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ODM Leader Raila Odinga

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President Ruto Chairs Special Cabinet Meeting On El Nino Mitigation Measures

By: Prudence Wanza

Worth Noting:

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At least 70 lives have been lost and 40,000 households displaced following the intense downpour.

During a meeting over the weekend with Multi agency disaster response teams, President Ruto noted that the rains would continue, hence the need to prepare for unfolding emergencies.

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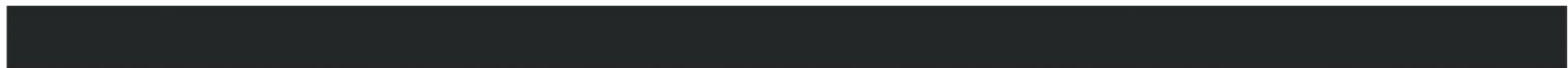
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“Adequate interventions have been put in place to tackle the emerging crisis.”

The President explained that the Government has made available resources to ensure vulnerable cases access adequate food.

The Kenya Defence Forces, he went on, will provide last mile deliveries by air, especially in counties marooned by floods.

“We will also mobilise the National Youth Service and the Provincial Administration to ensure Kenyans are safe,” said Ruto.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



The Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has advocated for strong family values as the basics for a strong nation. Speaking during the wedding of Isaiah Ng'ang'a, one of her security officers in Ruiru Kiambu County on Sunday evening, Pastor Dorcas said marriage works having been in marriage for the last 35 Years. Family values and chaplaincy form part of the four pillars of the office of the Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas.



Nyeri County Kikuyu Cultural Association commonly known as Kiama Kia Ma members hands over symbol of leadership locally known as Mũthigi to the new appointed leader Wachira Matheri (right) at a colourful ceremony over the weekend at Mugwathi Gardens in Gatitu near Nyeri town. The outgoing chairman Gichure Ndirangu handed over the leadership due to poor health. Photo/PAUL WANJIRU



Kabianga University students and activists participated in a 16 Days of Activism Against GBV walk, highlighting victim safety and community leaders' role. The campaign aims to end violence against vulnerable individuals.



The Kenya Women's Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) has called on the government to urgently address the impacts of El Nino rains in Kenya. The women parliamentarians, led by Beatrice Elachi, termed the situation as dire and called for the declaration of the ongoing rainfall as a national disaster. Samburu West MP Naisula Lesuuda called for expedited interventions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of affected communities. Mandera Women Representative Umulkheir Kassim criticized the government for slow response to floods, particularly in the northern region. She urged the government to ensure a steady supply of food and non-food items and praised the Kenya Red Cross for its efforts.

Sapit Calls For Swift Probe Into Alleged Errors In 2023 KCPE Results

Anglican Church Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit has called on the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) to expedite investigations into protests from disgruntled parents and candidates over alleged errors in the 2023 Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examination results.

Ole Sapit says the concerns are valid and the concerned parents should find redress at the council which by law is the custodian of the examination in question.

The Archbishop's sentiments come only a day after parents from a private school in Kitengela Sunday stormed Kenya National Examination Council's (KNEC) Mitihani house headquarters in Nairobi, protesting the alleged irregular awarding of results.

He pointed out that public institutions in the country ought to be driven by society's core values of integrity, fairness, diligence and good conscience.

He called on relevant authorities to hold culprits accountable for any errors of omission or commission.

In a statement issued last Saturday by the KNEC called on all those aggrieved by their results to officially present their appeals.

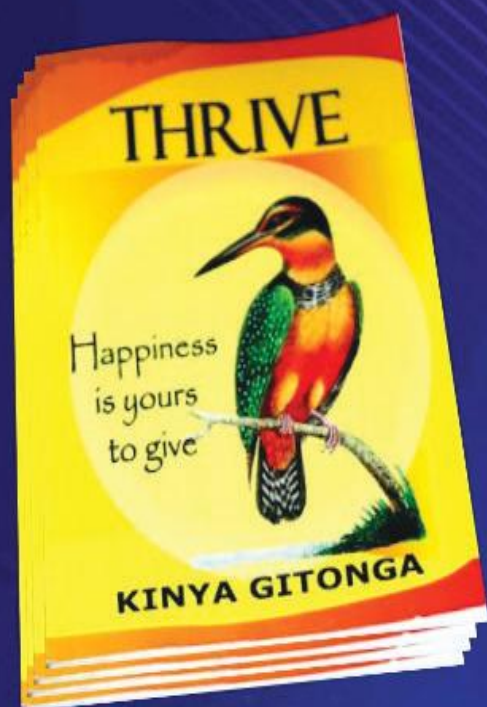
KNEC, in the statement, said it had received appeals over some errors in results obtained by the short code 40054 that was provided by the Ministry of Education.

KNEC CEO said 133 complaints were received from candidates with low marks in English and Kiswahili.



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ILAM Fahari I-REIT Unitholders EGM Approves Proposed Operational Restructuring

...Restructuring to pave the path for strategic growth and enhanced value

By: Business Reporter

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ICEA LION Asset Management (ILAM) Fahari Real Estate Investment Trust unitholders have approved the proposed operational restructuring and the delisting of the REIT from the main investment market segment of the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

The unitholders approved all the resolutions recommended by the REIT manager and approved by the Trustee during an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held last Friday.

Among the adopted resolutions were the approval of the proposed conversion of ILAM Fahari I-REIT from an unrestricted to a restricted I-REIT (93.09%), the delisting of the REIT from the Nairobi Security Exchange (92.95%), the quotation of the REIT units on the Unquoted Securities Platform (USP) managed by NSE (92.95%), and the authorization of ICEA LION Asset Management (ILAM) and the Co-operative Bank of Kenya as the Manager and Trustee of ILAM Fahari I-REIT to take all the necessary actions for the conversion and delisting (92.97%).

Speaking after the EGM, ILAM Chief Executive Officer Mr Einstein Kihanda said the proposed restructuring will allow the REIT to pursue a more focused investment strategy, aligning with the evolving needs of the unitholders.

“This special resolution marks a piv-



ILAM Fahari I-REIT CEO Raphael Mwito, Dyer and Blair Investment Bank Director Cynthia Mbaru, and ILAM CEO Einstein Kihanda

otal moment in our journey towards the growth of the REIT. The unitholders have reaffirmed their commitment to the management to pursue the growth and expansion plan. This decision paves the way for strategic acquisitions and a solid financing strategy,” Mr Kihanda said.

“We embark on this path with gratitude for the support received from the Unitholders, and we are now ready to propel our REIT towards its envisioned success. We are also grateful

to the CMA and NSE for the support provided during the restructuring exercise.”

The delisting from the Nairobi Securities Exchange will provide greater flexibility in managing the REIT’s portfolio. It will not affect the unitholders’ ability to trade their units with Non-Professional investors bundled into a Nominee Account. After three years, the REIT will look at relisting on the NSE upon successfully implementing the strategy.

Lydia Rono, the chairperson of the Board of Trustees from the Corporate Trustee Services at The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Limited, said the intention is to grow the REIT with expectations of double-digit growth.

“We are pleased that the unitholders have supported our proposed operational restructuring. The restructuring will allow us to serve our unitholders’ long-term interests better and deliver enhanced value. We are thrilled to embark on this restructuring journey

to fuel our growth and deliver exceptional returns to our unitholders,” Lydia Rono said.

“We’ve been empowered to scale up our operations, to foster innovation, and unlock new horizons of success. Together with the REIT’s Manager, we are committed to enhancing the value proposition for our unitholders and driving a prosperous future.”

ILAM Fahari I-REIT Chief Executive Officer Raphael Mwito said they remain committed to providing the unitholders with a high-quality investment experience.

“Our focus now shifts entirely to growth. We seek high-quality assets in prime locations with strong tenants, aiming to double our portfolio value from KSh3.5billion to KSh7 billion within the next three to four years,” Mr Mwito said.

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The restructuring is expected to create several benefits for unitholders, including increased flexibility to pursue a broader range of investment opportunities, such as direct real estate acquisitions and developments and improved ability to align the REIT’s investment strategy with the long-term needs of its unitholders.

The REIT will formally apply to the CMA and NSE to delist from the Main Investment Market Segment. Upon approval, the Delisting Date will be communicated to the public.

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Ruto Affirms Government's Commitment To Eliminating Barriers To Innovation

By: PCS

The Government is committed to accelerating the commercialisation of research and innovation in the country.

President William Ruto said the provision of incentives and the scaling up funding in innovation will expand opportunities for the youth.

The goal, he added, is to promote the achievement of innovation, value creation and competitive advantage.

The President said the Government is facilitating access to quality infrastructure, financing and training for youth to enhance inclusivity in inno-



President William Ruto

vation.

"We have no choice except to recognise innovation as a promising

instrument for unlocking the doors of unprecedented opportunities," he explained.

He made the remarks on Monday during the official opening of the 2023 Kenya Innovation Week, Commonwealth Edition at the College of Insurance in Nairobi.

The President observed that the youth play a pivotal role in driving innovation within the country's economy, citing that youth-driven start-ups secured US dollars 700 million last year, positioning Kenya as a leading investment hub in Africa.

For this reason, he went explained, the Government is deliberately promoting "the innovative mindset"- from an early age through the competence-based curriculum.

"The objective is to facilitate the rapid development of a sustainable

pipeline of globally competitive innovators," he added.

The Head of State said the government has launched the Presidential Innovation Award to recognise the most promising innovations during the Jamhuri Day celebrations.

He observed that this year's edition will consider submissions from all counties, covering food security and agriculture, digital transformation, healthcare, entertainment and gaming, climate action and green energy.

Present during this year's edition were Patricia Scotland the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Cabinet Secretaries and various stakeholders.

Kirinyaga County Government Commences Titling Of 11 Colonial Villages For Inhabitants

By: Our Reporter

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The County Government of Kirinyaga has commenced the process of land tenure regularization for inhabitants of 11 select villages previously designated as colonial villages.

Approximately a total of 91.2 hectares will be surveyed and titles issued to the inhabitants who have been living as squatters.

The 11 villages are part of 149 colonial villages in the county that have dire need for tenure regularization.

World Bank and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) are supporting the initiative of the County Department of Lands, physical Planning and Urban Development through National Government's Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Program (KISIP II) to plan, survey and issue title deeds.

The earmarked informal settlements are Rwambiti, Kimunye, Ithareini, Mukinduri, Kibirigwi, Kiangoma, Thiguku, Kagumo, Kamuiru, Ndiriruku and Githogondo.

Area Governor Anne Waiguru says the regularization will provide security of tenure for hundreds of residents who from time immemorial have not been able to carry out any meaningful development on the land due to lack of land ownership documents.

Waiguru has pledged support for the full implementation of KISIP programme in the selected villages which aims at improving living conditions and strengthen security of



Residents of Ndindiruki villagers follow as their chairman, Patrick Njenga briefs them on the ongoing titling process in their village

tenure for inhabitants.

"The ongoing land tenure regularization for people living in the colonial villages is a huge step towards enhancing the quality of life in the informal settlements," she said.

Waiguru said her administration will fast-track process of issuance of title deeds to people living in all the colonial villages once all the processes are concluded.

"The inhabitants of these colonial villages cannot wait any further, we want to give them legal ownership of the land they occupy because it is their right," Waiguru said.

Already, the National Project Coordination Team (NCPT) and the

County Project Coordination Team (CPTC) have undertaken public participation forums in the concerned wards and formed Settlement Executive Committees (SEC) and Grievance Redress committees (GRC) in the 11 villages.

Tenants, landowners, leaders of religious institutions, youth, people living with disabilities, and members of community groups were among the 17 Settlement Executive Committee members instituted to be the bridge between locals and consultant during survey and Planning.

The governor further said that the county government has no other interest than to ensure that all people

living in the colonial villages have land ownership documents and are permanently settled.

"We will ensure the process is done in a fair and transparent manner without further delay because people have waited to get title deeds for very long," the governor said.

The area County Executive Committee Member for Lands Physical Planning and Urban Development, Rev. Samuel Kanjobe, underscored the need for the elected members to ensure that they put the interest of the people ahead and ensure that the process is steered to conclusion without conflicts.

"Our governor want this process

concluded and titles issues as soon as possible and therefore I request you put the interest of the people first," said Kanjobe.

The process also incorporated Members of the County Assembly, Chiefs and Ward Administrators from the eleven settlements who pledged to work together for successful implementation of the settlement program.

Partick Njenga, the chairman of Ndindiruki village in Mwea said that the residents were settled in the village way back in 1974 but have had no titles ever since. He said that they have been missing out on opportunities that require use of title deeds such as using them as collateral for school fees loans or putting up long time investments.

Ruth Wanjiku from Thiguku village thanked the County Government for initiating the process of enabling them own their lands legally. She said that they will now it will be easy for parents wishing to subdivide their lands among their children to do so.

David Muriuki from Rwambiti village also applauded the process that he said would be of great relief to the residents. He said that having no Title Deed has been an impediment for smooth inheritance process where owners are deceased. Jacinta Wairimu from the same village termed the land titling as a great milestone that will now give them security that comes with land ownership. She thanked governor Waiguru for the initiative, which she termed historic.

Raila To Give Opinion On National Dialogue Report Thursday

By: KBC Digital



ODM Leader Raila Odinga speaking in Nyamira town yesterday

Worth Noting:

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Speaking in Nyamira town yesterday, Odinga said Kenyans are eager to know what is contained in the report and the position of the Azimio la Umoja One Kenya Coalition hence the need for thorough scrutiny of the report.

He urged supporters of the coalition and Kenyans in general to give him until Thursday to know his position on the report.

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Mr. Odinga who presided over the launch of the ODM Membership recruitment drive in Nyamira and Kisumu urged young Kenyans to apply for National Identity Cards if they want to participate in the next general election to help fix the mess that has been brought about by the Kenya Kwanza administration.

The ODM National Vice Chairman Mr. Simba Arati decried the increasing cases of insecurity in Kisii which he attributed to complacency by the security apparatus in the county. He said, some local politicians were working closely with the senior po-

lice officers in the county to commit criminal offenses hence making the lives of the locals especially the youth more insecure.

Mr. Arati claimed that some boda boda operators had been killed by people he claimed were close allies of some local politicians who work closely with the local police.

He said those attacked are youths who work tirelessly to make ends meet but their only mistake is their association with him (Arati).

He claimed that the government was undermining his work in Kisii by frustrating every effort he makes to improve the lives of the people of Kisii County.

He accused some local politicians of working with officials of the na-

tional government to create chaise in Kisii County but vowed not to be coerced into submission.

He said as the Vice Chairman of the ODM party, he will work round the clock to popularize the party in the two Gusii Counties of Kisii and Nyamira.

Other leaders who addressed the rally included the Senator of Nyamira Dr. Okongo Omogeni, MPs Clive Gisairo (North Mugirango), Patrick Osero (Borabu) and Irene Nyakerario (Nominated) as well as ODM National Treasurer Mr. Tim Bosire.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Odinga addressed another rally in Kisumu town where he also launched the party membership recruitment drive.



National Dialogue committee co-chairs Kimani Ichungwa and Kalonzo Musyoka during the unveiling of the committee report in Nairobi.

Public Servants Empowerment Programme Enters Final Stretch

By: Winnie Wachira
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The last segment of the one-year empowerment programme for at least 65 public officers under the Public Service Emerging Leaders Fellowship (PSELF) has kicked off in Nairobi.

The programme under the tutelage of the Emerging Public Leaders Foundation in conjunction with the Public Service Commission (PSC), entered the last phase of the one-year programme starting November 27th to December 1st at a Nairobi hotel.

Beneficiaries of the programme, who must be Public Servants between the ages of 18 to 35 years were shortlisted before undergoing the training and empowerment tutorials to sharpen their skills in the delivery of service.

The former Head of Public Service, Dr. Sally Kosgei urged the fellows to have confidence in what they are doing as long as they do it properly and respectfully.

“Do not take things to heart or be put



Former Head of Civil Service Dr Sally Kosgei addressing the session

down on the grounds of gender, hierarchy, age, or any other prejudices in the public sector,” she said.

She underscored the importance of building and maintaining personal and professional networks with every-

one for longevity in the service.

Public Service Commissioner Dr. Mary Muyandi, encouraged public servants to remain committed to the cause of citizen-centric service.

“Leadership requires passion and



Foundation (ELF - Africa) during segment 4 of the Emerging Leaders Fellowship. Photos/ Winnie Wachira.

drive. Take challenges as an opportunity to learn something new,” she said.

“Whether born, made, or created, a leader must be felt and seen. Sacrifices have to be made to secure the nation’s future,” added the commissioner.

Caren Wakoli, the founder and executive director of the Emerging Leaders

Foundation (ELF-Africa), highlighted the importance of the mentorship programme for young public servants and the foreseen great results in public service, encompassing purpose and focus.

“Never let a good crisis go to waste. Use it as an opportunity,” she added.

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Ruto's Endorsement Of NADCO Final Report Was Expected



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President William Ruto and other leaders during a church service at Priesthood Fellowship Church, Nairobi.

Worth Noting:

- This will not be the case in my administration. A time has come for us to live within our means. This is the only way we can rebuild our economy, Dr Ruto reiterates.
- At Priesthood Church in Kahawa West, he was therefore happy to note that one of the recommendations in NADCO final report stated. The monies allocated for the local and foreign travels of the government officials should be cut by 50 percent and 30 percent respectively. For 50 pc cut, i have already done that.
- For 30pc, I have no problem. I wish they could have pegged it at 50pc.
- Notably, the recommendations had been informed by the views and memoranda submitted by the people of Kenya during the public hearings.

Speaking during a Sunday service at Priesthood church in Kahawa West, Nairobi, President William Ruto expressed gratitude to the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) co-chaired by Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka and Majority leader Kimani Ichungwah for completing their job and presenting the final report.

I have read the report I want to say this. I totally agree with the recommendations.

As you know, the 10-member committee was set up to address the issues raised by other side. We are now reading from the same page.

So, having this report is a key milestone in fostering peace and unity of our country.

The recommendations will now be tabled on the floor of Parliament and senate for debate and adoption. This is in line with one of the clauses contained in an agreement unanimously passed by the two houses. It is worth noting this motion for establishing the bipartisan talk's team had received massive support.

Thereafter, the two Captains-President William Ruto and Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition Raila Odinga-did not raise any objection. The duo immediately endorsed it.

Therefore, President Ruto's decision to support the final report did not come as a surprise.

He had all along supported this process.

But as it turns out, the opinion is divided. I have been following with keen interest mixed reactions that the final report continues to elicit. This is good and healthy for our democracy. It shows that our democracy is maturing.

I would not expect Parliament to let down the President whose vision and mission is clear.

His main focus is to build to a united and peace full Kenya and rid the country burden of foreign debts.

As we know, the previous administration's insatiable appetite for borrowing was very high. This was the main cause of stagnation, slow and stunted growth of our economy.

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Notably, the recommendations had been informed by the views and memoranda submitted by the people of Kenya during the public hearings.

One of the issues agreed upon is the creation of the Office of Leader of Opposition. This is another key recommendation.

The bipartisan talks were being held at Bomas of Kenya. The opinion of the polls conducted by Trends and Insights for Africa (Tifa) had shown that majority of Kenyans supported the proposal by President William Ruto on creation of this Office.

This would leave no doubt that they rightly viewed President Ruto as a true democrat and statesman.

Dr Ruto, who had a week earlier addressed a church congregation in Meru, stated he had no doubt this would become one of the key recommendations. Reason? The proposal resonates well with the wishes of the majority of Kenyans who were rooting for a vibrant and robust opposition.

Constitutionally speaking, parliament is a law making body.

During the demonstrations, Azimio leader Raila Odinga wanted Kenyans to believe that the MPs cannot be trusted to lead the talks. He would allege that this was because they were fighting for thier own stomach.

He would mainly target those who belonged to his Azimio Coalition who changed the tune by opting to work closely with President William Ruto.

The position of these MPs would be clear. We are doing this for the sake of the people who elected us. They have been telling us the time of politics is over. They want us to roll out the development projects we promised them during the campaigns.

In our context, the government of the day plays a leading role when it comes to sharing of the public resources.

The President is the CEO of this great Nation. So you can only ignore him at your own peril.

This however should not be misconstrued to mean that the President had compromised and silenced us.

As people's representatives, we

have a duty to articulate the interests of the electorates without fear.

One of our assignments is to take on and correct the President and his administration when they go wrong. We are committed to this course.

But in some quarters Raila's turnaround would be interpreted as self-indicting and incriminating.

As we know, he had played a key role in clearing these people to run for thier respective parliamentary seats and other elective positions on Azimio tickets. Does it mean he gave his supporters the wrong choices? If yes, then it means he is an enemy of the people. You never believed in the course that you wanted them to believe in.

Well, I have been having a chat with a section of Kenyans and they would tell me that this was a just a political card.

If Raila won the elections, he could have done the same thing. This is by reaching out and rallying members of Dr Ruto's United Democratic Alliance (UDA) to support his development agenda inside and outside parliament.

In Meru, President Ruto reiterated that the opposition's role is critical in terms of providing checks and balances on the government of the day.

We know some of the issues they raise were in good faith. So we will not hesitate to do the right thing.

It is worth noting Dr Ruto started rooting for a system of governance anchored on tenets of democracy and constitutionalism long before he become the President.

This is the first time in Kenya's history that the sitting head of state is rooting for the creation of the Office of Opposition Leader.

The previous administrations feared and were opposed to formation of a strong and vibrant opposition.

At a time, the government resorted to using crude and cruel means to counter and weaken the outfits.

President Ruto is rooting for the opposition that engages the government in a structured constructive and honest dialogue.

I remember a powerful speech he made at Chatham House in the United Kingdom (UK) in the countdown to the 2022 General Election.

He told his attentive audience who comprised political leaders, diplomats, scholars and professionals drawn from all parts of the world that he totally detested the system that was being embraced back home in Kenya.

As you are aware, the 'handshake' government of President Uhuru Kenyatta and his partner Raila Odinga was at the helm of power.

He described it as a mongrel kind of thing. This system lacked consistent, direction and focus. It is an animal that one cannot understand.

This system has caused a lot confusion and stagnated the progress and wellbeing of our people.

In a functioning democracy, the government and opposition are supposed to operate as distinct entities.

If I win the elections and become the President, I want to assure Kenyans that I will strive to provide leadership on this matter.

Initially Raila and his brigade had resorted to throwing the spanners in the work by holding bloody and

destructive demonstrations. He never wanted Ruto to succeed. He had previously used the same card to intimidate and blackmail presidents Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta.

He hoped this card will work even this time. The strategy flopped because Dr Ruto stood his ground.

Besides, majority of Kenyans also realized that Raila was taking them for a ride. He did believe in their course. He was just using them in pursuit of his selfish and personal gains.

Raila's endgame was to force President Ruto to share the rulling Kenya Kwanza government with him.

Dr Ruto remained firm telling Raila. I defeated you at the ballot. Accept the bitter truth that you lost and move on.

For now, your role is very clear. As an opposition leader, you job is to criticize my government.

If created, Raila will automatically occupy the office of opposition. This is because he trailed Dr Ruto and bagged the second highest number of votes.

Many Kenyans believe Raila was yet to accept the outcome of 2022 presidential election results because of one main reason.

He never thought he can lose because for the first time the outgoing President, the deep state and system was fully backing his candidature.

He however forgot this. Dr Ruto, his main competitor was on the other hand enjoying God's favor and support of the majority of Kenyans.

Raila's association with the outgoing President had been identified as his Achilles heel.

We know that Kenyatta's victories in both 2013 and 2017 were attributed to the popular support he had received from his strongholds of the Mount Kenya and Rift Valley regions.

He had already lost the two blocs and the voters were now rallying behind Ruto.

Dr Ruto had also raided and penetrated Raila Odinga's strongholds and he had managed to sway a huge chunk of votes to his side.

With this, where did Raila expect to get votes?

It is time he should accept the people's verdict.

There is always another day and chance. Try your luck in 2027. Put God first in all this.

The Good Lord is the one who blesses and anoints leaders.

Seek comfort in the Verses that saw David being anointed as a King of Israel.

This happened before his mother carried him in her womb.

David had been abandoned and despised by his siblings and his father.

Dr Ruto suffered the same fate. He had been abandoned by the outgoing President and his top state officials.

Raila, you were the root cause of this.

This is listed as another reason why you lost. If you dig a hole, the person you are targeting will not fall in it. It is you who will fall in it.

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Wamuchomba And Nguvu Change Leaders Join Forces In Fight To Eradicate Obstetric Violence Against Women In Kenya

On International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25), GAMAFRICA Foundation & Nguvu Change Leaders appealed for a National Policy on Obstetric violence.



Githunguri MP, Gathoni Wamuchomba (second Right) with three bold Nguvu Change Leaders.

Worth Noting:

- Harriet Afandi, a Nguvu Change Leader from Vihiga County is well aware of the toll such neglect takes on an expecting woman. She shares, “My sister had to undergo an emergency C-Section surgery 11 days after her due date because her clinical nurses told her that it was not the ‘right time’ yet. This delay caused by sheer oversight could have led to the loss of my sister and her baby.” She believes that the “Heshimu Uzazi” campaign efforts will safeguard pregnant women from neglect and negligence. Josephine Mwendé’s petition is rooted in lived experience as she sheds light on the appalling discrimination she faced as an expecting mother with cerebral palsy. “I was rejected by one hospital after another because of my condition.

In a landmark alliance for change, Gathoni Wamuchomba, joined forces with three bold Nguvu Change Leaders to combat Obstetric Violence (OBV) in Kenya, marking a pivotal moment following the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women that was observed last Saturday.

Given her own recent efforts involving the presentation of a proposal at the National Assembly for the creation of a National Policy on OBV, Wamuchomba now has strong backing from Harriet Afandi, Josephine Mwendé, and Deborah Monari, three young women who have been championing respectful healthcare for women in Kenya.

Wamuchomba herself is no stranger to OBV and has recently launched a campaign called “Heshimu Uzazi”, aptly translated as ‘Respect for Mothers’. She recalls, “Across delivery rooms and maternity wards in Kenya, many women remain similarly unassisted and neglected as they struggle through childbirth, it is even worse if it involves women with disability. This is gender-based violence and needs to stop immediately! The stories of Harriet, Josephine, and Deborah, and scores of other women being mistreated in hospitals resonate with me and are indicative of the urgent

need for legislation against the neglect and abuse that women are subjected to.

‘Obstetric Violence’ is an intersection between institutional violence and violence against women that remains a cause of grave concern in the country. In 2016, data from the Ministry of Health, the National Nurses Association of Kenya, the Federation of Women Lawyers, and the International NGO Population Council indicated that one in five women giving birth in local hospitals across Kenya is humiliated, abused, and asked for a bribe.

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with cerebral palsy. “I was rejected by one hospital after another because of my condition. It was heartbreaking when a doctor told my mother, ‘We don’t handle such people!’” She finally delivered her baby at Kenyatta National Hospital and says, “Despite the misconception that women with cerebral palsy cannot or should not bear children, I not only gave birth to my son but also named him, ‘Gift.’ I hope no woman with cerebral palsy ever faces the pain, rejection, and humiliation that I went through.”

Another passionate advocate for the cause, Deborah Monari from Nairobi, is a dedicated nurse, who faced medical malpractice and violation of her patient rights within the very system that she trusted. “Many of us still remember the 2017 case of a woman who was forced to give birth on a hospital floor after being turned away from several facilities. That so many women in Kenya are suffering from OBV is symptomatic of the apathy in a failing healthcare system.” Deborah’s petition is seeking that a Patient Rights Committee be established in all health institutions in Kenya.

Wamuchomba’s ‘Heshimu Uzazi’ campaign, spearheaded by the Gathoni Muchomba Africa Foundation (GAMAFRICA), amplifies the call for action against OBV. This move-

ment, supported by the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA), embodies an unflinching resolve to eradicate obstetric violence and ensure safe, dignified childbirth for all women in Kenya.

“On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, it was heartening to see young women taking the lead to create change and spark more conversations around an issue that has remained unaddressed for so long. We hope to make the most of the next ‘16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence’ observed globally, to create conversations that inform, impact, and influence change,” Wamuchomba shares.

The term ‘Obstetric Violence’ is defined by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as “a form of gender-based violence, exercised by those in charge of health care for pregnant persons accessing services during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum. Obstetric violence remains a frequently disregarded form of violence against women. The insufficient awareness surrounding this issue significantly complicates the formulation of effective public policies aimed at preventing and eliminating it.

Kajiado Governor Fines KSH. 500,000 For Failure To Honour Summons

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Failure by Kajiado County governor Joseph Ole Lenku to honour parliamentary summons will see become KSh500,000 poorer after he was slammed with a fine.

“Kajiado County Governor, Joseph Ole Oleku is hereby fined Ksh. 500,000/- for failure to appear before this Committee after summons had been issued, the fine is suspended until Thursday 30th, November, 2023 at 11am.” ordered the chairperson of Roads, Infrastructure and Transportation, Kiambu Senator, Karungo Thangwa.

The committee was supposed to meet with the Governor, Kajiado County in regards to the petition concerning access to title deeds for properties bought at Jamii Bora Estate, Kisaju, Kajiado County.

At its meeting held on July 4, the committee met with the Governor, Kajiado County on the Petition concerning Title Deeds for properties bought at Jamii Bora Estate, Kisaju, Kajiado County where the committee was informed that Jamii Bora Charitable Trust had since made part payment for arrears of land rates and rent of KSh17,150,000 for the 700 plots that had been developed and therefore the outstanding arrears of land rates and rent was KSh1,050,484,990/-

Furthermore, the committee heard that Jamii Bora Charitable Trust had applied to the County Council of Ol Kejuado for approval to subdivide parcels of land L.R. NO. KAJIADO/KISAJU/58 and LR. NO. KAJIADO/KISAJU/2995 into 5,871 plots and the plan was approved in 2008.

During the meeting, the committee resolved to request the County Government of Kajiado to submit the following information; The approved subdivision plan for the parcels of land; a mutation plan showing the plot allocation numbers for the 5,871 plots; County Government



Senator Karungo Thang'wa.

of Kajiado to re-calculate the land rates and rent payable by Jamii Bora Charitable Trust and give an accurate figure; and The County Government to provide the legal basis for charging of land rates and rents to the property without reference to an official registration document for the 5,871 plots.

On July 19, the committee received a submission from the County Government of Kajiado which did not address the issues sought by the

committee.

On September 26, the committee wrote a reminder letter to the Governor to submit a comprehensive response to the issues sought by the committee.

At its meeting held on October 31, the committee was informed that the Governor had not responded to a reminder request to submit a comprehensive response to the information sought by the committee and the committee therefore resolved to invite the Governor to a meeting of the Committee on November 14 to respond to the issues addressed in the letter. At its meeting then, the governor failed to appear before the committee and the team resolved to summon him to appear yesterday.

On Tuesday last week, the committee served summons on the Governor to appear before the members yesterday to respond to the issues the committee sought earlier.

“We should give the Governor of Kajiado the last chance to appear before the committee, I am reliably informed that the Governor was in the Parliament precincts but he was taken ill and rushed to hospital for medical attention,” said the committee vice chairperson, Peris Tobiko.

However, Thangwa expressed his disappointment that the Governor of Kajiado does not take the committee seriously and he should be reprimanded for his failure to appear before the committee and provide

documents as requested by the Senate Committee.

Nairobi Senator, Edwin Sifuna, who is a member of that committee posited that the Kajiado Governor should be fined on two counts; failure to appear before the committee and failure to produce documents as ordered by the committee, however the senator said that the fine should be suspended and Governor Lenku to be given the last chance to appear before the committee in person.

“The Kajiado Governor has not given the right explanation for his failure to appear before this honorable committee neither has he provided the committee with his responses as required. Therefore, according to section 19 of the Parliamentary Power and Privileges Act, I fine him Ksh. 500,000/-. The fine is suspended until Thursday 30th, November, 2023 at 10am, when he is ordered to appear before this committee, failure to which he shall pay the stipulated fine and the Inspector General will be required to arrest him and bring him to before this committee.” ruled the Kiambu Senator.

Nairobi Governor, Johnson Sakaja has been summoned by the committee to appear before it today to explain important issues that fall under the committee’s mandate that affect residents of Nairobi.



Senator Edwin Sifuna.



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Sorry



Someone knocked on my window. Is that you?
I jumped out. I looked for the gardens, ran to the canal. But... I couldn't find it. My body aches from the bitter pains of separation, pressing on the bad situations lying on the earth's bosom. Tears flow from my eyes from the blows of separation's dagger. "What, is this a delusion? Is it not you who clicked on my window, but the wind? I remember... It was autumn. You knocked on my window.
- Get out. Look at nature. Shall we go to the garden?
- I am checking the written work, let me finish it.

You entered the house impatiently:
- You are wonderful! If I tell you to rest, won't you agree... - You took my pen.
"You don't understand that my work is extremely necessary," I complained.
- I understand, I'll take a look later. And now I want to talk to you for a long time... If you know more, I'll fly on a donkey.
"Oh, my dear, what's wrong with the stallion, young boy?" - I laughed.
- You know, when you are old and grumpy, you brag to your grandchildren that I flew in a rosy pony when I was young.
"You confirm, don't you?" - I say looking at you.
"That's right," you say and draw a sad smile. - You still miss these days. Then do not regret!
- Why do you say that? - my spirit falls.
- After all, we are not tied to life. But your presence, being next to me is a world of happiness for me...
I left behind you. I searched for it. But I can't find it. Now I'm sorry... I'm looking for you, your lovingly nurturing eyes... I want to talk with you, fly on a donkey. But...

Lobarkhon RUSTAMOVA,
Member of the Union Writers of Uzbekistan

Denau



When a person comes into the world, he will face a lot of love during her life. But there is a love in her heart that is eternal! This is love for the Motherland! For everyone, the place where they were born such as their home, their district, their country - everything is their Motherland!
We always compare the motherland to mothers and call it Motherland! I also consider it my duty and pride to tell the story of my hometown, to introduce it to the world! I am a girl from Uzbekistan. Uzbekistan has 12 regions located in different regions and connected to each other. I was born and grew up in Denov district of Surkhondaryo region, which is located in the south of Uzbekistan. I can proudly say that Denov is one of the most famous and developed districts of Surkhondaryo region!
Denov district has a very old and unique history. It was called Dehinov in ancient times. But in 1958 it was officially founded as Denov district. The population of Denov consists of representatives of various nationalities. You can meet Uzbeks, Tajiks, Turkmens, Russians and even Arabics in my city. The most gratifying thing is that these people always live there together as a family. I love these people of my city. Because among them I never feel alone. Even every street, every house and family feels like mine.
The climate and nature of my city is unique. It is a tropical region that is located between Surkhondaryo and Sangardak rivers. There

are fields and hills, apple, pomegranate, cherry, apricot orchards and vineyards, cotton and wheat fields. People who want to see the most beautiful example of my hometown's nature can visit the Sangardak waterfall located between Denov and Saraasia districts. Because this waterfall captivates any person with its purity, enthusiasm and beauty. Especially in the summer months, the number of visitors increases. That is why many people think of Sangardak firstly when they talk about Denov city.
It is necessary to mention the achievements in the field of education in my town. Because there are currently more than 100 general secondary schools and specialized schools are operating. The magnificent university in the center of our city provides great comfort for youth. Also, sports school and music and art schools are always lovely for talented youth and children.
I would not be mistaken if I say that my district is currently in the period of rapid development. Because renewal, development and creativity in all regions of my district! I hope that in the next 5-10 years, Denov will become one of the most famous and most developed places not only in the Surkhondaryo region, but also in the whole of Uzbekistan! Maybe one day when you visit Denov, you might say "Denov is unique Denov!"

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Niloy RAFIK



6 August 1983

Maheshkhali, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
Niloy Rafiq has been writing in the literary pages of local daily newspapers since his school days. Later, his poems were published in national and international literary magazines including various little magazines. So far, his notable poems have been translated into more than twenty foreign languages. His English poetry book 'Sunleaf' has already been published by 'Amazon'. The number of his poetry books written in Bengali language is 6 respectively 1. I, the swan float in pure sadness, 2. Thirst's eternity, 3. Salty man's face, 4. Unknown fire, 5. Adinath in eyes, 6. Wax prayer bowed in a clay body. His poetry has a magical, edgy feeling. Poet Niloy Rafiq is like a magician in the extraordinary weaving of words and rhythms.

SONADWIP THE GOLDEN ISLAND

Fire particles in the sweet betel leaf,
stitching mountains
The tree of mind wails due to eviction
Sonadwip is in the trap of ancient fragrance
The vagabond's address is missing on the way.
Bloodthirsty ones under masks create the deceptive foams
A dream of Paris isn't so far away, reds and blues in the eyes!
Water flowers are helpless, faces are covered with shame
The childhood sports are now memories like the fallen leaves.
All around flamboyancies and barbaric fires
Old roots are burned to ashes, uproars of crying!
The land of sleeping is in an impure, unknown land
No one's there, gestures are dumb, eyes are of course blurry.

THE MUTACHHARA CHANNEL

Two heroes are in beautiful plunders in the battlefield

On the Mount Mainak, fighting for victory
in the time mirror
The god's questionnaire, the pleas of Shiva
Lanka swings on Ravana's tireless shoulders.

A window rooted in pure ascetic meditation
Thunders from the natural sky on the way to follow

The mind's dream was broken when the charioteer urinated!
The sunflowers in the flying palace drowned in saltwater.

Life is invisible in the Mahadev Hill
A pair of pools for baptising the sacred body
In the prayers placing forehead on the soil of destiny
The pilgrimage to Adinath is a bridge of virtue.

Lobsters are in Mutachhara, the channel of Ravana's urine
Their delicious ambrosia-like broth soothes the heart.

Translated by Jyotirmoy Nandy

THE BELLICOSE

What is the meaning of humanity? A march of deaths!
Tender roses fall down in the door of fate,
Red maps are drawn by the Krishnachura flowers.

The Middle Age is inside the hole, the barbarism of the early ages
The world is divided into two parts in the rampage of bloodthirsty monsters
Today the human beings are just spectators in the playground.

A class of humanity is resounded
In the protests of dreamers—we want peace, stop against the dreamer
The pain of separation! Let the peace come back.

The looters kill in cold blood, draw dreams
In a cup of wine with an exultation
Let everything burn in the fire and drown in the blood bath
Let the war spread all around..

The window of the empire simpers!

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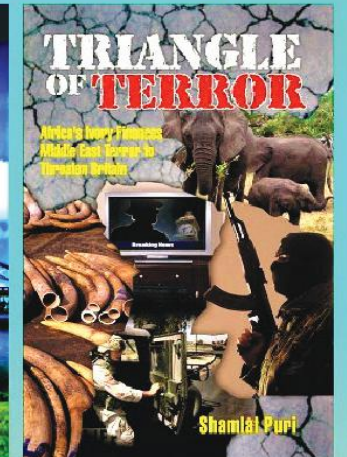
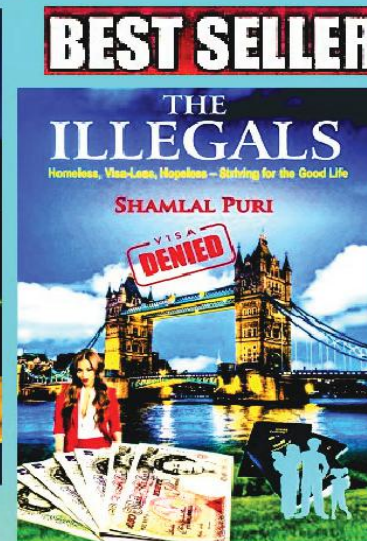
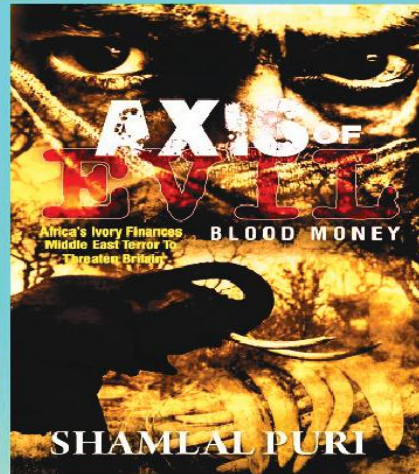
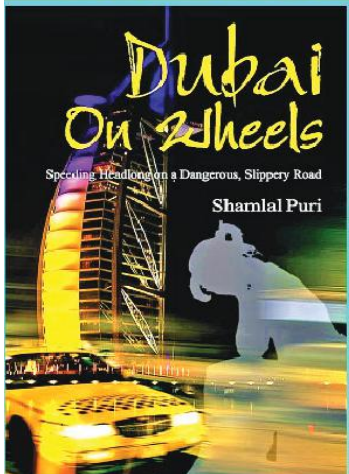
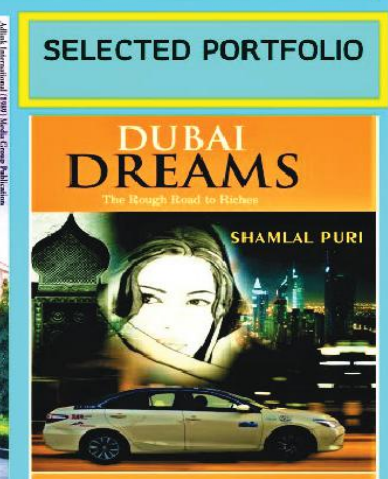
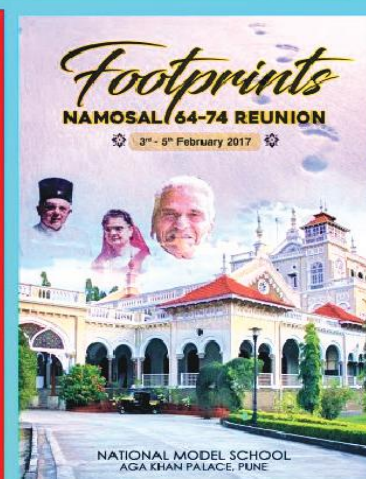
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Kenya's Agriculture Sector: The Way Forward Inspired By South Africa



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In the last few years, Kenya has made significant strides towards transforming her agricultural sector. Notably, legislation-driven reforms have played a key role in boosting Kenya's agricultural cash crops, such as the Tea, Coffee and Sugar with an aim to incentivize farmers, reduce production costs and improve market access for them.

At the heart of the aforementioned reforms has been the National Assembly's Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, which I am privileged to chair. As a Committee, we have

remained committed to creating a conducive environment for agricultural development in Kenya.

We are focusing on reviving agricultural financing institutions, such as the Agriculture Finance Corporation, to provide affordable and accessible loans to farmers.

The Committee on Agriculture and Livestock approved the funding for the acquisition of one hundred mobile dryers through the recent Supplementary Estimates I. The mobile dryers will reduce post-harvest losses for maize and other cereals that are grown by our farmers thus increasing the stocks of Kenya's staple food.

However, we do need to allocate more funds towards physical infrastructure, such as roads, railways, and irrigation systems, to facilitate the distribution of produce and accessibility of markets by farmers.

We cannot achieve these goals without considering the agro-ecological diversity of our country. Lying on the Equator, Kenya enjoys a pleasant tropical climate, favorable soil types, where a variety of crops can be put

into profitable farming using different practices and technologies.

Through the ongoing comprehensive farmer mapping and registration, we can tailor our investments accordingly to optimize productivity and promote profitability of our produce.

Kenya stands a great opportunity to transform its agricultural sector into a source of sustainable growth and development by learning from South Africa's journey which offers key lessons in harnessing agricultural potential effectively.

South Africa has achieved results in its agriculture sector, contributing to food security, poverty reduction, and climate resilience. This has been achieved by adopting four key strategies that we can emulate in Kenya: mapping out agro-ecological areas and tailoring investments; developing physical infrastructure and implementing innovative financing models.

Rain-fed agriculture is no longer reliable due to the changing weather patterns. Kenya suffered from a pro-

longed drought from 2020 to 2022, which was the worst in 40 years. The drought caused crop failure and created a national food deficit of about 34%. To cope with the current season of high rainfall, we should invest in water catchment and storage systems.

South Africa has capitalized on water supply management, soil preservation, and the maintenance of wetlands and waterways.

With a robust network of physical infrastructure, such as road and railway network, which links up well with the sea and air transport systems? On the other hand, development in telecommunication and ICT infrastructure have further supported the set systems to work better, the country has managed to streamline connectivity and accelerate competitiveness within the agriculture sector.

Moreover, South Africa has adopted innovative financing models, such as public-private partnerships, cooperatives, and microfinance, facilitating efficient allocation and management of financial resources.

Lastly, as a country Kenya has to embrace the value chain approach to commodity development in the agriculture sector. In South Africa, this approach is supported by the choice for production to scale, which optimizes use of the land as a resource and ensures better application of the farm outputs.

Such efforts, coupled with stakeholder engagement ensures effective product promotion and marketing while maintaining reliability of the supply of quality products to a niche market is key in building long term functional relationships.

Drawing inspiration from South Africa's agricultural triumphs, Kenya has an opportunity to promote sustainable farming practices thus stimulating economic growth within the agricultural sector.

Hon. Dr. John Kanyuithia Mutunga, MP Tigania West Constituency is the Chairperson, National Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

Why Must We Start Investing In Indigenous Trees?

By: **Tonny O. Blair**

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Development refers to the process of enhancing social and economic progress in order to meet human needs and improve the quality of life. It involves the modification of the biosphere, which can have significant impacts on the environment and natural resources. Sustainable development, on the other hand, describes a development process that prioritizes environmental conservation and resource management, focusing on the preservation of soil, air, and water systems that support life. This approach seeks to harmonize developmental activities with proper natural resource management at the individual, community, and national levels. It is crucial that development is pursued sustainably, both ecologically and economically, without jeopardizing resources for future generations.

One way to achieve sustainable development is by planting indigenous trees. These trees act as great carbon absorbers, making them an effective climate action process that can prevent unnecessary changes in weather patterns. Climate change is caused by various human activities that result in the production of

carbon, which is released into the atmosphere. This, in turn, can cause the destruction of the ozone (O₃) layer, exposing people to harmful ultraviolet rays and increasing the risk of skin cancer. By increasing the absorption rate of carbon in the atmosphere, planting indigenous trees can help reduce the amount of carbon in the environment and prevent such negative outcomes.

Moreover, planting indigenous trees can promote a culture of reading by providing a serene environment for meditation. A calm and settled environment is crucial for constructive reading and understanding, which can significantly improve students' academic performance. By planting these trees in various institutions, we can create such an environment and foster a culture of reading and learning.

In addition, indigenous trees can serve as a source of income, especially through beekeeping. The state of the economy, particularly in Kenya, is rapidly evolving. Rearing bees is one of the activities that has been motivated by the presence of indigenous trees such as acacia, linden, ivy, and maple, which provide a habitat for bees to thrive. By selling honey, individuals can earn a livelihood, thereby improving their economic status.

Furthermore, planting indigenous trees is critical in improving the agricultural sector and reducing the rate of food insecurity. The change in weather patterns has significantly affected global food production, leading to food insecurity in many areas. However, by planting indigenous trees with enough forest cover and drought resistance, we can facilitate predictable rainfall and enhance food production globally, ultimately reducing poverty levels.

Finally, planting indigenous trees can enhance creativity, particularly among the youth. These trees can improve the art of creativity among young people, creating employment opportunities for themselves and others. Protecting and promoting nature is crucial for our well-being, and it is our sole responsibility to ensure that we operate with utmost integrity at a personal level. This way, others can learn by observing our actions, and we can collectively work towards eradicating environmental degradation activities. Prevention is better than cure, and we must prioritize nature's protection, promotion, and love.

Tonny O. Blair - Environmental Activist.



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Govt Launches Treaty Database - PS Sing'oei

It Will Establish And Maintain A Public Website Of Treaties And International Instruments To Which Kenya Is A Party To

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The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union (AU), and the government of Sweden, launched a project dubbed "Accelerating the Ratification and Domestication of African Union Treaties."

This will establish and maintain a public website of treaties and international instruments to which Kenya is a party to.

The database is a digital tool that will enhance efficiency and inclusivity in service delivery in an effort to facilitate faster and more efficient access to treaty services. Further, it provides a comprehensive repository of Kenya's commitment to the global community.

Speaking at the launch, Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Principal Secretary (PS) Dr. Korir Sing'oei said, "One of the key pillars of effective diplomacy is the ability to uphold agreement and honour commitment.

With this database, we reinforce our



Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Principal Secretary Dr. Korir Sing'oei addressing the stakeholders during the launch of Treaty Database at a Nairobi Hotel yesterday.
Photo/Okal Kevin

dedication to fulfilling our international obligations with the utmost integrity."

Sing'oei further added that the platform's user-friendly design and robust functionality will empower diplomats, legal experts, stakeholders, and the diaspora to access, analyse, and contribute to the wealth of information housed within its digital walls.

In the realm of international rela-

tions, treaties serve as the foundation for cooperation, cross-nation trade, investment, and peace among nations.

"The Office of the Registrar of Treaties derives its mandates from Articles 2(5) and (6) of the constitution and the Treaty Making and Ratification Act 2012, which collectively provide that the general rules of international laws form part of the laws of Kenya," said the PS.



The PS and other senior officials during the launch yesterday.

The database is not only a valuable source of treaty information that will serve as a reference point for international stakeholders, including citizens, educational institutions, and all public and private sectors, but also a beacon of transparency for the global counterparts, reinforcing Kenya's commitment to openness and collaboration.

The PS also lauded UNDP and other stakeholders for working tirelessly to bring this project to reality, saying their assistance has been invaluable. Sing'oei urged Kenyans and the diplomatic community to embrace

the opportunity that technology presents, noting that this database is not a technological achievement but a symbol of collective dedication to shaping a future where diplomacy is efficient, transparent, and accessible.

Registrar of Treaties Amb. James Waweru said that Kenya has ratified 252 treaties, signed but not ratified 11 treaties, and is a member of 84 international organisations.

To this end, the constitution requires the president to report on the progress made by Kenya in fulfilling its international obligations.

Honouring African Women's Rights Advocacy Excellence

Ghana's Chief Supt Dr. Sarah Aba grabs most Prestigious Award in South Africa

By: Mohammed A. Abu

Chief Superintendent, Dr. Sarah Aba Afari, has been awarded in South Africa by the country's women organization, the Leading Women of Africa (LIWA) in the category, "Women's Rights Advocate" during their, "LIWA Future is Female Male Champions Award" ceremony as part of the Africa Partnership for Growth (APG) Symposium and Exhibition event, that was held, from 16th-18th November, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Your favorite, the Eco-Enviro News Africa caught up with her for her special message to Ghana, Africa's girls with particular reference to female students and women in general. The Ghana, Africa's first uniformed female PhD holder, said, "girls and women have inborn abilities to aspire to any level of life". adding, "Girls must dream and have bigger dreams of becoming leaders who would think outside the box."



"Leaders with self-respect, self-resilience, and power to shake off the limiting gender and stereotypes. Girls are the majority, therefore, must be disciplined in their thoughts and behavior to build their capacity for tomorrow" Dr. Sarah. Aba Afari, intimated.

Earlier in October this year, she was honored with two honorary doctorates at a grand ceremony in Ghana. That was in recognition of her out-

standing leadership achievements and the exceptional quality she has consistently demonstrated in her role as Chief of Police.

The honorary degrees conferred upon her, Citi News last reported, were, an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Ministry (DMin Honoris Causa) and a Doctorate Degree in Christian Education (DCEd Honoris Causa), both from Holy Spirit Bible University in the USA.



Chief Superintendent, Dr. Sarah Aba Afari.

Dr. Aba Afari's remarkable career it also reported, has also included collaborations with the UN and significant contributions to major investi-

gations involving the US Embassy and more.

Navigating And Managing The Key Man Risk In Private Equity Transactions



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The success of the Private Equity (PE) fund model is based mainly on the fund managers' ability to spot and acquire businesses that provide real solutions to felt society's needs and problems.

Where the company has developed superior solutions to these needs and has demonstrated a track record of consistently solving them, the company becomes a desirable target for the fund.

The PE manager will identify and package a proposition to the founders or promoters of the target company to bring on board missing in-

gredients through long-term capital, management support and such value-creation additives to significantly grow the target before an eventual sales/exit of the PE fund.

Most PE funds are not actively involved in running their investee companies, and support is usually through board representation and technical assistance. Therefore, the PE fund relies heavily on existing management to deliver on the envisaged growth targets.

Still, in some cases, PE will hire and incentivize a new team that can achieve the ambitious goals of growing value rapidly before exiting the company.

A problem arises where the investee company, usually an owner-managed entity, has a key man risk.

This risk is the possible loss of value in a situation where a founder, a CEO or a staff member is so crucial to the company that their exit would spell doom to its continued success or existence.

Identifying and mitigating these risks at the initial stages of a busi-

ness acquisition is possible, but this is one risk that the PE funds tend to overlook or underestimate.

In the excitement of closing a deal, parties need to be more critical of the company's history and how entrenched the founders are in the fabric of the entity.

Sometimes, it is almost impossible to separate the company from the founder, and parties only fully grasp the extent of dependency on the founder or critical staff once it is too late. Suppliers, customers, key staff, and bankers could have had unwritten loyalty to the founders, and the company may not be the same without these key individuals.

This risk is crucial to a PE fund whose end goal is a successful exit to another fund, preferably a larger one, to help grow the business to even greater heights.

Key man risk can negatively affect the valuation of the business where the business is too dependent on key persons. It is analogous to acquiring assets that check in the morning and walking away at the close of the day.

Small professional practices, sole proprietorships, and boutique firms are typical examples of high key man risks where the firm's services cannot be effectively separated from the founder.

Such firms also bear the names of the founders or their families.

The funders are usually the spokespersons and the public face of the business. To reduce this risk, the founder must deliberately open the business, let other people be associated with the firm and lessen any perception that the business cannot survive or thrive without the founder. This deliberate effort takes time but is necessary if the business is to become an attractive PE candidate.

Effective mitigation starts with identifying the presence of key man risk and the specific persons in the business and assessing the extent of the dependency on the person or persons. Immediate mitigation to risk includes open and honest negotiation with the key person to stay post-acquisition in exchange for equity options that vest over time, thus

encouraging a more extended stay.

This solution can be combined with performance-based pay and bonuses to align long-term interests. Secondly, conscious succession planning, leadership training, and development programs for potential successors to the key person are crucial mitigations.

Thirdly, proper documentation of processes and procedures can also eliminate dependence on key individuals and reduce the chaos witnessed when vital and sensitive information and knowledge is carried in the heads of key individuals.

In addition, the company could take out a key-man insurance cover to compensate the PE fund if the loss crystallizes through the unexpected exit or demise of the key-man. Identifying the risk should be a continuous exercise as the risk can emerge at any stage in the business's life.

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Black Kettle



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I woke up early in the morning from the deep chirping of birds. The sound of the cartoon "Tom and Jerry". In our house, whoever wakes up first always turns on the TV. I noticed that I was late for school because I would always be eating breakfast when this cartoon was on. I still have a lot to do, clean up, brush my teeth, get dressed, put today's schedule in my bag.

I regret not sleeping earlier last night, I watched "Cheerful and witty" show with my brother, but he is already having breakfast. He always gets up earlier than me and sometimes helps my mother make tea. And my mother shows my brother as an example to me.

I washed my face and got dressed. At night, I could do as my mother told me and put my lesson plan in my bag. My mother always said,



Black Kettle.

"If you prepare the day before, you won't be late." I spread the butter that my mother prepared from the milk of "The kicker" (the nickname of our cow) on the cut, slightly harder bread, took big bites and ran to school.

When I came across the house of our neighbor who was afraid of Rosa's puppy, I remembered that there was an event at school today. I also had to sing at the event. As I was reciting my poem, I forgot the fourth line of my memorized poem,

no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't remember it. I had to go home.

I ran back home without taking off my shoes. Fortunately, my mother is not at home, I think she is working in the farm (my mother always prepares breakfast for us and works in the farm in the morning)

Before entering my room, I started to look through the book and notebooks from my old school schedule, I found a piece of literature book torn and slightly soiled with 4 verses written on it. When I remembered looking at the fourth train, I ran out of the house again. Because we had to go to school early on the day of the event. I was too late. I repeated my poem until I reached the school. I was confident that I would tell it as well as always.

I came to the school and entered the first "Activity Hall". My classmates, who always actively participate in the events, ran around in the sadness of the event, singing some kind of unfamiliar and strange-sounding song. In the chorus of the song, they sang "Black kettle, black kettle!" I went and asked everyone.

- Are you ready?
- Yes, I'm ready, when do we start?
"Now," they said.

The event began... The event was organized in connection with the birthday of Uzbek poet and writer Muhammad Yusuf. I also had to read from the writer's poem, and I told it very beautifully. I was very proud of the fact that I said it without mistakes and without interruptions. Speaking on stage in front of the whole school, students and teachers was very exciting. After my performance, those classmates sang their songs. Their voices were very beautiful but they didn't really match each other, and some of the audience laughed when they came to the chorus. But not everyone paid attention to it.

On our way home after the event, the girls from our senior class:

- Why did you sing like that?
- Why is it bad?
- Not bad, but strange. Black kettle, black kettle! Ha-ha-ha! - mocking them, they went ahead.

I encouraged them by saying that they should not pay attention to it, that those who laugh will not be able to go on stage by themselves. We all went home.

I went home, and my uncle, who is a senior from me, also complained about the song that was sung at the event today. "There are many other

songs, why did they sing this song?"

I turned to him and said, "What is he?" I asked.

"We have a tea-making 'obdasta', we make tea on the stove when there is no gas, that's it. Do they sing about that too?"

I don't know, maybe they did. The important thing is that I said my poem beautifully, so I was happy.

Out of the corner of my eye, looking at the blackened "obdasta" in the furnace, I said: "So you are that BLACK KETTLE?!"

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“GREEN SPACE” - A NEW STEP TOWARDS NEWS

(About trip impressions)

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Uzbekistan Green Space.

Worth Noting:

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- Then, our rector Ma'murov Bahodir Bakhshullayevich visited us and expressed his opinion about our commitment to this good work and the responsibility of the work. In addition, since November 17 coincided with the International Student Day, they congratulated us all on the holiday.
- As they say, "Blessing at the beginning of work", the team members were given a white blessing and we all got on the designated buses.

In recent years, in the course of large-scale reforms carried out in our country, a number of works are being carried out to improve the lifestyle of our people, protect the environment, and ensure ecological stability.

As one of the practical results of these works, we can mention the national project "Green Space" implemented by the initiative of the Bukhara State Pedagogical Institute from November 17 to November 20 of this year. As a participant in this project, I intend to express my thoughts:

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Probably because it was my first time traveling on a large scale, I was so excited and proud like everyone else that I didn't know how I got to the Nukus sphere. Unique national and modern architectural buildings have been erected in the city, and extensive construction works are underway in various places.

Together with the team, we visited the Nukus State Pedagogical Institute named after Ajiniyaz. We were greeted with bread and salt according to the traditions of the Karakalpak people in a high spirit and mood. First of all, we were invited to a table written on the occasion of our arrival, and then we all gathered together in the hall of activists. "Welcome to the land of Karaqalqov, dear young people from Bukhara," the team consisting of representatives of the institute's

leadership warmly welcomed.

I would not be wrong to say that it is another achievement of me and all the participants, because we all witnessed another important historical event. Memorandum of mutual cooperation between the heads of these two higher educational institutions: Bahadir Mamurov, rector of the Bukhara State Pedagogical Institute, and Quvondik Kadyrov, acting rector of the Nukus State Pedagogical Institute named after Ajiniyaz, and mutual cooperation between the leaders of the "Youth Union" of the two institutions contracts were signed. Also, it was once again a great gift for us that Bahadir Bakhshullayevich was given a certificate of gratitude from the Dzhokorgi Council of Karakalpakstan for his active initiative and leadership in good work.

We directly participated in such an important and, I am proud to say once again, historical process. Then, due to the fact that the project coincided with the "International Students' Day", the youth of the folk song and dance ensemble "To'maris" of the Nukus State Pedagogical Institute showed us the concert programs they had prepared for the day. It's no secret that Karakalpak art and culture are vibrant and attractive. I especially liked the folk songs and dances performed by them. Because, sharp specific movements, specific movements of the performers can be the proof of my word. After the concert program of our brothers, the active and creative students of our institute participated with their performances and were able to show the power of Bukhara art. The event took place with the happy youth of the two brotherly nations playing and laughing in harmony, in a high mood.

At the end of the event, the final results of the table tennis and chess competitions organized in the sports hall of the institute were announced, and the winners were awarded diplomas and medals. It is good that students of our institute took the podium among them. After that, we said goodbye to our friends and continued on our way to Moynaq. Although

the road is long and the destination is far away, we didn't even notice the time passing with the cheerful mood and music. After nine o'clock in the evening, we settled in the "Aq kema" children's summer camp, located in Moynaq district, which was allocated for us. There we were met by the staff of the camp and placed in the rooms. The camp was built according to the requirements of the time, had all the necessary conditions, and most importantly, it was warm. After settling in, we had dinner.

I have to emphasize one thing - I personally liked all their services and prepared food for the few days we lived here. I express my special gratitude to them for this. After that, everyone was allowed to rest.

We all gathered at the camp site early in the morning. The fact that the project itself is located in a series of important dates in every way made it more meaningful. November 18 marks the 32nd anniversary of the "Day of Adoption of the State Flag of the Republic of Uzbekistan". In this regard, a ceremonial walking marathon was organized under the leadership of the rector of our institute. The national flag was raised on the field and our national anthem was played. Perhaps because I am a historian, for a moment I realized that my dear country, where a person was born and grew up in front of my eyes, where I visited for the first time, how vast it is, and most importantly, those who sacrificed their dear lives in the struggle for these days, were embodied in my eyes. After all, there are those who have reached these days, how many have not? It's no wonder that this happened not only to me, but to everyone.

After that, morning physical training was performed and breakfast was allowed. At nine o'clock, we boarded all the buses and set off to establish the "Student Youth Garden of Bukhara State Pedagogical Institute" in Moynok, which is the main goal of the project. According to the plan, 3,000 bushes suitable for the climate of the region - saplings and seeds of cypress, sycamore, saxophone, cherkess and sugar cane were planted on 5 hectares of land allocated by the forestry department of Monok district. It was planned to plant chats. Despite the whims of the weather, thanks to everyone's unity and kindness, the work was completed quickly and qualitatively. Along with us, the leaders of the Faculty of Physical Culture of the Nukus State Pedagogical Institute named after Ajiniyaz also came and planted saplings in the area designated for them called "Mother's Garden". After work, they also came to help us. With the efforts of everyone, the "Bukhara State Pedagogical Institute Student Youth Garden" was established there. Our rector emphasized that these works were the first foundation stone, and now every year such groups come here and the garden will be further expanded.

The aspect of our people that the whole world should follow as an example was shown here. This means working

conscientiously for good deeds. For this reason, it is enough to remember how many big things have been done with the help of our people.

When the work was completed, the young people of Karakalpak, we all returned to the "White Ship" together. There we gathered around a table and ate soup, our national dish. After lunch, we went to the center of the "tragedy of the century", Monok district. We went there to see the Orolqum desert, which replaced the once beautiful scenery of the Aral Sea, the "Ships Cemetery" and the "History of the Aral Sea" museum located there.

The Aral Sea makes a person think involuntarily. In addition to getting information about the ecological situation in the area, the young people also took pictures. Another important aspect of the event was the visit of the Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change Aziz Abduhakimov and guests. A person who does not notice that time has passed. We don't even know how he frowned. We returned to the camp near evening.

Our wise people say, "A good time comes with hard work." After dinner, we were also invited to a concert organized by the students of the "Music Education" department of our institute. First, the word to open the concert program was given to our rector: he expressed his thoughts about the end of today's work and declared the session open. National and modern songs also released the tiredness of the day.

Early morning is the time when everyone hesitates to return to the Motherland, Bukhara. After breakfast in the morning, another small good deed was attempted. Under the leadership of our rector, 20 spruce saplings were planted in the territory of the camp. After that, we all said goodbye to the "White Ship" and set off for our noble balloon.

In order not to get bored on the way, we sang different songs and returned in a good mood and with joy. On this pretext, we also stopped in Khojaly district, where a small concert program was organized. As you know, Khojaly district was attached to Bukhara region by the decisions of our president. Recently, the region is developing with the experience of Bukhara region. I think we were able to make them happy again through the concert.

We arrived safely at midnight. In a word, the trip was a special lesson for everyone. Everyone thought in his own way, developed, got a whole world of impressions. Participating in such a project was a great achievement and success for me.

Makhamadov Abduhoshim, student of Bukhara State Pedagogical Institute, participant of the nationwide project "Green Space".

Don't Rush On The Path Of Virtue, My Teacher!



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Worth Noting:

- In this place, we cannot respect our dear person Guljan Abdullaeva, who devotes herself to her profession day in and day out, and prepares her students night after day. This person never gets tired of teaching. First of all, in a higher education institution, although later he continued his work at the art school, he sees his place and the fruits of his labor.
- Recently, he was awarded with the "Friends" order, having received the recognition of the President for many years of work. Every hard work will definitely bear fruit. Behind every dark darkness, a shining sun, a bright morning will rise. Since 30 years, while teaching Uzbek language (State language), he has trained many students. Before Guljan Abdullaeva, I myself applied to many teachers.



Jumanazarova Dilnoza's teacher.

In today's developing age, science and technology are increasingly providing effective benefits to make life easier for people. A person who does not work cannot succeed. Behind every great person, of course, there is a teacher or a parent's prayer. Because the teacher is a great man. Her labor cannot be measured by anything.

When I hear the word teacher, the image of my first teacher, my confidant and my mother comes to my mind. Because she is my hero. My mother taught me to read and write even before I went to school. Let's remember the time when I was in the 1st grade, we just refrained from childhood fun and went to school with a bag given by the President in our hands, with an excited heart. How our teacher welcomed us then!

If the greatest building in the world is the school, then the most honorable of the professions is teaching and coaching. So, even though their arduous path is always full of trials and dangerous situations, they do not say that they are tired. This power, this energy they have is from the knowledge they give to the children, their achievements, of course. "Who taught you a letter on the path of truth, Alisher Navoi said for a reason that it is an irreplaceable gift. The school is an invaluable place. we cannot

imagine a country without a good education system.

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Thanks to the guidance given by G. Abdullaeva, I achieved many achievements. I would also like to emphasize that now the students of my teacher who gave knowledge are teaching in higher education institutions or schools. "Allah will raise those of you who believed and were given knowledge to high levels". Every effort always pays off.

Because G. Abdullaeva passes each lesson with excellent methods and can

attract students' attention. This enthusiasm in him, his pure and beautiful words about the future always inspire children. My teachers are very friendly and open-hearted people outside of class.

They can give me good advice in any situation. To be honest, it would not be wrong to say that this person has become my second mother.

Therefore, the teacher is a great talisman. Every admonition given by the Master should always be kept in our heart.

The value is now known to me, That sexy girl from my distant school. Navoiyku is our teacher, but Someone taught Navoi too.

Who taught letters to such a great person?!

In an ordinary teacher, an ordinary teacher...

In fact, teachers never charge anything for the knowledge they impart. They share only kindness and goodness. Every lesson we learn from the teacher becomes very important in our lives.

In conclusion, we must say that the teachers only want to see their students succeed, always have a cheerful face and speak from big platforms. That's why we should live up to the expectations of the great people who gave

us knowledge and education, and we should always honor and show them respect. Because, our wise people say, give forty days of greetings to a person who has taught one letter.

Yes, the teacher is like a burning candle. It lights up and illuminates the surroundings. Others will enjoy this light. For this reason, every person, regardless of age, status, and level, always bows to the teacher who taught them. The role of our good teachers and coaches in raising young people to become spiritually mature and well-rounded people is incomparable.

Masters and teachers are guiding stars shining clear light in the sky of spirituality, thanks to which people find the right path, and thanks to them, they reach the coast of safety from the darkness of ignorance. They put only doing good and the pricelessness of knowledge and humanity above everything else. Such people are the shield of the people and the Motherland Ajiniyaz

Jumanazarova Dilnoza Rustem's daughter,

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Man Utd's Garnacho Can Be 'Something Special' Says Fernandes



Manchester United's Argentinian midfielder Alejandro Garnacho celebrates scoring his team first goal during the English Premier League football match between Everton and Manchester United at Goodison Park in Liverpool, north west England on November 26, 2023.

By AFP

Bruno Fernandes says Alejandro Garnacho's wonder goal in Manchester United's victory against Everton proved the Argentine teenager can be "something special".

Garnacho gave a glimpse of his vast potential with a brilliant overhead kick to inspire United's 3-0 win in Sunday's Premier League clash at Goodison Park.

Showing outstanding ingenuity and technique to conjure the breath-taking strike, the 19-year-old showed why his United team-mate Fernandes believes he has the ability to become one of

the world's best players.

"It's amazing, something out of this world, I think," United captain Fernandes said.

Garnacho marked the goal by copying former Manchester United star Cristiano Ronaldo's celebration.

Fernandes cautioned that it is too early to suggest Garnacho can emulate Ronaldo's remarkable career, but he expects great things from his young team-mate, who arrived from Atletico Madrid in 2020.

"Probably he's watching too much Cristiano clips! We all know that he's a big fan. Still a long way for him to be like Cris-

tiano but he's getting his steps," Fernandes said.

"He wants to be something special in the world of football and I think he has the capability to do that, but he has to do more than that goal!"

Garnacho was not the only impressive United teenager in action at Goodison Park, with fellow FA Youth Cup winner Kobbie Mainoo flourishing on his first Premier League start.

The 18-year-old midfielder recently recovered from the injury he sustained during United's pre-season tour and produced a performance that belied his tender years.

"I talk always about Kobbie," Fernandes said. "I think he's a special player too."

"Obviously, people will not talk as much as they will about Garnacho because Garnacho scores goals, does assists and everything. But what he puts on the game, what he gives to the team, it's known to anyone."

"I think he has great players in front of him to learn from because he plays with one of the best in the world like Casemiro."

"That's probably the best capability he has because he wants to learn every time. He's eager to listen to everyone to get better and better."

GET THE BEST OF WORLD

Sports >>> *This has so far been a miserable season to be a KCCA FC fan. Football can be such a cruel game.

Ajo's Brace Leaves KCCA FC Frozen in the Relegation Zone!

By: Nassur Tab'an El-Tablaz

This has so far been a miserable season to be a KCCA FC fan. Football can be such a cruel game. Fans watch their team lose each week, but some losses are harder to take, whether because of the opponent or just the score. Some are so bad that even if you're not a fan of the loser, it can still break your heart. Some losses are infuriating, while others are just humiliating. The toughest losses come on the biggest stages, but that doesn't make the minor ones easier to bear. I must painfully chime in that last Friday's KCCA FC's loss to Jinja-based Busoga United was gut-wrenching. The Jinja side, playing in a city that, on the whole, didn't care so much for the sport more than the recently concluded royal wedding of their traditional leader, the Kyabazinga, defeated one of Uganda's best sides in league history. This defeat came just a week after KCCA FC had convincingly beaten their arch-rivals and defending champions, Vipers SC. Ouch. On a head-to-head, KCCA FC were unbeaten in 13 matches run against their hosts, having previously won 10 and drawn 3.

The Kasasiro Boys were looking to registering their first back-to-back wins in the 2023/24 Uganda Premier League season. They were also coming off a huge morale-boosting victory over Vipers SC. So it was a huge let-down when they allowed two very cheap goals to Ajo and missed their chance to climb the log out of the relegation zone. They may be last season's near-champions, and may have affluent players like Muhammad Shaban, Mustafa Kiiiza and Katenga, but the Mechanics (Busoga United) certainly didn't care. The crazy part is, they couldn't have asked for a better start when youngster, Ayella, standing in for the suspended Muhammad Shaban, technically and excellently finished inside the 18 yard area in the 27th minute. Ayella's goal could've sent the teams into halftime at 1-0, but perhaps Ajo's equalizer, allegedly coming off a handball from a corner earned from an offside position, was karma for Shaban's second "non-goal" against Vipers

SC a week earlier. It was 1-1 at halftime as Ajo capitalized on lacklustre clearance of a loose ball from a corner kick and leveled up matters.

Everyone expected the visitors to dominate, with the hosts content to sit back, absorb whatever was thrown at them and attack on the break. However, KCCA FC, this season, has played 'lovely football' but tended to lose their heads in the final third. Among the prominent supporters at the game was the KCCA FC CEO, Ms Anisha Muhoozi, who fans are blaming for the lack of a sense of continuity with her executive's "diabolical" decision of changing managers within the season and letting go some proven league and national team players. Most importantly, Busoga United didn't just sit back and watch KCCA FC pass the ball and jump at any possible counter-attack chance; they earned this victory. They didn't walk into the waterlogged FUFA Technical Centre; they centered in by beating KCCA FC 2-1, at Njeru. Ajo E scored in each half for their first ever league win against the garbage collectors. Who had seen that coming?

What a way to open your account as a manager and prove your credentials! Manager Abdallah Mubiru had just come in to rescue the floundering KCCA FC that is struggling to register consistency in the 2023/24 Star Times Uganda Premier League, but Busoga United put a huge damper on their chances. The look on the manager's face at the end of the match was truly crushing. His bunch of unproven youngsters and clutch old players just embarrassed their supporters. KCCA FC hasn't been anything close to the team they were under coach Mike Mutebi, but still, when a team the caliber of the Kasasiro Boys and with a roster full of purportedly good players recently recruited goes down to a side they have never lost to, it's just humiliating. This loss leaves them hovering right in the relegation zone and the fans cursing the new manager's appointment, even though he really hasn't done a whole lot of coaching yet.

The most humiliating thing about this loss for KCCA FC is that they



were about to settle for a respectable 1-1 draw after agreeing to play under terrible weather and the away fans having to 233.3% a higher entrance fee than the home fans. They were minutes away from another infamous and frustrating draw on the road, but another defensive lapse gifted Ajo the winner on a stroke of luck stealing the three points. The centrebacks misjudged a harmless through ball, Ajo pounced, ran away with it and coolly slotted it past the goalkeeper. The visitors had certainly played well enough for the win, which would've been their second in the league, and their first on the road this season. After Busoga United took the lead 5 minutes from the end of the game, it looked all but over for the garbage collectors as the ball boys started kicking balls onto the field of play to delay the restart of the game at every opportune moment. And there was only one winner after that.

Usama's absolutely back-breaking shot from 30 yards out could have leveled the scores in stoppage time but it agonizingly went over the bar. This game just could not have been worse for KCCA FC. They just had to watch Busoga United canter over them to the 3 points. For the second time this season, KCCA FC lost an away game in the closing stages. The KCCA FC fans were silent



the rest of the game. The players were vilified in the multitude of WhatsApp platforms of the KCCA FC fans. One of the fans, out of despair retorted, "I think we need to organize prayers, call sheikhs and pastors to a prayer day. Sometimes you watch the team play well, but it loses, and besides, all the three coaches so far can't be wrong. Something isn't right!" It remains to be seen whether the Kasasiro Boys will fight their way out of the abyss of relegation or drop to the Big League, Uganda's second tier championship, next season! But very well done to Busoga United.

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MY MOTHER

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Mothers are priceless. The more we value mothers, the less. I love my mother very much. I would not be wrong to say that my mother is one of the most kind, compassionate, lively and intelligent mothers. My mother also loves me very much, they think about me, they always ask God for me to study, to achieve my dreams, to become a big person. Every day, my mother sends us to study and work, kissing us on the face and hugging us tightly. one of my dreams is to make my mother Haji Ona and to see joy, pride and certainty in her eyes. For me, there is no place more peaceful than my mother's bosom, safer than her breasts. How many thanks and how many praises we can say to the person called mother. Because mother is a great person. A mother's love is infinite. Love increases when it increases, but it never ends. Only mother is the dearest person in this world. The reason for this is that only mother gives us life, feeds without eating, drinks without drinking, dresses without wearing. If we think about it, no one likes motherhood to us. May we repay the good deeds done by mothers in both worlds. Therefore, it is the duty of our children to honor our mothers and carry them on our heads. My mother is the one who gave me love with her voice, the most beautiful example in my life. My beautiful heart always showed me the right path. If I come to this world again, I want to be your child again. Mothers, your life will definitely be dark and gloomy. It is our duty to always support our children. One important way to do this is to help with household chores first. Mothers are precious stones in everyone's life. Our mothers are, first of all, extremely responsible persons. They play an important role in the upbringing of children, whether the child will be good or bad in the future depends on the mother. Personally, the moral values taught by my mother play a big role in my life. The mother is also responsible for the well-being of society. Mothers are the best friends for their children. It is worth



Tursunaliyeva Durdona's Mother.

noting that a mother can understand her child even without words. Mothers are the emotional support of the family. Family members can easily tell their mothers about their pains, worries, and feelings without thinking about it. Mother! What a great breed. She is the only one who stayed awake all night for his child, ran for the child's perfection, is ready to do anything for the peaceful life of his family, and is a unique breed who gives unconditional love to those around him.

Mother! She is a passionate and kind person who gives life lessons. A coach who can always help young and old alike, always show the right way. The mother only says my child, whether she is sitting or standing. She supports and encourages me every step of the way. She is always with me, day and night,

regardless of the circumstances. In addition, her wisdom, perseverance, loyalty, selflessness, upbringing inspire me. In addition, my mother knew how to walk, talk, and do what I wanted without my tongue sticking out. If my mother had not taught me to walk, I would not have been able to take these big steps. Everything I have achieved so far is because of my mother and she is the cause. For me, my mother is the embodiment of honesty, love and sincerity. My mother always prays for me and my brother.

Although my mother is not physically strong, she is a woman who overcame all obstacles for her life and family. My mother is a very patient person, because she has patiently overcome all the difficulties and trials given by God. The most important thing is that my moth-

er encourages me to study, tries to invest as much as she can. My mother has such sayings, they say don't stop until you achieve something, just keep trying, but don't back down. Sometimes a mother is compared to a long and strong tree. I still remember that it was the first days of autumn. That is, at the beginning of September, I went to school for the first time. Mom and I were very happy. . Years passed, months passed from months, that's how I grew up and understood that my mother was dying. I finished the eleventh grade, the time has come to pass the DTM, I was looking forward to the exam, the exam time has come. Can I come in? My mother told me that you can go to school after watching, after all, how long I waited for this. Especially when you cried and waited, why are you saying this now? So, after a day, I will see my exam answers, unfortunately, the mandate will not be available, and I will not be on the list. With this, I'm giving a taste of fate, everyone asks me, I couldn't say anything, even if my mother asked, I couldn't believe you, I cried, saying sorry. After my mother, they said that you are lost, you can't find it, you can't find it, you entered, and at that time, when my mandate was issued a day before the start of studies, there was no one happier than my mother. It was my mother who cried with joy. Those who said that you did not believe me when my mother told me that you would come in, my mother was very happy. The worst thing was that at that time my mother bought clothes for me by selling her gold.

"Mother's Lament"

My child, listen to my words for a while

My soft hair is white
My youth was spent in pain
May everyone grow old

I'm getting old, my dear
I also want to be a mother-in-law
Drinking tea from the hand of the bride

I want to take care of my grandchildren

What about U? Look, you are over 30 years old

You still don't dream of getting

married

You are biting the bread of travel
Don't think about me

I feel jealous when I see my brothers

The child is in his arms, the bride is at work

Your prime is over

Far away from me, in another country

You have divided the result on the phone

Anyway, what's up with the guy?

Protect my child, my God

Good luck, good luck

"Mom, I'll take you to Hajj"

I am a loving child

"I'm sure you'll agree, mother"

You said I'm satisfied with you, my child,

Your health is the most important thing to me

Be healthy, be happy, my child

Your life is a joy

May you live long, my love, my child

The creator did not force the nail
That's why he is very grateful to himself

Now let's get married, I'll be the leader

What a joy to be a mother-in-law

Let others envy your mother

Grandchildren are playing in my hands

Allah is the only one who listens to my pain

May I be lucky in my life

Come to my lap, let's talk a little

Let the rumors go far away from us
Many will praise you, however

Let those enemies burn

Draw a conclusion from these words

I'll tell you honestly, my child

After your mother passed away

Don't have a thousand regrets, my child.

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