorded a statement with them.

"Her phone is off and no one can trace her. The officers say they don't know anything about her," said Ombeta.

Ombeta said that 24 hours later Njeri has not been presented before any court.

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Ombeta said KPL must show that the diesel they are trying to siphon into containers belongs to the persons claiming ownership and should wait until the case is determined.

"The reason why Njeri is in custody is so that they can siphon the fuel from the ship into KPL containers and once it is there, then we have a problem because are we able to recover it back. KPA, KRA, KPL, Galana and Ramco must deposit an equivalent of Ksh 17 billion in an interest earning account for the case to go on in the meantime," said Ombeta.

Ombeta said that Njeri has been in the import and export business of fuel for the past 33 years and she has a good credit record with her financiers.

He said the oil was loaded in Turkey and passed through the port of Jeddah and she imported the same with an Israeli partner.

Ombeta said that the ship was docked at high seas and was waiting for Njeri to source for a buyer in Kenya since she had no import license.

"The oil was loaded in Turkey Jeddah port and all the ports she passed it shows she paid insurance. So who is Ramco and where did they appear from to claim the fuel yet they have no paper trail," said Ombeta.

"How is it that Galana and Ramco are questioning where Njeri got her money. That is none of their business. She has been in the fuel import business for 33 years. So she is not new in the business," said Ombeta.

He said that "Njeri imported 100,000 metric tons of diesel worth Ksh 17 billion which was to be sold to any party that was willing to buy from her. Apart from that, she has tried to bring the fuel into the country. She is aware of the

rules of how you can import fuel when it is Government to Government and has found few individuals who tried to help her since she has no import permit," said Ombeta.

He said Galana and Ramco took advantage of the situation and claimed ownership of the fuel.

He said on November 4th 2023, Njeri was informed that the ship had been docked at port yet she had not authorized it to dock in Kenya.

Ombeta said that Njeri reported the matter to port police and was given an OB number and two days later she was informed that Galana and Ramco were claiming ownership of the fuel.

"When she followed with port police, she was told that the people claiming the fuel were Galana Enterprise which she has nothing to do with. Galana said that the oil products belong to them and they are the qualified importers through Ramco who had instructed them, Galana being an agent for international oil companies," said Ombeta.

He disputed the documents shown by the two companies as not being genuine.

Ombeta said the firms failed to show how the ship came into the dock yard, who was the host, the person who brought the fuel and what documents were used to bring the said products.

"She filed a case in Mombasa High Court and got orders where the ship was to be arrested and no transactions were to take place on the ship until an inter party hearing scheduled for Tuesday," said Ombeta.

He said that on Thursday Njeri received a call and was told to report to DCI headquarters and she tried to call Energy Cabinet Secretary Chirchir who also advised her to report to the DCI.

Ombeta said that at the DCI she met with Head of DCI Amin who referred her to Berich in charge of investigations and after recording her statement she was blocked two officers.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Private universities have called for a fair funding model for all higher learning institutions to cushion parents during economic times. Zetech University Vice Chancellor Prof. Njenga Munene emphasised the need for a collaborative approach to education, as the country cannot afford a divisive approach. The university has received support from various bodies, including the Ministry of Education, the University Funding Board, the Higher Education Loans Board, the University and Colleges Central Placement Board, and the Commission for University Education. The new funding model will exclude students from private universities from scholarships, limiting funding to a certain limit. Microsoft Africa Development Centre CEO Catherine Muraga emphasised the need for universities to develop technology courses to remain relevant and marketable, while also calling on corporate leaders to mentor and provide employment opportunities for fresh graduates. Muraga emphasised the importance of young minds in the technological revolution, highlighting the need for adapting to new ways of working and fostering a more inclusive education system.



Thika women and youth groups in Kenya have been able to access posho mills as a form of empowerment to help them cope with high living costs and the rising prices of maize flour. The initiative by Ahadi Kenya and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency aims to make cheap maize flour more accessible, particularly for vulnerable groups in Thika. The mills, equipped with electricity and diesel engines, can process maize and other grains like sorghum and millet. Prime Cabinet secretary Musalia Mudavadi's spouse, Tessie Mudavadi, emphasised the need for cluster groups to benefit from government funds like the Women Enterprises Fund and Youth Fund to start income-generating activities. Thika Town MP Alice Ng'ang'a said the programme would also create a sustainable market for maize and other grains. The initiative is expected to help combat drugs and substance abuse in the Mt. Kenya region and encourage Kenyans to support the government through meaningful empowerment programs. The seven self-help groups received 50 and 90kg bags of maize as startup to start their businesses.



The Interior and National Administration Principal Secretary, Dr. Raymond Omollo, has announced plans to implement a report by the task force on police reforms, which includes recommendations to improve working conditions and the welfare of security officers. The recommendations include logistics, mobility, and equipment for the National Police Service, the Prisons Service, and the National Youth Service (NYS) to enhance service delivery. He spoke in Sosiot Center, Belgut when he commissioned a Police Station.



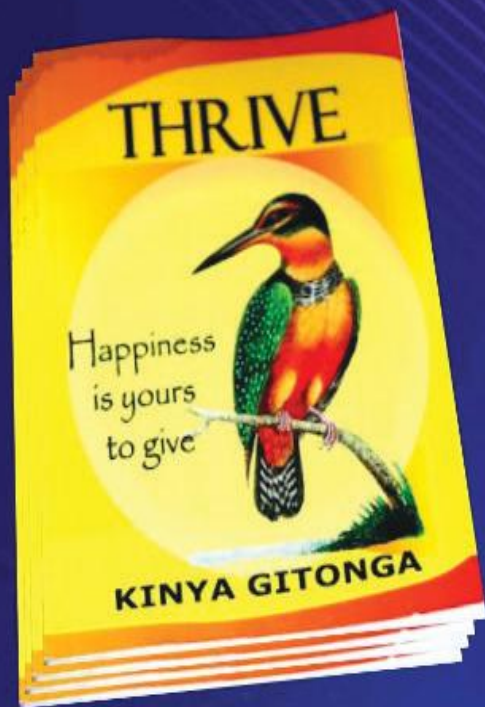
Youth Affairs and Sports Cabinet Secretary Ababu Namwamba has threatened to shut down athletes' training camps found to be flouting anti-doping regulations. Namwamba claims that innocent athletes' careers are being ruined by certain training camps, coaches, and agents who administer enhancement drugs without their knowledge. The Kenyan government, through the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya, National Government Administration officers, police, judiciary, and other key players, will reign in training camps and their coaches who are suspiciously doping innocent athletes. The government has set aside Sh3.7 billion to deal with doping cases, which have threatened athletes' careers. Namwamba remarked that the recent increase in doping cases among Kenyan athletes had attracted international attention when World Athletics President Lord Sebastian Coe visited Kenya early this year. He promised to disrupt doping syndicates within the country through initiatives like Talanta Hela and ensure the construction of 'Elite Stadium' in Nandi County. Nandi Governor Stephen Sang was disappointed that doping cases had been identified among athletes from his county and recommended investigations of training camps and coaches to ban those found culpable from carrying out their activities.



John Kariuki alias Choromai, the Chief Accounting Officer at Deputy President's office was at the weekend the Chief Guest during the Nyeri County Scout Commissioners, trainers, teachers and partners end of year party. During the event, Choromai promised to continually engage the Scouting team and help them achieve their goals and obligations, describing it as a noble movement that should be supported in its activities.

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Govt Wants Fight Against Alcoholism, Drug Abuse Intensified

By: KNA

Worth Noting:

• Speaking at the Machakos University Friday, when he launched the Last Mile County Connectivity Project (LMCCP), the Head of Public Service said all those found involving themselves in manufacturing and selling of illicit brews or peddling of drugs should be arrested and prosecuted to curb the menace.

• He noted that peddlers had devised unscrupulous ways of selling drugs, without necessarily raising suspicions and asked NGAOs to be on high alert.



Chief of Staff and the Head of Public Service Felix Koskei .

The Chief of Staff and the Head of Public Service Felix Koskei has asked the National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) to step up the fight against alcohol and drug abuse in the country.

Koskei noted that alcoholism and drug abuse had risen to unprecedented levels, robbing the country of a youthful generation, whose knowledge and skills would help spur development.

“Drug and alcohol abuse has become a menace. Many youths have become zombies. Chiefs, assistant chiefs, assistant county commissioners, deputy county commissioners, Members of the County Assembly, governors and all other leaders should unite to fight

the vice. We should not relent or surrender in this fight,” he said.

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“Some of the cigarettes being sold around are not the normal cigarettes we know, some of the rolls are ac-

tually cannabis sativa packaged as cigarettes, while other unscrupulous individuals are brewing poison in the name of alcohol,” added the Head of Public Service.

On corruption, Koskei reiterated the government’s commitment in making the country corruption free and asked Kenyans to desist from soliciting and giving bribes.

“We must stop corruption in government offices, police stations, county government offices and even in the markets. We must all join hands to win the war against corruption,” he said.

At the same time, the Chief of Staff issued a stern warning to civil servants engaged in corrupt practices that their

days were numbered.

“We can’t painfully pay taxes and then turn around to steal the same taxes. This must stop forthwith to allow development activities to take place across the country,” noted Koskei.

On the upcoming countrywide tree planting exercise scheduled for Monday, Koskei asked Kenyans to take advantage of the public holiday and grow trees to mitigate climate change.

“Monday is a working holiday. All Cabinet Secretaries have been assigned to supervise tree planting exercises across the country. Let us come out in large numbers to plant trees,” he said.

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Four Linked To Sh94m Thievery Arrested As Investigations Heighten

By: The DCI

Four men connected to the theft of cash in transit by known Wells Fargo staffers last Monday, have been arrested in different parts of Nairobi, and Sh9 million believed to be part of the proceeds recovered.

The operation which was effected by DCI officers from the headquarters detectives backed up by their Nairobi region counterparts kicked in after painstaking analysis of forensic-led clues, with the first arrow pointing to Rongai where the first suspect was arrested.

Ismael Patrick Gitonga is believed to be the driver and accomplice who ferried Wells Fargo crew Mugetha, Nduiki and the stolen Sh94, 918,750 from the company truck in South C using his Toyota Fielder Reg no.

KBM 751W.

The hawkshaws extended their investigations to Njiru area in Kayole where they traced the motorvehicle in the hands of Michael Matoro Njeru and Samuel Onyango, who were ambushed hands-on-tools modifying the vehicle for concealment. The two were equally cuffed and the vehicle detained.

Moments after a brief interrogation, detectives revved to a spot near the Thika Road Mall in Roysambu, where the 4th suspect - Martin Nderi Ng'ang'a - was arrested. He led the detectives to his rented house still in Roysambu, where a search therein saw the rocovery of Sh9.1 million in cash.

Having booked the four suspects, the sleuths proceeded to a forest near Gataka Market in Karen, where the cash box used in transporting the stolen money was recovered. Detectives believe that the forest was the meet up point for the suspects, where the loot



Investigations are ongoing. was shared before each one of them risked his way from the long arm of the law.

Mumias East MP Peter Salysa Clashes with Governor Fernandes Barasa Supporters in Mumias

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Mumias East Mp Peter Salysa Clashed with a supporter of Kakamega governor Fernandes Barasa on Sunday at a fundraising event at Bukaya Catholic church in Mumias West, over his remarks about the governor's contribution towards sugarcane farmers in Mumias.

During his address, the first time Mp had questioned the leadership of the governor Barasa, which has failed to help the sugarcane farmers from the region, amid closure of Mumias Sugar Company and other factories in the region.

"The people of Kakamega voted you the as their governor with expectations and hopes of making things better, that is why they want to see things happening. Everytime I get in collisions with a lot of people over this issue, that's why some of the people are mumbling." Said the lawmaker.

The MP who has been vocal on issues regarding sugarcane farming in Western, particular the Mumias Sugar Company, had called out the



Mumias East MP Peter Salysa Clashes and Governor Fernandes Barasa (File).

governor to talk about his contribution towards the motion in parliament for the farmers in the region. This was received by heckles and attack from one of governor's supporter, who attacked the lawmaker on stage, with attempts to take away the microphone from the Member of Parliament.

"We understand that the former governor had tabled the motion about reviving the company, we want to hear your contribution as the governor of Kakamega to help

these people of Wanga. We can see that the region's sugar factories have been closed down, with zero operations undergoing." MP Salasya said. The lawmaker attempted to counter the attack, which forced the intervention of police officers, after the MPs bodyguard raised his gun. However, a section of the crowd demanded for the lawmaker to be given a chance to speak out. The fundraiser was halted before continuing later when calmness and situation was handled.

Speaking after the situation returned

to normalcy, Kakamega governor Fernandes Barasa said he was not only elected for his eligibility as a leader, but as a sugarcane champion, and through the collaboration with the national government, the sector will be revived and be operational to benefit the larger Western and Nyanza Region.

"I was voted as champion governor of sugarcane in Western Kenya. We are working closely working with President William Ruto to ensure that the sugarcane sector in the re-

gion operational." Stated the governor.

"We cannot seat and watch the sugarcane sector die in our hands. We will revive and make the sugarcane industry very vibrant. Working is already going at Nzoia Sugar factory; tractors are already at work ensuring that the company comes back to life." Further added the Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetangula.

Despite of the commotion between governor Barasa's and Lawmaker Peter Salysa supporters, the leaders in attendance distanced themselves in commenting about the violence and restricted themselves to focus in working together as a community and region to ensure the sugarcane sector is operational.

During his visit in the region, the president had assured the residents of Kakamega that the government will not privatize the Sugar companies, as they are settling in ancestral home, but look into ways that will help farmers benefit from their efforts.

Gachagua To Meet Meru Leaders In Bid To Reconcile Governor Mwangaza With MCAs

By: DPCS



Embu County governor Cecily Mbarire addressing faithful as other leaders led by Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua listens.

Worth Noting:

- Speaking in Embu County, where he joined Christian faithful at St Anthony Catholic Church in Dallas and Kiajakoma Full Gospel Church in Runyenjes, the Deputy President said he will not give up in resolving leadership wrangles among feuding county leaders.
- He said it was his duty to ensure devolution is functioning.
- The Deputy President was accompanied by a group of more than 20 leaders and eminent persons from the county and other parts of the country, led by the host governor Cecily Mbarire, Senator Alexander Mundigi, Woman Representative Njoki Njeru alias Double "N" and MPs Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta), Muchangi Karemba (Runyenjes), Bernard Muriuki (Mbeere South), Geoffrey Kariuki (Mbeere North) together with Members of the County Assembly.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said he will convene a meeting with leaders from Meru county in a bid to reconcile Governor Kawira Mwangaza with Members of the County Assembly.

The Deputy President yesterday said he will be seeking to broker another truce after the failed impeachment attempt against governor Mwangaza, who was reinstated to office by the Senate last week.

It will be the third time the Deputy President is reconciling the Meru leaders.

This comes as a resident petitioned President William Ruto to dissolve the County Government over the persistent wrangles.

A number of Members of County Assemblies have also joined in the calls for dissolution of the County.

Said Mr Gachagua, "In Meru there was a problem and the issues have been resolved at the Senate. I had called the leaders for reconciliation but the peace existed only for one year. They started the wrangles again and we kept off. I will convene a meeting for the leaders including the governor, MCAs and MPs in a bid to bring them back together because Meru County is also very important to our administration."

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MPs Johanna Ng'eno (Emurua Dikirr), Nimrod Mbai (Kitui East), James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Bernard Kitur (Nandi Hills), Anne Wamuratha (Kiambu Woman Rep) and Beatrice Kemei (Kericho Woman Rep) together with former Embu Deputy Governor David Kariuki and former MPs Geoffrey King'ang'i (Mbeere South), John Muchiri (Manyatta) were present.

Embu politician Githinji Kiragu, Digital Strategist Dennis Itumbi and popular comedian Vincent Mwasia Mutua alias Chipukeezy also attended the functions.

In January and February, this year, the DP convened two reconciliation meetings between Meru leaders following protracted leadership wrangles after the Ward Representatives impeached Governor Kawira December 2022.

The Senate overturned the impeachment, and DP Gachagua brought the feuding parties together. However,

the governor was impeached 10 months later and the Senate restored her.

Mr Gachagua rekindled that he had managed to mediate peace and resolve stalemates in Kericho and Kiambu counties, where leaders had feuds over governance issues.

In his remarks, the Deputy President lauded Embu leaders over their healthy working relationship.

"Embu county is crucial to the leadership of President William Ruto. Development can not be witnessed when there are wrangles. I urge you to continue working together for the sake of the people," he said.

The Deputy President further stated that the government was changing its tact in ambassadorial appointments and foreign policy strategy saying that

the diplomats will have a mandate to aggressively market Kenyan products in their stations.

"We have instructed the Ambassadors that their main duty is searching markets for Kenyan products such as miraa and avocados," said the Deputy President.

On the ongoing coffee reforms, the Deputy President said the government will not relent in its mission to ensure farmers get returns commensurate to their sweat.

"The reforms are ongoing and we are doing well.

The middlemen, who had op-

posed the reforms so that they can continue oppressing farmers and had refused to buy the coffee, have returned to the market and will buy the coffee at high prices. We have set aside Sh4 billion to caution the farmers. We have buyers from Germany, Belgium and others who want to buy the coffee directly from farmers," he stated.

The Deputy President further defended President Ruto's international trips saying that Kenya had reaped big economically from the tours.

"I will make a report on successes of the President's international trips. The economy has benefited," he said.

On illicit brews and alcoholism in Embu as well as other parts of the country, the DP directed the County Police Commander to ensure traders arrested in connection to toxic brews are arraigned in court.

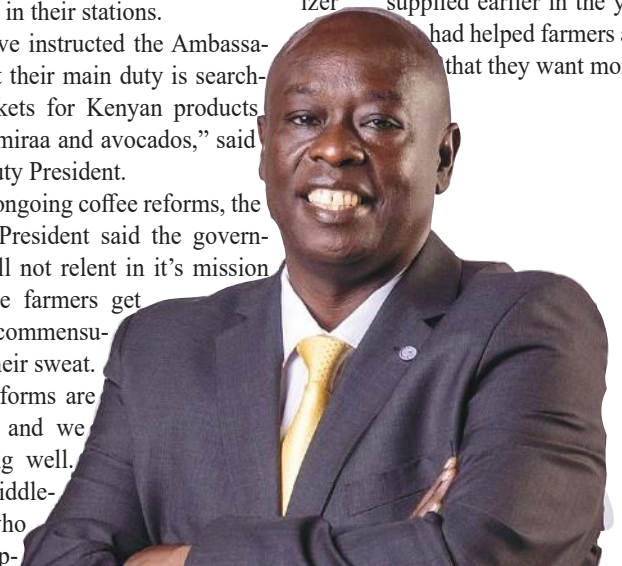
Embu county leaders accompanying the DP said police officers were the weak link in the fight against alcoholism since the suspects arrested by national government administration officers were being released.

The leaders praised the government over the ongoing socio-economic development projects in various parts of the country.

Governor Mbarire said the Kenya Kwanza administration had initiated development projects in Embu such as construction of a Sh700 modern market, industrial park (Sh500 million), Embu stadium and recruitment of 1600 Community Health Officers.

"When we see you we know we have a fighter and leader for Embu community. I support DP and the President because in ten years Embu county lost many development opportunities," said Ms Mbarire, who is also chairperson of the United Democratic Alliance Party.

She added that the subsidized fertilizer supplied earlier in the year had helped farmers and that they want more.



DP Gachagua: Gov't To Invest In Quality Education

By: Muraya Kamunde

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has assured that the government will focus on enhancing education systems for quality learning in the country.

Speaking at St Thomas Girls Secondary School, Kilifi County, on Saturday, the second in command noted that the Kenya Kwanza administration has shown interest in improving the education sector which is crucial in driving technology and innovations for development.

“Quality education is crucial in driving technology and innovations for development. That is why the Ruto Administration is investing in quality education,” said Mr. Gachagua.

The Deputy President also had a conversation with the students on the need to work extra hard for the country to reap the benefits of investing in their education.

“It was encouraging to see the strong, focused and determined girls, who are sitting their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examinations. They promised to deliver their best. Women have a place in building Kenya,” he said.

He also presented to the school a bus during his visit to the County.

He accompanied by Governor Gideon Mung'aro (Kilifi County), Owen Baya (Kilifi North MP), Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya (Mining and Blue Economy), Lydia Haika, (Taita Taveta Woman Representative), Rahab Mukami, (Nyeri Woman Representative) and Vincent Kawayo, (Mwala MP) among others.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua .

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Ruto's Tree Planting Drive Demonstrates His Commitment To Mitigate Effects Of Climate Change



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President William Ruto's Tree Planting Drive.

Worth Noting:

- The resolutions will formally be presented before the Conference of State Parties, COP28, which will be held in United Arab Emirates (UAE). Kenya has since made great strides in moving towards clean renewable energy.
- In the previous COP meetings that brought together world leaders, President Ruto would always speak on behalf of Africa. He would be chosen because of his deep understanding and grasp of issues related to climate change. Besides he is bold, candid and courageous.
- In his presentations, he would mince no word in taking on powerful nations for being biggest polluters of the climate.
- Your actions have over the years caused untold suffering and pain to our people. They poses real threat to the livelihoods and existence of humankind.

Today, November 13, 2023, is a public holiday and the day is dedicated for tree planting drive. Kenyans in all parts of the country will be expected to take part in this noble course.

This is the first time in the history of independent Kenya that the government of Kenya has shown a total commitment to matters of environmental conservation.

Tree planting is one of the key interventions towards mitigating disastrous impact of climate change ravaging the whole world.

President William Ruto is expected to lead the nation in marking this day by planting tree seedlings in Makueni County tomorrow.

It is worth noting the President started this campaign of greening Kenya a year ago when he planted a number of tree seedlings in Ngong forest.

President Ruto has emerged as a key player in these endeavours not only in Africa but globally.

He recently organized the first ever Africa Climate Summit that was held in Kenya's capital city of Nairobi.

In their final communique, the Africa heads of states adopted a Nairobi declaration.

Going forward, the declaration will inform Africa's position on climate change globally.

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Your actions have over the years caused untold suffering and pain to our people. They poses real threat to the livelihoods and existence of humankind.

Hundreds of thousands of the people have lost their lives and properties have been destroyed.

As leaders, we have a duty to save our people from extinction.

We have previously passed numerous resolutions but you have been turning deaf ear to them.

A time has come to start implementing them.

Planting of the trees and phasing out of fossil fuels are some of the key interventions.

In Kenya, we are taking this matter seriously because we value sanctity of human life.

Dr Ruto would not leave it there. He would tell the leaders of the powerful nations in Europe and Asia.

Africa is not responding to the pressure from you.

We are doing this because it is the right thing to do. We also want to see you doing your part.

Bearing in mind that you are the biggest polluters, Africa has a right to demand compensations and reparations from you.

On this issue, you have only been making pledges. For now, we want to see you walking the talk.

Reacting to this, the leaders of superpowers would not feel offended. We have listened keenly to President William Ruto's presentation. He has articulated the position of Africa very well.

We agree that we have not been taking matters of climate change seriously. We are now going to implement resolutions and keep our word on compensation.

Back home, President William Ruto is not leaving anything to chance in terms of ensuring that his administration met the target of planting 15 billion tree seedlings by the 2032.

Top government officials and local chiefs have been boosting his efforts by presiding tree planting activities in all parts of the country.

The gazettement of November 13 cleared the way for this day to be

marked as a national holiday of tree planting every year.

As Dr Ruto plant the trees in Makueni tomorrow, this exercise will take place simultaneously in all parts of the country.

Cabinet secretaries (CSs), Principal Secretaries (PSs), County commissioners are among state officers who will preside over these activities.

This will be a well calculated move designed to mobilize many people at grassroots to turn up.

Some of them will come to see their leaders. Apart from learning some lessons about the importance of planting trees, they will not leave before planting seedlings.

Dr Ruto is a hard working and hands-on President. So I have no reason to doubt him. He will ensure his administration has met the target.

During the reigns of the previous governments, forest cover had dropped drastically due to destruction of forests. Dr Ruto is out to correct these wrongs. Let us support him.

Joseph Mutua Ndonga is a writer and political analyst based in Nairobi

Pastor Dorcas Actualizes First Police Mass Wedding For 32 Couples

By: SODP

Worth Noting:

- “The family institution is having many challenges today, but I urge you never to give up, never lose hope. Marriage works and I am a witness, I have been there for close to 36 years now,” she said.
- “I believe in family values; I believe in family. To the wives of our officers. We are always reminded that whoever gets a good wife, not whoever gets a good knife. You are not supposed to be a knife to your husband. Be patient with your husband,” she added.
- Pastor Dorcas also called on the church to say no to same sex marriages saying it is against the Christian, Muslim, Hindu and traditions beliefs.



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi presenting a gift to one of the officers who officiated their marriage on Saturday.

The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has actualized the National Police Service Uniformed Mass Wedding for 32 couples at the Embakasi Police Training College.

Pastor Dorcas said the officiating of the marriages was so crucial to the families as a way of safeguarding the families. She said in some cases when a man who is serving in the police service dies the wife is left struggling to access what rightfully belonged to the man due to lack of certification and recognition as a wife.

“Some of you get married at a very early age after your graduation and due to the nature of your job and sometimes they never get time to legalize their marriage,” she noted,

Pastor Dorcas added that it will also help in dealing with cases of mental illnesses, violence, murder and depression among police officers encouraging them to seek counselling whenever in need.

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Pastor Dorcas also called on the church to say no to same sex marriag-

es saying it is against the Christian, Muslim, Hindu and traditions beliefs. “I say again it is Male and female. Say no to the same sex marriage,” she reiterated.

The gifts to the couples were given by President William Ruto and Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Pastor Dorcas said her office will hold the annual uniformed weddings annually.

The uniformed wedding is in line with the agenda of the office of the

spouse of the Deputy President on family values.

Many of the couples have expressed their joy terming it a restoration of some of their marriages.

Eric Muturi (28) and Alice Muturi (26) were the youngest couple among the 32 couples who officiated their marriages on Saturday.

Muturi said it has been difficult to organize a wedding for his wife due to financial constraints.

“Organizing a wedding comes with

huge costs but since it is catered for, it has been easy for me and I enjoy the day and thank Pastor Dorcas for making this happen,” he said.

According to Chaplain Timothy Maina, the police county chaplain Kiambu County the move will restore more families and marriages.

Chaplain Maina said the officiating of marriages is very significant to police officers and their families.

“When you see some killing it is not physical, it is not that our nature of work is bad. Sometimes it is family battles and I can tell you the significance is not just enjoying but am sure these couples will live to satisfaction,” Chaplain Maina said.

Titus Barasa a police officer serving in Makueni said the marriage certificate is so significant in his marriage adding that he has been given a second chance.

His sentiments were echoed by John Mutunga also a police officer who also officiated his marriage.

There was joy and jubilation as the couples joined the police band in songs and dances.

Thanking Pastor Dorcas for organizing the event Senior Sergeant of Police who is also a trainer at the Training College Daudi Musa promised to lead as an example in nurturing good family values among his colleagues and juniors.

Musa, a father of 3 urged his colleagues to learn how to manage anger and pride in their families saying these have contributed to many misunderstandings in many families.



Some of the police officers with their spouses after they officiated their marriages

Gachagua, Coast Leaders To Craft Strategy To Combat Drug Abuse

By: DPPS

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua will convene a meeting of key stakeholders to strategise on ending rampant drugs and substance abuse at the Coast Region.

Speaking in Kilifi County when he attended the 8th Anniversary of the Malindi Diocese at ACK St Thomas and fundraiser, Gachagua said ridding the region of drugs will improve the economic prospects of the people.

The Government is building infrastructure for full exploitation of the Blue Economy for the People of the Coast and the Nation, he added.

The Deputy President said the Ruto Administration is keen on reviving the economy asking the public to be patient.

He defended President Ruto's foreign travels saying the Head of State

is looking for partnership to complement taxes for development.

The DP asked the Opposition to criticise the Government constructively and fairly.

He called out South African Politician Julius Malema for criticising President William Ruto and his Administration saying foreign visitors need to enjoy the tourism resources and let Kenyans deal with their matters internally.

Earlier, the Deputy President visited St Thomas Girls Secondary School in Kilifi where he encouraged and motivated students sitting for the KCSE. He presented the school with a bus.



October 6, 2023 | Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua during a media interview at his official residence in Karen, Nairobi/DPCS.

Budget Committee Continues With Scrutiny Of Financial Recommendations By On Supplementary Budget

By: PSCU

The Budget and Appropriations Committee (BAC) has reviewed reports of 12 Departmental Committee reports on the 2023/24 1st Supplementary Budget Estimates. Under the leadership of Ndindi Nyoro (MP, Kiharu), the Committee engaged with the chairpersons of the Departmental Committees to scrutinize their financial recommendations as detailed in their reports.

A recurring theme across all the Departmental Committee reports is the request for approval of reallocations, encompassing both reductions and increases. Notably, a significant development in this regard is the potential allocation of an additional Ksh. 2.4 billion for Junior Secondary Schools, contingent on approval

by the Budget Committee and the House. This allocation arises from realignments proposed by the Education Committee.

During the meeting, Julius Melly, Chairperson of the Education Committee, pointed out that these funds would facilitate the construction of more classrooms and resource centres with management falling under the purview of the NG-CDF.

Additionally, Japhet Kareke Mbiuki, Chairperson of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee, said that his committee wholeheartedly approved the proposed Supplementary Estimates 1. Nevertheless, Mbiuki sought approval for a reallocation of Ksh. 530 million from the Tourism Fund and Tourism Promotion to accommodate the enhanced Appropriations in Aid (AIA). These funds are earmarked for various critical purposes, including the setup of the Tourism Research Institute, provision of water for wildlife in

protected areas, maintenance of access roads and airstrips in Parkway Conservancies, the Human-Wildlife Mitigation program, and the Ranger Housing Program, among others.

Furthermore, the Committee also examined reports from the Energy, Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, Communication, Information and Innovation, Sports, Culture, Trade, Industry & and cooperatives Regional Development, and Labor Departmental Committees.



Mary Otucho Emaase MP Teso South.

I Have A Mother

Mother, I was in darkness,
The word of my heart nobody knows.
I have lived for you,
My soul misses the soil.

You have a place in my travel,
I missed you, mommy,
You mention, you are with me in every
moment,
Your pray is medicine for my body.

You are far away and I am in another
city,
Always calls old memories
I could not find one as smart as you,
I am a child who raised in your beautiful
heart.

That is it, I will stop the load of the
world,
Am I important for you, do I need you?
I am a child who has grown up today,



My mother, I always be with you.

Sulaymonova Maftuna

I'm Fergana

You are the masterpiece of Central Asia,
Fergana.

You are the pride of my valley, my
Fergana.
Don't look at your beauty, my flower -
yashna Fergana.

You have talented young people, brave in
every field,
You are a land of farmers, paradise -
Fergana,
My beautiful, priceless, beloved Fergana.

Let your path be bright and bright, don't
lose sight of my country.
May all my knowledge and soul be yours.
How many scholars - you are a cradle for
virtues
Peace is the bright door through which
friendship enters.

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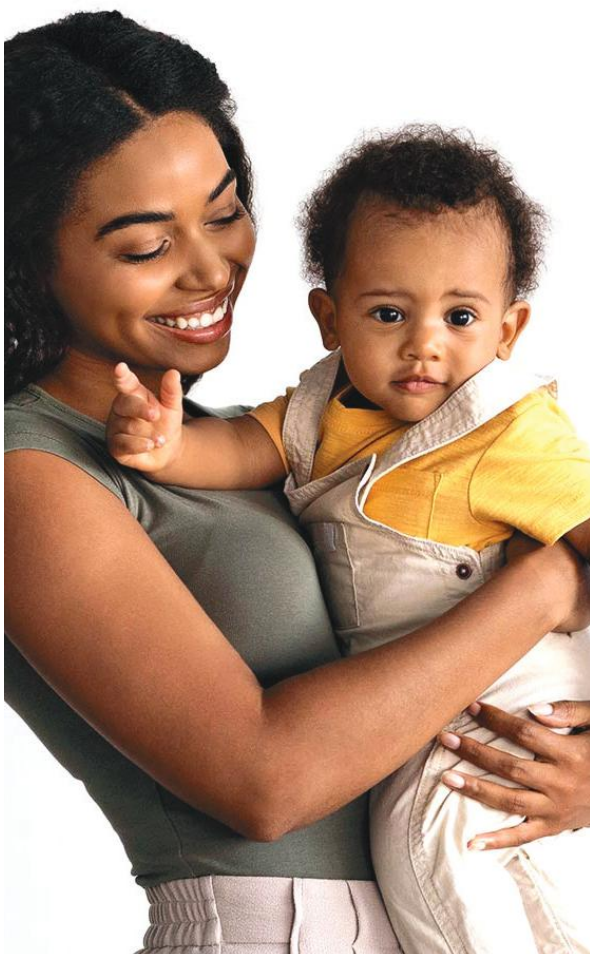
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love
Caresses with sweet
words
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world
My mum is my heaven!

You are the sun, as if you
are the universe
Your words are a cure for
every pain
My jewel of two worlds
My mother is my heaven!

You are the only light in my
heart
You are the joy in my soul
I want to be like you
My mother is my heaven!

UMIRZAKOVA BARNO



Heaven's Gate...

This life does not pass smoothly,
After all, this is the taste.

If your body destroys the darts, this is the
case.

Your eyes tear up involuntarily.
On this day, the hospital exit corridor,
It looks like the door of heaven.

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When pains come together and your body
dies,

Joe's heart will skip a beat too.
If your good health fails you,
Your life will be like darkness.

The endless world is too narrow,
You are suspicious of others.
Lek bil, dua is lost without zihar.
The war that you are making known to
ALLAH.

The wisdom hidden in the affairs of fate,
But it is a part of it.
A Muslim should not smoke for no reason,
All this is by ALLAH's permission.

Every great verse is written with pain,
Suspicious love for a heart without pain.

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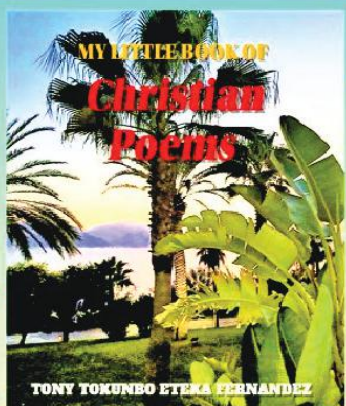
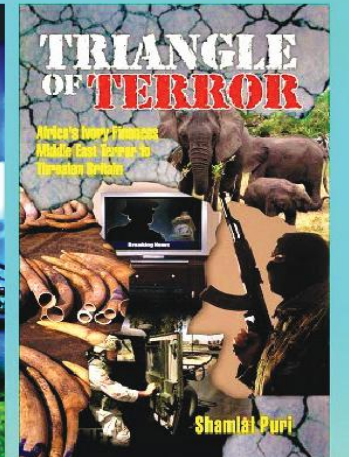
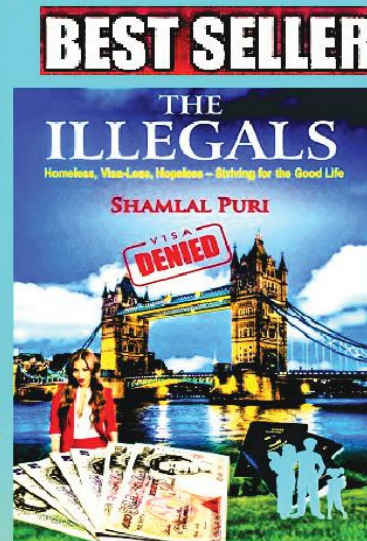
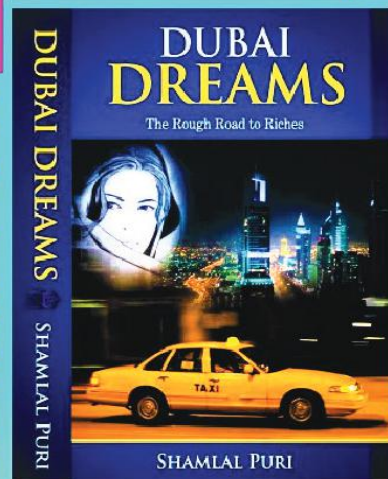
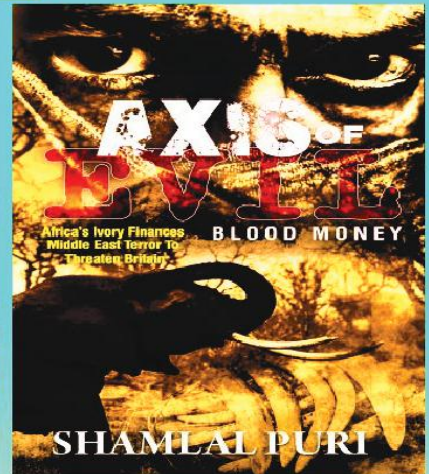
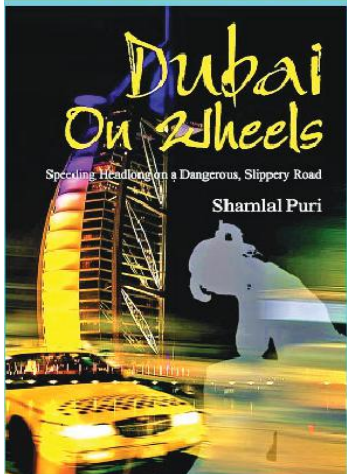
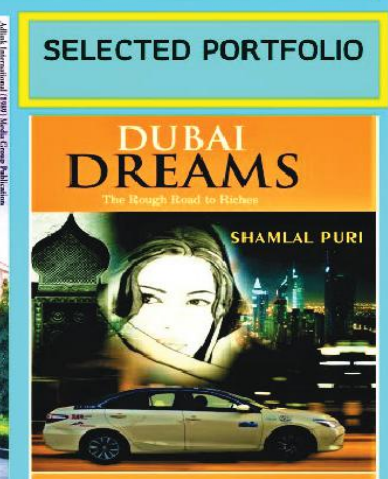
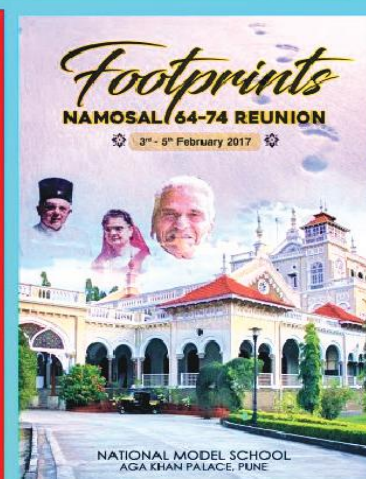
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BUSINESS

Odede Selected For TIME100 Impact Awards Alongside Ellen Sirleaf Johnson

By: Capital Correspondent



Kennedy Odede/FILE.

Worth Noting:

- “We used to walk several kilometres to get water and most of the time, we would suffer water-borne diseases because the water we got was contaminated due to the underground pipes getting mixed up with raw sewage,” Odede told CNN in a past interview.
- It is for this reason that Shofco used a cutting-edge aerial piping system when installing a water treatment facility in the slum which can pump up to 300,000 litres of water at a time to aerial pipes that connect to various water kiosks throughout Kibera and Mathare.

Kenyan philanthropist Dr Kennedy Odede is among eminent African personalities selected for the TIME’s TIME100 Impact Awards set to take place in Kigali, Rwanda on November 17.

The star-studded Awards honor the continent’s leading change makers.

The Shining Hope for Communities (Shofco) founder and CEO will be feted at the ceremony which recognises leaders from across the world who are driving change in their communities.

Dr. Odede is being awarded for the community-driven change, championed by Shofco, that has now become a model for global NGOs.

Founded in 2004 by Dr Odede as a way of uplifting his community after growing up in poverty in Kibera slums, Shofco is now a grassroots movement that has impacted over 2.5 million slum dwellers in Kenya through various causes such as access to health, water, community advocacy platforms, education, and sustainable livelihoods program.

The oldest of eight children, Dr.

Odede experienced extreme poverty and violence, became a street boy aged 10 and later joined a gang.

All these are not things you associate with a change maker but this is exactly what Dr. Odede later became.

Having struggled to access water in the slums where clean and safe piped water was non-existent, Odede put provision of this basic commodity on top of his wish list when Shofco came into being.

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With the water going to various kiosks stationed at strategic points

across the slums, members of this community are now not walking several kilometres in search of the precious commodity, all thanks to Dr. Odede.

Women’s education is also close to his heart and after witnessing a lot of gender inequality in the slum, he founded two tuition-free schools for girls in Kibera and Mathare slums.

So far, the school in Kibera, which has over 500 pupils, has had students sit for KCPE since 2017 while in Mathare, there are nearly 400 students from pre-primary to Grade 7.

The Kibera School for Girls is now a consistent top performer, ranked among the top 10 in Nairobi, with graduates going on to attend high schools in Kenya and the United States.

Shofco has also spread its wings beyond Nairobi as every year, over 500 needy students from Mombasa, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu and Kisii counties who score more than 300 marks receive scholarships.

Odede’s efforts do not end there. Shofco has seven clinics in the slums

that attend to over 700 people in the community at near-zero cost after decades of struggling to access medical care due to its high cost.

He also initiated the Shofco Urban Network (SUN), a grassroots movement that brings together individuals and households through social groups, a key pillar of the organisation that ensures community-driven change is achieved.

There are over three million SUN members in Kenya with over 1.5 beneficiaries. SUN has created a self-sustaining group savings and loans programme for the members and their immediate families with over 300,000 active saving groups.

One such programme is the highly-successful Shofco Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (Sacco) which draws its over 17,000 membership from Kibera, Mathare, Kawangware as well as slums in Mombasa, Kisumu and Kakamega.

Shofco Sacco has given out over Ksh600 million in loans since its inception five years ago which go to small businesses, self-help groups and the youth to start or boost income-generating activities.

As of September 2023, Shofco also launched an ambitious five-year programme to enroll 2.2 million young people in Technical and Educational Vocation Training (TVET) institutions across Kenya and to provide business training and grants to nearly 50,000 by end of 2024 in Nairobi County.

These efforts have not gone unnoticed as Dr. Odede has been named a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum, an Obama Foundation Africa Leader, a USAID Advisory Board member, and the winner of the Mohammed Ali Humanitarian Award among others.

He is also the co-author of New York Times bestseller, Find Me Unafraid: Love, Loss, and Hope in African Slum. The TIME100 Impact Awards, therefore, is another feather on Odede’s cap.

He will be awarded alongside UN Women Goodwill Ambassador Danai Gurira, social justice humanitarian Ashley Judd, United Nations’ IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth Sherrie Silver, former Liberia President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and African Leadership Group founder Fred Swaniker.



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Kenyan Firm To Lead Construction Of Sh32bn Smart City In Kinshasa

By: Capital Correspondent



The state-of-the-art project dubbed Kasangulu Smart City covers an imposing 40 hectares of prime land valued at USD210 million (Sh32 billion).

Worth Noting:

- According to the EAC, the total population of the region is projected to increase to 500 million people by 2043 from the current estimated 300 million citizens with over 30 per cent comprising urban population. The DR Congo accounts for a third (31 per cent) of the population of the East African Community.
- “This is the first smart City in DRC and the project presents the opportunity to champion a first of it’s kind smart-gated city in the province of Kasangulu, Kongo Central, away from heavy traffic and pollution, while simultaneously delivering quality and affordable housing for the middle and upper classes of the country,” added Yongo.

A Kenyan-grown financial consultancy firm, AVLC Group, has been picked by MC Telecom, a Kinshasa-based firm, to offer lead consultancy services in the construction of a multi-billion-shilling smart city in the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The state-of-the-art project dubbed Kasangulu Smart City covering an imposing 40 hectares of prime land valued at USD210 million (Sh32 billion) is designed to accommodate multi-storey houses, a level 4 hospital, a school, a train station, a water theme park, malls, shopping centres, a hotel, club houses, a lake, an artificial beach and an array of other essential facilities.

Investors from the East African Community and citizens from the region have been urged to invest across the region to boost integration and development of infrastructure in the EAC federation.

Speaking in Kinshasa during the official unveiling of the multi-billion-shilling project, MC Telecom Chairman, Sam Yongo, appealed to East African citizens to invest across the borders in order to boost integration and social-economic development in the region that comprises seven countries.

“This is an initiative that can bring us together as the East African Community since we no longer have barriers of movement between our nations,” Yongo said.

Yongo further projected a population surge in the EAC region especially in urban areas necessitating the con-

struction of more houses and facilities for the growing population.

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He noted that the project is marked for completion in 2027.

“We are determined to finish the project by 2027 and we are excited because the advent of a smart city in Kinshasa signifies an exciting and transformative period for the region’s real estate market, promising increased investment opportunities and a redefined urban living experience,” Yongo indicated.

DRC Minister of Digital Technology Eberande Kolongele, who graced the event, termed the project as a significant leap in the region’s development of the real estate market.

“Smart cities represent the convergence of cutting-edge technology, sustainable living, and economic growth. This initiative aims not only to transform the physical landscape

of DRC, but also to elevate the overall standard of living for residents in the region,” said Kolongele.

AVLC Group Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Kanyutu hailed the project’s vision adding that it will transform the DRC real estate market and also serve as a beacon of progress within the broader EAC region.

“We envision a future where such projects become a model for sustainable development, a testament to the power of innovation and collaboration across borders,” Kanyutu stated. “We see this project as an integral part of a united East African Community, contributing to the region’s economic growth, social well-being, and environmental sustainability,” he stated.

Kanyutu added that AVLC Group will oversee the project’s implementation to ensure it’s success by bringing together the dynamic forces behind the venture including; the developer, the contractor and the technical team of architects, engineers and quantity surveyors.

“The project will have a great impact in the region by creating jobs and helping to stimulate the economy of the EAC economic block. This joint venture is poised to bring about substantial infrastructural changes, potentially acting as a magnet for both local and international investors,” Kanyutu said.

On his part, AVLC Group Director Charles Karanja expressed optimism that the EAC member states will soon be more integrated with the expected unveiling of a common currency for

the region.

“The EAC region is growing at a very high rate economically and with the huge population in the region, the project will help to serve the growing population in the EAC region and improve lifestyles within the region’s real estate market,” Karanja said.

The ambitious project is anticipated to attract considerable attention from investors across the EAC region seeking to capitalize on the burgeoning potential of a smart, modern urban hub. It’s poised to draw in a diverse spectrum of residents – prospective homeowners, businesses, and innovators eager to be part of a cutting-edge, sustainable community.

AVLC Group will play a pivotal role in the implementation of the project by establishing the financial structure for the project, contract negotiations, financial coordination, quality assurance among others.

The construction project will be managed by Kenyan based UDesign Architects led by the firm’s CEO, Mutahi Wariithi.

The actual ground breaking of the project will take place in the second week of December, 2023 with Phase one of the project estimated to be completed in 2025.

MC Telecom is a Kinshasa based telecommunication and resources provider group, specializing in construction work, civil engineering, transmission, power and logistics for telecommunication operations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Encourage Tree Planting

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm for the Tree Planting Day holiday on November 13th. This day presents a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and contribute to the well-being of our environment. As we all know, trees play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance, providing oxygen, and supporting biodiversity. Therefore, it is imperative that we take this holiday as an opportunity to actively participate in tree planting activities.

On this special day, I urge everyone to get involved in tree planting initiatives. Whether it's organizing a community tree planting event, joining a local environmental orga-

nization's efforts, or simply planting a tree in your own yard, every action counts. By collectively engaging in tree planting activities, we can make a significant impact on the environment and contribute to a greener and healthier future for generations to come.

Let's embrace this holiday as a chance to demonstrate our commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability. Together, let's make November 13th a day of positive action for the benefit of our planet.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Nyakobo.



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Examination Irregularities To Stop

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the issue of exam irregularities and the urgent need for them to be eradicated. It is imperative that anyone caught engaging in exam irregularities faces severe consequences. This not only ensures fairness and integrity in the examination process but also promotes transparency and honesty among candidates.

Exams are designed to assess a candidate's knowledge, skills, and abilities in a particular subject or field. They serve as a benchmark for evaluating an individual's academic or professional capabilities. However, when individuals resort to cheating or other forms of exam irregularities, they undermine the purpose and value of these assessments.

One of the primary reasons why exam irregularities should be stopped is to ensure that candidates receive genuine results. By engaging in dishonest practices, individuals may obtain higher scores than they deserve, which can lead to a false sense of achievement. This not only hampers their personal growth but also affects their future prospects. If candidates are not accurately assessed based on their actual abilities, it becomes difficult for them to identify areas where they need improvement and seek appropriate help.

Moreover, cheating in exams may provide short-term benefits, such as passing a particular test or securing admission into a desired institution. However, in the long run, this approach proves to be counterproductive. When individuals progress to higher levels of education or enter the professional world, they often

find themselves ill-equipped due to their lack of genuine knowledge and skills. This can have detrimental effects on their careers and overall development.

It is essential for candidates to understand that cheating not only compromises their own growth but also undermines the credibility of educational institutions and examination systems as a whole. When exam irregularities become prevalent, it erodes trust in the fairness and reliability of these systems. This can have far-reaching consequences, including devaluing qualifications and creating an atmosphere of skepticism among employers and society at large.

To address this issue effectively, it is crucial for educational institutions, examination boards, and relevant authorities to take a strong stance

against exam irregularities. Strict measures should be implemented to deter individuals from engaging in dishonest practices. These measures may include increased invigilation, the use of advanced technology for monitoring, and the establishment of disciplinary committees to investigate and penalize offenders.

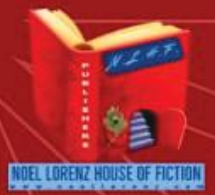
Furthermore, it is equally important to foster a culture of honesty and integrity among candidates. Educational institutions should emphasize the importance of ethical behavior and promote a sense of responsibility towards one's own learning and development. By instilling these values from an early age, we can create a generation of individuals who understand the significance of genuine achievement and are motivated to work hard for their own success.

In conclusion, exam irregularities pose a significant threat to the integrity of educational systems and the future prospects of candidates. It is imperative that we take immediate action to eradicate this issue. By ensuring severe consequences for those caught engaging in exam irregularities and promoting transparency and honesty among candidates, we can create an environment that fosters genuine learning, growth, and success.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Nyakobo.
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Skincare, fashion and style.

Worth Noting:

- Moving on from high school to real life, men in general appreciate the little things that we ladies do so as to look good. It is a competition dear ladies thus you have to deliver.
- Allegedly, many a time women have lost their partners to slay queens as they are dubbed these days. It will be worth the effort so be bold, put on those lashes and manicure them nails.
- As for stay home moms I urge them to wear that makeup doing their chores. Consequently, our men will appreciate our time and efforts. Stating the obvious, let's make it a culture and cultivate this etiquette movement from our schools to the society at large.

Ladies are always on the move pertaining matters of skincare, fashion and style. Needless to say that we rely on our appearances as they leave a lot to be desired in some cases. That is why programs on complete makeovers make a mark in terms of viewership thus we are always thirsty and foraging for anything more informative. It can be seen that all this mumbo jumbo is all about trying to fit in, everyone wants to be a role model so ladies let's get fashionable or die trying. Undoubtedly, let me take you on an enlightening journey that may add some spice to your current status quo.

Have you ever wondered why in high school all the smart students are chosen as prefects and monitors? The answer is because of the way they present themselves. It can be seen that owning a good wardrobe is not enough if you are not impeccable and lack that sought of sixth sense in fashion. Looking back, the smart girls made strides for they sacrificed their precious time to wash and iron their uniforms everyday not forgetting their socks and shoes which were never dusty. In the long run it paid off as they were recognized on Prize Giving Day for their effort at hygiene. In simpler terms, if you want people to appreciate you then you better rise to the occasion in the etiquette department. Cleanliness is next to Godliness so it is wise to always look good despite the little that you have.

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bold, put on those lashes and manicure them nails. As for stay home moms I urge them to wear that makeup doing their chores. Consequently, our men will appreciate our time and efforts. Stating the obvious, let's make it a culture and cultivate this etiquette movement from our schools to the society at large. This is because culture as an entity is hard to exorcise. The end result will be a boost in deportment, decorum and confidence mark my words.

In addition, we have to mull over what people will say after seeing your type of dressing. Clothes have some supernatural power as they tend to create a lasting impression because they have a mind of their own. As ladies we should distinguish between formal and casual dressing so as to up our ante. This only points to dressing your age so as to up-

hold your status for example married women should not dress like teenagers and vice versa. The moment you get this in your head you will never go wrong thus thwarting any criticism. As a fashion junkie, I always loved to dress up but a limited wardrobe was a bane of my existence. To bring this issue to light, I still remember being almost assaulted by the whole rank of taxi drivers because I had dared to wear a very short summer dress with some lacy tights. It was a complete disaster take it from me for I looked like a complete hooker. The drivers went on to admonish me, reiterating that it was censorious if I were to provoke perverts fueling the escalation of unresolved rape cases.

The moral of the article is that I mended my ways plus my closet as well and decided to dress accordingly. To back

this up ladies, I admire fashion icons like Michelle Obama, Oprah Winfrey and Kate Middleton because they are always modestly on point. If they can make a statement with mere clothes then I'm willing to join this band wagon. It's better to be known for good fashion taste and not to be a travesty for the fashion police. It is easy to judge a book by its cover, the society is always looking and also copying so try and set a trend that will put an end to this wave of scanty apparel that is trying to choke our youths. Not only is this beneficial to me but it will make an impact on the girl child as our future generation and the world at large bringing about change and a reduction in rape cases, domestic violence and child abuse in general.



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Kenya's Karan Patel Wins Maiden Africa Rally Championship Title



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The win sees the 2022 Kenya National Rally Champion and reigning Kenyan motorsport athlete of the year win his maiden continental title.

They become the first Kenyan pair to achieve the feat in a Ford, and the marque's second title after Zambia's Leroy Gomes last year.

Karan finished second behind Uganda's Jas Mangat in a well driven race strategy during the season-closing ASAS Rally of Tanzania.

Their calm and assured march to the finish podium at Sao Hill Mafinga in Iringa belied the excitement that was bubbling underneath and it exploded into a solid stream of joy at prize giving.

Karan, who is also a Red Bull athlete, becomes the seventh Kenya driver after the trailblazing Shekhar Mehta in 1981, David Horsey in 1984, Jaspreet Singh Chatthe in 2015, Don Smith in 2016, Manvir Baryan thrice 2017 and 2019 and Carl Tundo in 2021.

Tauseef, on the other hand, becomes the fifth Kenyan navigator champion after Mike Doughty, Surinder Thatthi, Bob Kaugi and

Tim Jessop.

On their way up, Karan and Tauseef registered four wins in Rwanda, Kenya (Equator), Burundi and Zambia.

The Kenyan duo skipped Bandama Rallye and Pearl of Africa Uganda Rally and had to play catch up to lay their hands on the coveted title they lost to Zambian Gomes last season.

Karan and Tauseef arrived in Iringa, Tanzania in high spirits, winning the qualifying stage but appeared to back off in a well calculated strategy to safeguard the championship.

The Kenyan crew went into the championship finale in Tanzania this weekend with a nine points advantage over Uganda's Mangat.

But Mangat savored his first victory of the season as well as kick-starting his Hyundai's victories log. But he has to contend with playing second fiddle to the newly crowned champion Karan.

Youngster Hamza Anwar racked up the ARC2 category title in third overall position when his race adversary and local Charles Nyerere suffered mechanical gremlins.

—African Rally Championship 2023 —

Since its launch in 1981, the ARC has provided spectacular imagery due to the rallies taking place amid stunning landscapes.

Boosted by Kenya's return to the FIA World Rally Championship in 2021, the ARC continues to grow in strength and stature following two years of disruption caused by the global health pandemic. The 2023 season featured a seven-round calendar traversing seven countries.

The 2024 ARC season will resume early next year with the iconic Rallye Bandana Rally of Ivory coast.

Past Winners-ARC

1981 Shekhar Mehta-Kenya/ Mike Doughty-Kenya (Nissan)

1982 Walter Rohrl-Germany/ Christian Giestdofer-Germany (Opel)

1983 Alain Ambrosino-Ivory Coast/ Daniel Le Saux-Ivory Coast (Peugeot)

1984 David Horsey-Kenya/David Williamson-Kenya (Peugeot)

1985 Luc Requile-Rwanda/ Martine Delervelle-Rwanda (Opel)

1986 Alain Ambrosin-Ivory Coast/Daniel Le Saux -Ivory Coast (Nissan)

1987 Alain Ambrosino-Ivory Coast/Daniel Le Saux -Ivory Coast (Nissan)

1988 Satwant Singh-Zambia/ Luc Verhurst-Burundi (Toyota)

1989 Satwant Singh-Zambia/ Surinder Thatthi -Kenya (VW)

1990 Walter Costa-Burundi/ Rudi Cantanhede-Burundi (Peugeot)

1991 Satwant Singh-Zambia/ John Mitchell-Zambia (Toyota)

1992 Aldo Riva-Italy/Enrico Roveda-Italy (Audi)

1993 Satwant Singh -Zambia/ Enrico Roveda-Italy (Toyota)

1994 Abe Smith-Zimbabwe/Les Wild -Zimbabwe (Audi)

1995 Fritz Flachberger-Namibia/Wicus Bruwer-Namibia (Ford)

1996 Satwant Singh -Zambia/ Surinder Thatthi- Kenya (Subaru)

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1998 Satwant Singh-Zambia/ Surinder Thatthi-Kenya (Subaru)

1999 Charles Muhangi -Uganda/ Steve Byaruhanga -Uganda (Subaru)

2000 Satwant Singh-Zambia/ Mutumbi Goma-Zambia (Subaru)

2001 Schalk Burger-South Africa/Piet Swanepoel-South Africa

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2002 John Gemmel-South Africa/Robert Paisely-South Africa (Subaru)

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2004 Muna Singh-Zambia/David Sihoka-Zambia (Subaru)

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2006 Patrick Emontspool-Belgium/Alain Robert-Belgium (Subaru)

2007 Conrad Rautenbach-Zimbabwe/David Sihoka-Zambia (Subaru)

2008 Hideaki Miyoshi-Japan/Hakaru Ichino-Japan (Mitsubishi)

2009 James Whyte-Zimbabwe/Phil Archenoul-Zimbabwe (Subaru)

2010 James Whyte-Zimbabwe/Phil Archenoul-Zimbabwe (Subaru)

2011 Conrad Rautenbach-Zimbabwe/Nicolas Klinger -France (Subaru)

2012 Mohamed Essa-Zambia/Greg Stead -Zimbabwe (Subaru)

2013 Jassy Singh-Zambia/David Sihoka Zambia-Subaru

2014 Gary Chaynes-Ivory Coast/Romain Comas-Ivory Coast-Mitsubishi

2015 Jaspreet Singh Chatthe Kenya

Craig Thorley-Englan (-Mitsubishi)

2016. Don Smith-Kenya/Bob Kaugi-Kenya (Subaru)

2017 Manvir Baryan+Kenya/Drew Sturrock-Britain (Škoda)

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2019 Manvir Baryan-Kenya/Drew Sturrock-Britain (Škoda)

2020 Cancelled due to Covid19 Pandemic.

2021 Carl "Flash" Tundo-Kenya/Tim Jessop-Kenya (Volkswagen Polo)

2022: Leroy Gomes-Zambia/Urshlla Gomes-Zambia (Ford)

2023: Karan Patel-Kenya/Tauseef Khan-Kenya (Ford Fiesta)

Caption; Karan Patel and Tauseef Khan celebrate victory in Iringa

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PASC Langa, Wiyeta Girls Crowned Rift Valley Chapa Dimba Champions



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PASC Langa clinched the victory after stunning defending regional champions, Laiser Hill Academy from Kajiado County 2-1 in a fiercely contested final at ASK Showground Nakuru.

PASC Langa took the lead in the 58th minute, courtesy of a splendid strike by Samson Maina, before Benson Otieno doubled the score in the 67th minute by converting a free kick to make it 2-0. Joseph Oduor scored a consolation goal for Laiser Hill in the 89th minute.

“This is our second time participating in the Safaricom Chapa Dimba tournament. The first time, it was in 2017, where we were knocked out by Nakuru Allstar

in the semi-finals,” PASC Langa head coach Fredrick Owino said.

He added, “I am elated that today we have emerged the winners after edging out the regional defending champions for the first time and granting us an opportunity to represent the Rift Valley region at the national level.”

-Wiyeta retains title-

In the girls’ finals, Wiyeta Girls clinched a 1-0 victory over Trinity Mission Girls from Nakuru County to successfully defend their second consecutive regional title.

The lone goal was scored by Margy Melitus, who expertly headed the ball into the back of the net in the 69th minute after receiving a corner cross from Lorine Ilavonga. This well-executed play sealed their triumph in the final.

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PASC Langa and Wiyeta Girls

had made it to the finals after edging their opponent Ndura FC from Trans Nzoia County 6-5 on penalties, and OI Melil FC from Narok County 2-0, respectively in an intense showdown semi-final matches played on Saturday.

Elsewhere, Laiser Hill and Trinity Mission Girls had booked their slots to the regional finals after sinking Mwenge FC 4-1 and Itigo Girls 2-1, respectively in the semi-finals.

Both PASC Langa and Wiyeta Girls each pocketed KES. 250,000, and will represent the Rift Valley region in the National finals slated for early next year.

The runners-up, Laiser Hill and Trinity Mission, each took home KES. 150,000. The Most Valuable Player (MVP), Best Goalkeeper, and Top Scorer (boys and girls) each received KES. 30,000.

In addition to the grand prize, each player from the winning team

took home a Neon Ultra phone, as the runners-up players each took home a Neon Smarter Phone.

They join Ebwali FC and Brenda Girls from Western and Obungu FC and Plateau Queens, also known as Nyakach Girls, who have already qualified for the next year’s national finals.

The tournament aims to provide a structured platform for scouts and coaches to tap into new talent and build feeder systems for the Kenyan football leagues across the country while also training a total of 250 coaches. The tournament targets footballers aged between 16 and 20 years old.

With the Rift Valley Region done and dusted, Safaricom Chapa Dimba next heads to the Eastern Region.

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Zimbabwean Broadcast Journalist Cathleen Muchena



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Worth Noting:

- My name is Cathleen Muchena, I am a female upcoming journalist. I started my journey in 2019 when I enrolled at Christian College of Southern Africa (CCOSA). I started as a video grapher but soon evolved to be the producer I currently am now.
- I see myself as a power - voice. I want my words to weigh decisions that will be made internationally. Journalism to me is a movement that evolves and I want to be part of the movement.
- I am glad to say, I have worked quite smoothly with little or no problems but I understand that it's a changing industry that needs me to constantly be on my feet.



Cathleen Muchena.

In an industry primarily male dominated it means much to be carving your own mark as a female producer like what Cathleen Muchena is doing. This proves one can reach any heights provided you are prepared to put matters in your own hands. We are living in an age where storytelling and production need to encompass the female touch for equal representation. Thus, for every young lady harboring a dream in broadcast journalism world this is the time to grab the bull by the horns. Needless to mention, action is the first stepping stone to success. The beauty of the trade is that you can find your niche in either being a video grapher, producer, editor or writer. Undoubtedly, the possibilities are endless. Henceforth, below this is what the budding young female producer had

to say in greater detail.

Please tell us your name and how your journey started in broadcast journalism?

My name is Cathleen Muchena, I am a female upcoming journalist. I started my journey in 2019 when I enrolled at Christian College of Southern Africa (CCOSA). I started as a video grapher but soon evolved to be the producer I currently am now.

Have you won any major accolades for yourself in broadcast journalism? No, but I know that one day I will, God willing.

Who is your inspiration? Patience Musa. This is because she has risen in radio ranks and still

seeks excellence. I emulate her and I wish I could be like her.

Where do you see yourself in the near future?

I see myself as a power - voice. I want my words to weigh decisions that will be made internationally. Journalism to me is a movement that evolves and I want to be part of the movement.

What problems have you faced in the broadcast journalism industry as a female?

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Share with us one of your best expe-

rience in broadcast journalism

I was a video grapher at Heart and Soul broadcasting services. I have no written work.

Kindly share your social media handles

I use Cathleen Muchena on all social media platforms.

Any words of advice to individuals who would want to venture into broadcast journalism

It is a very good industry that I feel will never phase out for we must keep with the times so as to remain relevant and thrive in this workspace.