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Kenyan Freedom Fighters Await Compensation 60 Years After Independence Celebrations

By: Eric Wanjala
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Worth Noting:

- “The government has acknowledged the debt owed to these freedom fighters, bureaucratic hurdles and delays have hindered the fulfillment of compensation commitments. Many of these individuals, now aging and in fragile health continue to live in challenging conditions, their sacrifices seemingly forgotten amid the fanfare of national celebrations.” Said Mr Munga
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Kenyan Freedom Fighters statue.

In a poignant contrast to Kenya’s recent 60th independence anniversary celebrations, many of the country’s unsung heroes – the freedom fighters who played a crucial role in securing independence – are still awaiting the compensation they were promised. Despite the passage of six decades since Kenya gained freedom

from colonial rule, these individuals find themselves grappling with unmet expectations and a sense of neglect.

The brave men and women who sacrificed their lives, liberty, and well-being to pave the way for a free and sovereign Kenya are facing a stark reality. Promised compensation for their valiant

efforts has yet to materialize, leaving them in a state of disillusionment. As the nation commemorates its historic milestone, the stories of these overlooked heroes shed light on the unfinished business of acknowledging and appreciating their contributions.

Peter Munga who is a retired Kikuyu

council of elders says that most of the Mau Mau freedom fighters were members drawn from almost all Kenyan tribes and most of them died holding soil a symbol of curse, and pledges with the relevant stakeholders to fast track the compensation bid to the afflicted people whom most of them don’t own a land neither their descendants

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“There is a pressing need for the government to expedite the compensation process and ensure that these heroes receive the support they were promised. Failure to address this issue not only perpetuates an injustice but also undermines the very ideals of freedom and gratitude that Kenya stands for.” Lamented Leah Wangechi.

The struggle for independence was a collective effort, and as Kenya reflects on its 60-year journey, it must confront the unfinished business of honoring those who fought tirelessly for the freedom that the nation enjoys today. The time is ripe for a renewed commitment to justice and gratitude towards these unsung heroes, ensuring that their sacrifices are finally recognized and justly compensated.



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Digital Brilliance Takes Center Stage: Highlights From The Digital Media Awards 2023

By: Capital Correspondent

The 7th edition of the Digital Media Awards, hosted by Go Gaga Experiential, reached its culmination this Friday, spotlighting Exceptional and Innovative Campaigns in the Digital Space.

The vibrant event unfolded at the Century Cinemax, Two Rivers Mall, Nairobi, Kenya, uniting brilliant agency teams, creative minds, and innovators to applaud the forefront of Digital Excellence.

The Digital Media Awards 2023 showcased and commended outstanding contributions made by Agency teams and Organizations across various categories, encompassing Agency, Content, Publisher, Digital, Youth, and Grand Prix.

This year's most outstanding Digital Marketing Campaign Award was clinched by Cadbury's 'Give a Generous Voice' campaign from Dent-

su, who also secured the prestigious Agency of the Year Award.

Other big winners for the night included the Shibe Fest campaign by Unga wa Dola, which bagged a total of five awards, including Gold for the Best Digital Marketing Campaign, and The Sails of Change campaign by MasterCard, which won three awards.

In a special category introduced for 2023, The Youth-Young Creative Award, sponsored by Samsung, Dennis Dodo won a 48-inch TV for his outstanding creativity.

"We are proud to be associated in recognizing and supporting the growing talents and careers in the creative industry, and we look forward to celebrating more such wins," said Levis Ryan, Digital Marketing Manager, Samsung Kenya.

Speaking at the ceremony, Rita Njuguna, Co-Founder of Go Gaga Experiential, expressed enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to have hosted the 7th DMA in Kenya, celebrating the incredible talent and in-

novation that continue to shape the Digital Media Landscape. We have witnessed substantial growth in all the campaigns submitted from the nominations, and we are proud to bring these great minds together to recognize and honor their exceptional contribution in the digital space."

A special recognition was also made for the 'Stain Not Shame' campaign by ZEVA, aimed at ending period shaming against women. The campaign won three awards at the DMAs, including, Silver in the Best Influencer Marketing Campaign category.

Alemu Emuron, award-winning creative and Chief Creative Officer of the Quollective, who attended the event, mentioned the challenging task faced by the judging panel in selecting winners from a pool of exceptionally talented nominees. He emphasized the rigor of the process, with every submission exemplifying the high standards and ingenuity that define the Digital Media Awards.

Rita Njuguna reflected on the power of Digital Media to Connect, Inform,



and Inspire, stating, "In an increasingly interconnected world, the work we do in this industry has the potential to shape opinions, drive positive change, and foster a global community that transcends borders."

According to Statista, global advertising spending has consistently increased (except in 2020) since 2010, forecasted to reach nearly 856 billion U.S. dollars in 2023, with social me-

dia accounting for a significant portion. The recognition bestowed upon both nominees and winners serves as a powerful testament to the industry's significance, encouraging continuous innovation and ensuring the digital media sector remains at the forefront of communication and cultural influence.

Kenyan Investor Raises Alarm Over Changing Banking Trends On Borrowing

By: Capital Correspondent

In a surprising twist within Kenya's banking sector, a notable shift is underway as financial institutions increasingly target guarantors rather than primary borrowers when loans face default.

This departure from conventional practices has ignited concerns, sparking fears about its potential repercussions for borrowers and those who stand as guarantors.

Financial Expert Nazir Jinnah yesterday said traditionally, guarantors played a secondary role, intervening only when the primary borrower defaulted.

"This approach was considered a last resort, with banks exhausting all options with the borrower before turning to the guarantor," Jinnah pointed out in a statement.

"A discernible change is underway, with reports indicating that certain Kenyan banks are actively pursuing guarantors, even when primary borrowers possess the financial means to repay."

For example, he pointed out the case of English Point Marina which has suffered the fate of the worrying trend.

He said that English Point Marina was the primary borrower at the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), while Pinewood Beach Resort and Spa was its guarantor.

The bank has since put English Point Marina under receivership while a legal suit is underway challenging its intended takeover of Pinewood Beach Resort and Spa.

English Point Marina is owned by Amin Kanji, his wife Leila, brother Alnoor, sister-in-law Nafisa and Nazir Jinnah. The luxury property is located by the harbour and consists of 96 apartments, eight penthouses and

a 26-room hotel.

It is one of the few private projects granted the Vision 2030 Private Sector Flagship status.

This shift, Nazir Jinnah said raises questions about the underlying motives and the potential consequences for both borrowers and guarantors.

He cautioned that the new shift towards guarantors could erode trust between banks and primary borrowers, who may feel unfairly targeted, especially if they have the means to meet their obligations.

Going forward, he said prospective guarantors, "may become more cautious, knowing that banks might swiftly turn to them in case of default. This could impact the willingness of individuals to provide guarantees for loans."

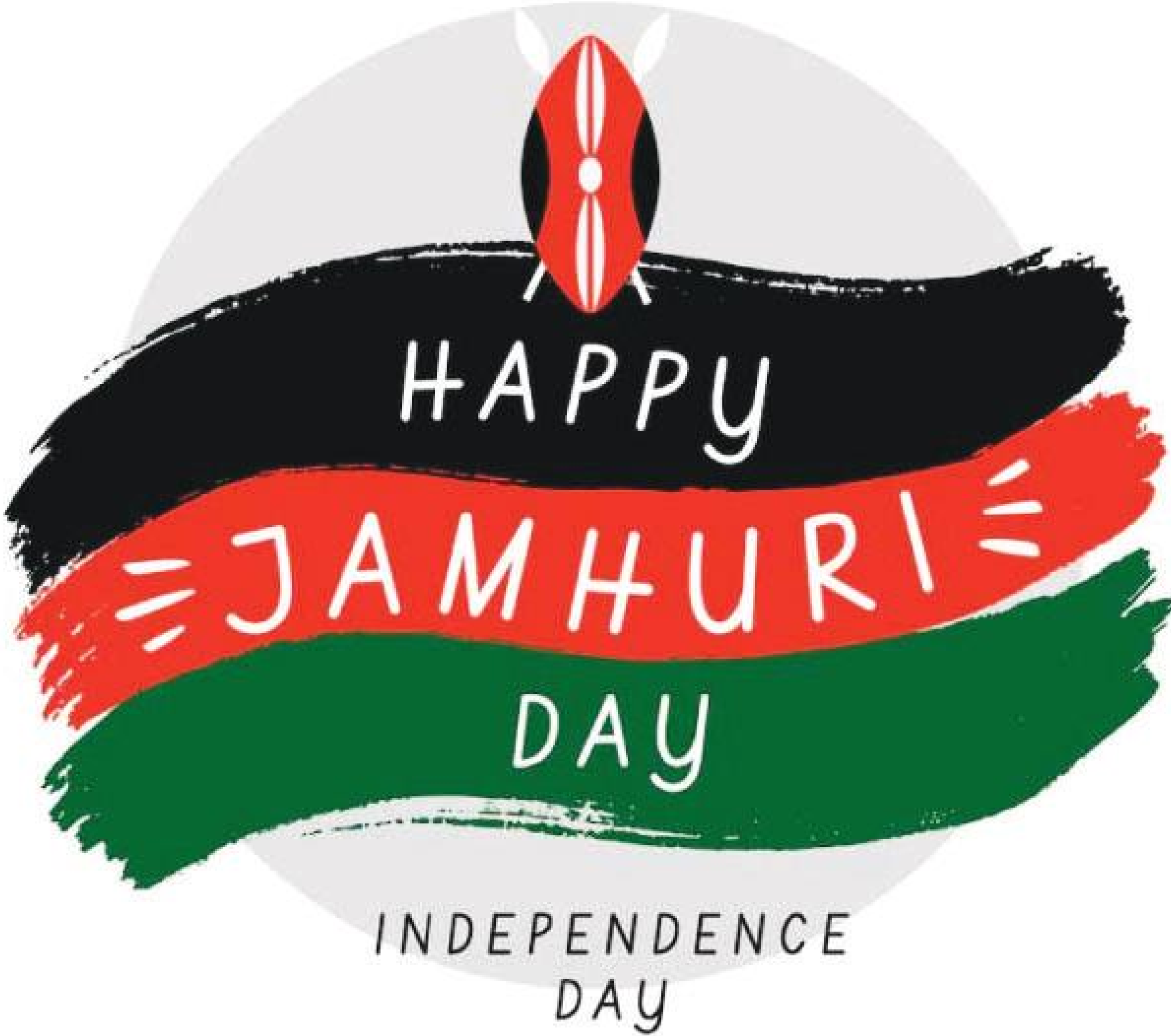
"Striking the right balance between risk mitigation and fair treatment of borrowers and guarantors is crucial for maintaining a healthy and sustainable banking environment."



Financial Expert Nazir Jinnah ..

He added that, "as this trend unfolds, stakeholders, including regulatory bodies, banks, borrowers, the Central Bank of Kenya and guarantors, must engage in meaningful dialogue to en-

sure that the interests of all parties are adequately protected."



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Africa Private Sector Commits To Scale Up Business Climate Action Pathways For Resilience And Green Industrialisation

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Worth Noting:

Africa's private sector, which accounts for 80% of total production, 67% of investment, and employs 90% of the working-age population, is crucial in addressing global warming. However, the continent faces challenges due to its high levels of social and economic vulnerability.

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At the high-level side event during the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP 28), in Dubai, the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) in collaboration with the African Climate Foundation (ACF), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Africa Business Council (ABC), affirmed the commitment of the Africa Private Sector in scaling up climate action pathways for resilience and green industrialization of Africa, through the Africa Private Sector Commitment to Scaling up pathways to climate resilience and green and call to action. A statement signed by more than 20 private sector entities across Africa.

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Speaking at the forum, the Regional Principal Regional Officer for climate and green growth at the African Development Bank, lauded the private sector for playing a significant role



From Left Dr Olufonso Somorin of the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), Mr Ekitela Lokaale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya, Mr Lulamile Makaula of South Africa National Business Initiative, Ms Nasra Nanda CEO of Kenya Green Building Society, Eng Ahmed Kamal Executive Director, Federation of Egyptian Industries (FTI), Dr Eugene Itua of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, Ms Reshma Shah, Director Sustainability at Equity Group, Mr Allen Wallis, advisor of the Africa Climate Foundation, Ms Valentine Cheruiyot, Manager, Environment and Climate Change at Safaricom and Ms Faith Ngige, Climate Business Information Network coordinator at the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) at COP 28 in Dubai, UAE..

in climate action through the power of agency in transforming climate finance into solutions using technology, resources and technical know-how. The scale of financing and resources required to tackle climate change is not yet proportionate to the adaptation needs of Africa. There is a need to re-engineer a model for the private sector financing instruments and incentives that fit the needs of Africa.

To enhance adaptation solutions for Africa, local technology is key in ensuring that Africa adapts to the changing climate. It's a zero-sum game to get climate financing only to procure foreign Technologies that do not serve our needs. Africa must ensure that our technologies are utilized for the decarbonization of value chains, Said Eng Ahmed Kamal, Executive Director-Technical and Climate Change Advi-



Ms Faith Ngige, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) lead for the Climate Business Information Network - Kenya (CBIN-K) speaking at the event at COP 28 in Dubai, UAE..

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the Africa Climate Summit Nairobi Declaration, highlighted the readiness of Africa to be a solution to the world and the no

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EAC and TradeMark Africa Unveil Innovative App to Revolutionise Trade by Eliminating Non-Tariff Barriers

By: John Kariuki
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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the launch of the App, EAC Deputy Secretary General in charge of Customs, Trade and Monetary Affairs, Ms. Annette Ssemuwemba said the EAC NTBs App marks a pivotal moment in creating a smooth trading environment across the EAC region.
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Bujumbura, Burundi, December 2023: In a groundbreaking development for regional trade, the East African Community (EAC) Secretariat today unveiled a new mobile application (App) dedicated to the elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) – the EAC NTBs App.

This innovative App is set to revolutionise the region’s trading landscape by streamlining the reporting, monitoring, and resolution of impediments traders face as they conduct business across borders.

The development of the EAC NTBs APP was funded by the Netherlands through TradeMark Africa (TMA).

The EAC NTBs App, seamlessly blending SMS, email, and phone reporting methods, offers economic operators a one-stop solution for effectively reporting Non-Tariff Barriers to trade. By streamlining the NTB reporting process, the App will aid traders and producers in tackling obstacles that impede their trade efficiency and competitiveness. Additionally, it ensures transparency and quick resolution of issues by engaging technical and policy-level mechanisms, such as National Focal Points, the National Monitoring Committees (NMCs) and

the Regional Monitoring Committee (RMC).

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“Empowering the private sector to report NTBs encountered and enabling them to track the progress of the NTB through the App is key to

enhancing the business environment in the region, it is our hope that this will be the turning point in effectively identifying and swiftly resolving NTBs in the region,” Ms. Ssemuwemba.

“At TradeMark Africa, we believe in fostering a vibrant and conducive trade environment that propels economic growth and regional integration. This revolutionary app is a testament to our commitment to providing strategic solutions in digital trade,” emphasised Director, Trade Policy, and Trade Facilitation, Benedict Musengele.

NTBs pose a major problem for traders and producers, as they can reduce profits and limit market access. NTBs include issues that can hinder trading effectively such as discriminatory requirements for special licenses and permits, excessive paperwork, complicated customs procedures, and bureaucratic delays at borders.

A recent EAC Regional Meeting Committee (RMC) report (2023) estimated the direct costs of NTB’s at USD16,703,970 and total trade impact at USD94,918,000 decreasing trade by an average of 58%.

However, since 2017, EAC has re-

solved 89.5% of the reported NTBs (EAC Time Bound Programme report, 2023). In addition, there has been a relatively steady decrease in reported NTBs. In recent years, from 2021 to 2023, the number of reported NTBs complaints has remained stable, ranging between 8 and 11 cases annually with a significant improvement in the resolution of NTBs reported to an average of 88.3 days. Between June 2022 and June 2023, a total of 16 NTBs complaints were reported within EAC. Out of these, 9 NTBs have been resolved while 7 complaints remained in progress. A significant number of NTB complaints were addressed (56.25%) and resolved within the given timeframe. However, a notable portion of complaints, specifically (43.75%) were still in progress by end of June 2023.

The EAC NTBs App allows the users to report the complaints in one of the three (3) EAC official languages; English, Swahili and French and can be downloaded from the Apple Store, Google’s Play Store, and other Android devices.

Government Increases School Bursaries

By: Prudence Wanza

The Government has increased bursaries under the Constituencies Development Fund to ensure smooth learning.

This follows the signing into law of The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (Amendment) Bill by President William Ruto yesterday.

The law increases the allocation from 35 per cent to 40 per cent, a move that will facilitate continuity and completion of education by students.

The additional funds will also cater for school feeding programmes, especially in drought-stricken areas.

“This will check drop-outs, boost enrollment and further the Government’s efforts to increase literacy,” said Majority Leader Kimani Ichungw’ah.

The Act also increases CDF allocation on environmental activities from two per cent to five per cent to fund for climate crisis.

Besides that, it introduces a three per cent allocation of the Fund for Constituencies’ digital hubs.

The hubs, the Government observes, are key in enabling the youth to acquire skills to boost their employability.

Meanwhile, the President also assented to the National Lottery Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 69 of 2023).

This paves the way for the establishment of the National Lottery Board that will administer the newly-established National Lottery.

The Board will be tasked with the supervision, control and monitoring of the operations of the National Lottery.

It will also be mandated to erect measures to prevent fraud in the conduct of the National Lottery.

Ichungw’ah, who sponsored the Bill, said the goal of the conduct of the National Lottery is to fund social development in the country.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Speaker of the National Assembly Moses Wetang’ula, Attorney General Justin Muturi, Solicitor General Shadrack Mose, among others, were present.



Photo courtesy .

Murkomen Reads Sabotage In Yet Another Blackout At JKIA

By: Ronald Owili

Roads, Transport and Public Works Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen has said the ministry will be seeking a formal request to the National Police Service to begin investigations after another power blackout hit the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on Sunday evening.

The blackout that affected most parts of the country is said to have affected terminal 1A and 1E despite the immediate changeover of power to standby generators at the facility.

“Considering the frequency of the power disruption, and taking into account the fact that JKIA is a facility of strategic national importance, we are making a formal request to the National Police Service to investigate possible acts of sabotage and cover-up,” Murkomen said via his official

X handle.

The Sunday blackout was the second major power outage in the country in a span of one month.

According to Kenya Power, the blackout affected Mt Kenya, South Nyanza, Western, Central, Rift, North Rift, North Eastern and most parts of Nairobi including JKIA. However, the firm said by 2AM Monday, it had restored power in most of the affected areas.

“Over the past week, our generator system at JKIA has undergone rigorous testing to ensure continuous and reliable power supply. Despite these efforts, during tonight’s power outage, two of our generators, specifically those serving Terminals 1A and 1E failed to immediately activate,” said Kenya Airports Authority (KAA).

Murkomen has further directed KAA Board and management to fully implement the reform agenda as advised in the report by the technical committee.



Roads, Transport and Public Works Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen

Kigumo Reloaded Whatsapp Group Ventures Into Community Development

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Since the launch of WhatsApp social media platform in 2009, so much has changed for the better in the communication sector. The platform has not only ensured the ease of communication but also offered a dias for socialisation, integration, exchange of ideas and capacity building for around 2 billion people from diverse backgrounds and cultures across social circles and the global community at large. That has been advocated by WhatsApp groups and now communities and channels. Amongst such WhatsApp groups is the Kigumo Reloaded (KR) WhatsApp group.

Last weekend, the Kigumo Reloaded "KR," was celebrating its eighth anniversary years at the serenity of the Trotters Hotel's compound around 500 metres from Kenol along

Kenol-Makuyu highway.

The KR WhatsApp group is composed of majorly Kigumo Constituency residents though it also accommodates leaders from the wider Murang'a County including Murang'a governor Dr. Irungu Kang'ata, Senator Joe Nyutu, W. Rep Betty Maina, Nominated Sen. Veronica Maina among other leaders. It was started by Tony Kirere, Chege Mugane Arturu and Makara Makiadi as a Facebook group before devolving into WhatsApp.

The group has been vigorously engaged in environmental conservation and proactive political activism, community development projects like building houses for the needy and welfare projects. In political activism, the group has been playing a major role in pushing the public offices like the MP and MCAs offices to advance delayed development projects such as bursary issues, roads, hospitals and schools.

The group's engagement in welfare

and philanthropic efforts are commendable. Members contribute in paying huge hospital bills for members and their nuclear families. They also raise school fees for extremely needy students and contribute in case of death of members and their nuclear families.

Through the group, very many youths have also found jobs in the county and national government sectors. For instance, during last weekend's event, several dignitaries who are members of the group confirmed employment opportunity for seven members at Ikumbi Tea Factory, OJ Clubs & Restaurants and the Unaitas Sacco.

KR has also purposed to venture into mentorship programme next year and partner with Honia Afrika Initiative (HAI) in supporting people living with disability by holding Mr. & Mrs Disability is not Inability Murang'a County, and engaging in mental health activism.

The group under the patronage of



former Murang'a governor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Karanja Muturi, offers a perfect example for WhatsApp groups in Kenya to look up to. Astonishingly, the more than 347 mem-

bers subscribe to diverse political and religious affiliations but are united under the KR auspice. Indeed like the group motto states: here, every opinion counts!



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Parliament Will Decide On Whether To Approve Or Reject The Proposal To Transfer 'Public Seal'



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Kenyan Parliament..

Worth Noting:

- Therefore, the claims that the President resorted to this after his bid to privatize 11 state corporations run headwinds were totally malicious and made in bad faith. Let me set the record straight. Again, in exercise of power conferred on him by the constitution, President Ruto signed the privatization bill into law. This is after the Bill was subjected to parliamentary debate and received overwhelm endorsement.
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- The judge declined to grant the prayer but he halted the privatization until February next year when the case will be heard and determined.

The latest media report have indicated that President William Ruto have hatched a plot to clip the political wings of Attorney General (AG) Justin Muturi and Speaker of National Assembly Moses Wetangula.

After reading the story, this was my conclusion. It was not based on any iota of truth and evidence.

The authors seems to have had relied on usual rumors, propaganda and outright lies being peddled by the well-known critics of the President.

The President had nothing to do with that proposal.

For starters, it is one of the proposals contained in a bill drafted by the majority leader Kimani Ichungwah. The law requires him to table the bill before the house for debate.

If approved, that is when the President comes in. He will have two options: sign it into law or return it back to parliament with memorandum explaining the reasons for doing that.

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The ODM had argued that the due process had not been followed to the letter and spirit.

The parastatals are owned by the people of Kenya. So, this is a weight matter. You cannot sell them without involving them.

In earlier statements, Raila and other party luminaries had pointed an accus-

ing finger at President William Ruto.

The President is fully behind this move and he is working with Treasury Cabinet Secretary.

The Azimio brigade would not point out sections of laws that the President had violated.

As the law required, the Treasury Cabinet Secretary organized public forums during which public views were collected and collated. The views were factored in privatization bill.

I would have expected Raila to do two things if he didn't not agree with Bill. First, mobilize his Azimio troops to reject the bill on floor of parliament. If he fails to marshal enough numbers, move to court immediately after the President assented to it.

He failed to do this. With this, his decision to move to court is being interpreted as an afterthought.

The question is. What prompt him to change his mind? Many avers it is not because of Wanjiku's interests but rather his personal interests.

Since the law was passed, a section of the leaders in the minority side had been making noises at the funerals, church pulpit, homecoming parties. Why wait until when the government starts to actualize this law?

It therefore means they were contented.

The decision to move to court had been preceded by Raila's remarks four days earlier. Are you ready to go back to the streets? Raila asked a crowd in Nyamache, Kisii county, where he attended the homecoming party of Governor Simba Arati. Then, wait for my whistle.

We all know that Raila's political game plan is to continue engaging President William Ruto in a smear campaign.

This is not because the President is not doing his job of serving Kenyans, it is because he is yet to shed off misplaced and warped thinking that Dr Ruto stole his victory.

Raila was the candidate of the outgoing government. Dr Ruto was an outsider. So, how did an outsider stole your victory?

In light of this, this is my considered

view. If he make good his threat, Raila's game plan would fail miserably.

Why I would not expect his supporters to heed his call to participate in demonstrations?

He failed to try organize protests when President Ruto assented to the Bill.

His turnaround is suspect. The other day I heard a group of the people in the estate saying.

Raila was angling himself to play the role of a big broker in the privatization of some of the entities. He knew he would mint millions of shillings. It seems he has been elbowed out.

He is pursuing selfish and personal interests. Therefore, we cannot put our lives in danger for a course that has no bearing to public interest.

He used us last time. A fool has now become clever. He will be in for a rude shock.

It is worth to recall that during the electioneering period, Dr William Ruto, the presidential candidate of United Democratic Alliance (UDA)/ Kenya Kwanza, kept reiterating.

If I win the elections, I will give priority to the privatization of loss making State Corporations and Parastatals plus those that had already collapsed and shut down.

The leadership of the previous governments fully bore the brunt.

They just watched helplessly as these state entities crumbled down due to four main reasons: High levels of corruption, mismanagement, laxity and don't care attitudes. These vices would be committed by big fish entrusted to manage them.

To make the matter worse, the previous governments resorted to bailing out the entities.

Billions of shillings of taxpayers were being pumped but none of them will get back to its feet. Kenyans would not get value for their hard-earned monies. As such, they would end up being the biggest losers.

For Dr William Ruto, he had conceived a workable plan which would be a game-changer in terms of changing this

narrative. God heard his prayers and he won the elections.

The Privatization Bill originated from the cabinet in line with the rule of collective responsibility.

This reaffirmed the commitment of President Ruto to walk the talk. This is in terms of following the dictates of the constitution and law to the letter and spirit.

The Finance Bill 2023 passed by parliament listed the 11 entities which are earmarked for privatization.

It is worth noting former President Mwai Kibaki was a renowned economist but he failed to resuscitate them.

He was unable to deal with vested interests which were out to make a kill.

Reason? The political class played a key role in the appointment of the chairpersons and chairmen of these State Corporations.

As a result, the holders of these offices owed their loyalties to them. This cleared the way for each to dip their fingers into cookie jar and get a share of the looting.

Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC), Kenya Meat Commission and pyrethrum Ginneries were among profit making factories that had already collapsed. The loss making ones were: Kenya Airways, Mombasa Port, Kenya Pipeline, Kenya Seed Company, National Oil Cooperation among others.

Once advertised, the bidders' history should be thoroughly scrutinized.

The two main considerations should be. First, the proprietors of the firms that qualify have the interest of the Kenyan people at heart.

Secondly, the investors have success stories of managing and turning around the fortunes of similar entities that had been run down by the state.

You would expect the multinational companies to buy some of the State Corporations.

For them, their success stories would go beyond the border.

Besides, the government would be expected to review the tax regime and enact laws that will attract both local and foreign investment.

As I conclude, allow me to say this. The good thing with privatization is that this creates room for competition.

So, the new owners will work very hard. This is because they want to make profits out of this. They know the Kenya government will also collect a huge chunk of monies as taxes.

Again, if the entity collapses, they will become the biggest losers. They will not only lose the capital but also the assets which they had acquired through hard work and sweat.

To avoid these pitfalls, I'm sure they will manage the entities in a professional, disciplined and precision manner.

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Mudavadi: President Ruto's Foreign Missions Are Critical And Essential At The Moment

By: KBC Digital



Worth Noting:

- “The trips the President is making giving confidence to the investors across the globe that Kenya is the right place for your investment is so essential and as a jig-saw puzzle all things have been put together for the common good of the country and the citizens,” he said.
- “We have to nurture our nation together and tell them that some of these painful doses are here with us, but it is through those painful that we will get out of the difficult situation and get the economy fully on track and the country moving,” added Mudavadi.
- He was speaking at the Ulinzi Sports Complex in Nairobi during a wellness/ farewell day for the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs staff where they took stock of the successes and challenges faced this year.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has defended foreign trips by President William Ruto saying they are for the good of the country.

Mudavadi says with the current difficult moment Kenya is facing and what is happening globally as far as the economic situation is concerned it calls for an aggressive foreign policy and diplomatic onslaught.

He said that all countries are out pushing for the scarce global resources available for survival.

“The Presidents missions are so critical and essential more-so at this moment and time when resources globally are scarce and there is heightened competition for those resources. You cannot afford to have a situation where a nation is sitting laid back and imagine that it will roll those foreign resources and that foreign direct investment to come to your base,” said Mudavadi.

Mudavadi says the approach that is being manifested through President Ruto's diplomatic onslaught is what is going to drive the country into a better territory very soon.

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Mudavadi called on the diplomats to brace for a competitive global diplomatic space in the face of fast-changing global technological revolution.

He also urged the Ministry's staff to work together and project Kenya to it's rightful spot in the diplomatic space

The PCS said the country is competing for scarce global resources within a global competitive environment with citizens from other nations who are moving with speed with regard to technology.

“I ask you to be prepared to work with people who are embracing technology in their fingertips. We must race with them if we must win for our



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi .

country,” he said.

“So many issues are now filtering in the cost of living debate which indeed remains to be a challenge in our country. For us to cure this we have to attract foreign direct investment and it is the Ministry of foreign and Diaspora Affairs that will lead the nation into a success story,” he told the staff.

Mudavadi who is also the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs reminded Kenyans that President Ruto's administration has worked hard to maintain a positive image and relation with the donor community saying complying with the requirements of the Bretton Woods Institutions has helped Kenya attract key financial support.

“If there was no IMF and World Bank programme it could be very difficult for the President to attract foreign direct investment, and that's why Kenyans need to understand that it is a difficult moment but we shall come out of it since Kenya has always been looked upon to provide leadership and direction in the re-

gion,” said Mudavadi.

Mudavadi further urged the staff to reflect on the past, develop a strong concept of re-defining the course of action moving into the future as we are going into a more competitive environment that will need thorough re-adjustment to make Kenya stand tall globally.

“Let us collectively use this time to reflect on what has happened, ponder on what ought to have happened and come the year 2024 we need to draw a new driving chapter for the ministry and for the country's foreign policy agenda,” he stated.

Mudavadi made reference to the almost 30 visitations by Heads of State and Government to Kenya in barely one year as one of the manifestations that Kenya is re-defining its diplomatic relations and keen on expanding its global ties for the benefit of the citizens.

During the event the PCS also feted outstanding staff and Directorates for the fiscal year 2022/2023 and used the platform to recognize and wel-

come the newly recruited Third Secretary Cadets indicating they are the future of Kenya diplomacy.

“And to the newly recruited Third Secretaries, I welcome you to the Ministry. You carry the future of our country's Diplomacy,” he said.

Africa and Africa Union Directorate was awarded as the best performing Division during the event.

Directorate of International Conferences, Media and Events (DICE) emerged as second runner-up for its outstanding role at the Ministry.

Principal Secretary Abraham Korir Singoei of the State Department for Foreign Affairs, Amb. Moi Lemoshira the Director General Political & Diplomatic Affairs, and Amb Kimani Kaberia the Director General Foreign Service Academy among other top-ranking staff were present.

Paradigm Initiative Unveils Its 4th Short Film- Undersight As The World Commemorates Human Rights Day

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As countries across the world commemorated Human Rights Day, Paradigm Initiative (PIN), a leading organisation advocating for digital rights and inclusion, has unveiled its 4th short film- ‘Undersight.’

The unveiling of the film by PIN marks a pivotal moment in this year’s global rights awareness, boosting collaborative efforts towards upholding fundamental rights and freedoms globally. This year’s commemoration, under the theme Freedom, Equality and Justice for All, marks the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

The movie is inspired by Paradigm Initiative’s annual 2022 Londa report, which spotlights the state of digital rights and inclusion across 24 African countries. ‘Undersight’ follows the journey of Omar, a brilliant computer programmer who creates revolutionary data collation software, which is

in high demand.

The other short films the organisation has released are Training, Focus and Finding Diana.

Training Day, the first of the short films, is based on the organisation’s 2019 Digital Rights in Africa report. It features the story of Jude, whose quest for work takes an unexpected turn. His first day at a tech firm takes an unprecedented turn, leaving him in a deep moral dilemma.

Focus tells the story of Mark, a budding young man who works for an enterprise facilitating financial pay across Africa. Caught up in his world and nonchalant about happenings around him, he soon experiences first-hand the dark side of internet shutdowns, censorship, surveillance, and cyberattacks. He learns the benefit of advocating for others, regardless of personal interest in their cause. The short film is inspired by the 2020 Londa report.

Based on the findings of the Londa 2021 report, Finding Diana is about Aisha Cooker, a 28-year-old journalist who stumbled upon a collection of



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personal data belonging to millions of citizens, including a governor she is investigating. In her quest for a better society, Aisha exposes the official, a move that puts her life in danger.

Screened at various events and platforms, PIN’s short films have received extensive feedback from viewers who have cited the creativity, relevance, and impact they possess.

The short films have also received multiple accolades and awards, with the latest being a Bronze recognition for Finding Diana at the 2023 Summit Creative Awards.

The Teacher Is Great



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If the children are a whole tree, the teacher is like a root that keeps the tree alive.

A guide who takes children by the hand and leads them to a new life. It is a symbol of sincerity, which clings to students to the extent of their knowledge.

Teaching is a difficult and responsi-

ble profession. Every child admires his teacher until he reaches the age of adolescence.

She proudly states that he will be a teacher like his teacher. She tries to be like his teacher in every way.

Because every teacher educates every student like her own child. Holding his hands, she begins to introduce this little world. She shares knowledge from the heart. She keeps the feeling of love for life, motherland, and parents in his heart.

This amulet in the heart of the student will live with him throughout his life. Undoubtedly, there is no person who has forgotten his first teacher.

The person who introduced her to the first letter and the first signs will not be forgotten. On the contrary, it is remembered with memories.

Do you remember Did you struggle to write when you were in the first grade? What about your respected teacher who memorized the alpha-

bet? Are you familiar with the poem that begins with “The motherland is my mother”?

Of course, no one will forget these poems. Lives forever in hearts. They say, “You are as great as your father.” A teacher is a pillar for every mature person.

The teacher gets rid of his nerves while sharing some profession and knowledge. She is bound to get sick. Unfortunately, there are those among us who do not respect them.

A student who does not respect teachers will never achieve good. Therefore, respecting teachers is an incomparable duty for every student.

We cannot sum up the good that teachers have done for us in our whole life. In conclusion, it is worth saying that our teachers, like our mothers, are a unique symbol and miracle in our lives.

It is the duty of each of us to respect them, to learn about their situation, and to honor them.



Gulimova Umida’s teacher

GULIMOVA UMIDA
11th grade student of the 27th general secondary school, Qiyat neigh-

borhood, Bogholon village, Yangi-bozor district, Khorezm region

White Orchids



Orchid overwhelmed with the cozy intentions
Swaddled and swathed the divine sensations

Like a sweet Cuddled of silky skins
And swang on soulmate as twins

Embraced the forehead for many times
Smile submerged the lips and limes

Fusion of fatum gripped the holy glance
Peep through the window like a romantic dance

Glimpses of Twenty-Four immersed at backyard
Regarded the fate of young soul by the Lord

As a Sanctum Frangrantia in a melodic shell
Bopped the glistening gleam on white bells

Coalescented with heavenly affection
And evoking the white attractions.

Tajalla Qureshi

Scented stream of white orchids
Weaved through the embers of ensowathe

Right above the thoughts, the Nightingales knot
And entwined the fragments of being allot

Divinity defined the mingling march
In both eyes, in both hearts
Whispering the white switched with a fine start

Enwinds the heart with refined roziness
And sensuously conjoins the color of coziness

Above the right side, Magnifico magnetized
Deep down, a feeling of appetize appealed

Ozod Sharafiddinov Ways Of Life



Ozod Sharafiddinov is a critical journalist
of Uzbekistan.

Today, this person is known as a new unit
of the state.

He is the editor-in-chief of "Gazeta.uz".
Sharafiddinov is a critical uncoverer of
messages, covering everything from
complex and impactful negotiations
to contemporary, lively messages and
exhibitions.

Ozod Sharafiddinov was born in Tashkent
in 1983.

After studying, he developed foreign
language fields of Uzbekistan.

He studied and mastered the documents
on the topics of Hello, Creativity, Justice
and Political Processes, came to a
conclusion and made the information
about it public.

After entering the field of journalism,
Ozod Sharafiddinov worked in various
newspapers of Uzbekistan.

He stood out from other people in his
fair speaking, in using his whole thinking
with other processes, in revealing critical
measures.

In the articles of Ozod Sharafiddinov,
creative works such as love, loyalty, lies

are presented in one collection.

With the conduct of his current state
policy, various privileges and conflicts
have arisen. Sharafiddinov's articles are
aimed at supporting the information
of Uzbekistan to the society, studying
honest and fair history and other facts
and news.

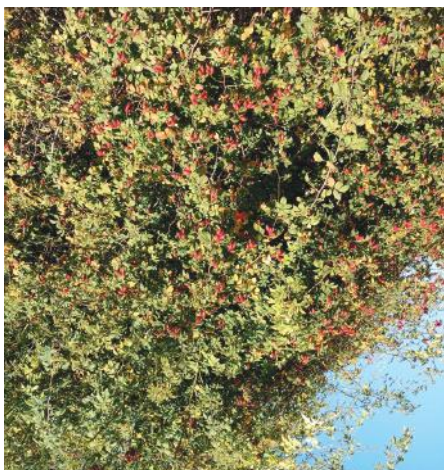
Therefore, we young people should read,
research, and thoroughly study the politics
of our country. After all, we are the
"Generations of the Great Ones".
Even the desire to pour water under
people who once wronged him was alien
to him.

Here is an event that happened in his
life and has surprised everyone until now.
After independence, Ozod Sharafiddinov
was presented with a number of awards.
Among them, the laureate of the state
award named after Beruni, the Order of
Merit, and the Order of Labor Fame. 2002
On August 23, he was awarded the title
of "Hero of Uzbekistan". We are proud to
have such learned people in our country.

I am Shodiboyeva Dinora Doniyorovna,
I was born on May 10, 2004 in Khovos,
Syrdarya region.

I was accepted to study at the Political
Science-Diplomacy department of the
University of Journalism and Mass
Communications of Uzbekistan. I know
Korean, English, Turkish, and Tajik
languages and I am doing scientific work in
these languages.
I work in a political club

THE FRUIT OF THE DOG ROSE



In Rita's garden
At the Ribera del Duero.
-These fruits of CADE contribution
I told my grandson
I tell you: with Vitamin C, A, D and E
They are like Religion and Politics
His hosts and commands
That provide good things
To human understanding
What is braying with eagerness and haste
For raising prayers to heaven
Or imitate the politicians and their king
Prevaricating or fucking
In the most solemn and circumspect way
Knowing that these traps
They will cause bladder infections
Dizziness and migraines
And they will cover our asses
Forever
Like to that good old lady, see?
That she cries out
Urinating between two cars
Like a prostrate devotee
Or that old geezer
Who strives with effort
In urinating against that tree
And, saddened, he sees
That not a drop comes out
Hating his little white dog who does it
With devotion and haste.
How pleasant is the pleasure of urinating
Much and high, my child.
And let's not say shit
Exhaling holy farts
That excites the most indifferent.
-Daniel de Culla

I went out one day with my grandson
With a straw hat
Made with palm oil
To see this wild rose bush
With its red-orange fruits
Of trampaculos, tapaculos
Or dog rose as are known.
The boy wanted to catch them
To then go throwing them
Down the road that goes
From the Cemetery to Villalonguejar
In Burgos,
I tore off a branch
That I put like a tape
In this hair:
The boy took off the tape
And he was plucking these fruits
One by one
Astringents, antidiarrheals, diuretics
Anti-inflammatory and benthic
That I picked up from the ground
To keep them in my pocket
And, one day, sow them

Thank You

Thank you to my mother who loved me
Thank you my father who gave me
strength

I was born and raised in a happy family
Thanks to God who gave me everything.

Thank you to the Sun which melts
The ice with its worm rays
And a thousand thank to moon
Which illuminates the darkness.

I am a Ozoda Nazarova Damin's daughter.
I was born in Kawkadaryo region of the
Republic of Uzbekistan.



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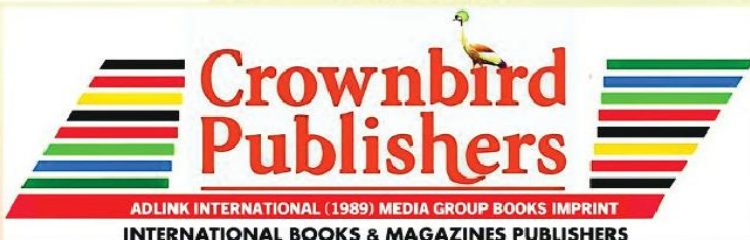
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Kenya Airways And Serena Hotels Unveil Partnership To Enrich Members' Travel Experiences

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Worth Noting:

• This collaboration with Kenya Airways aligns with Serena Hotels' strategy to build business partnerships that enable the Group, a premium East African hospitality player, to build connections and to meet its business objectives whilst creating memorable experiences for its loyal clients. Serena Hotels and Kenya Airways will be able to leverage on each entity's strengths, offering a harmonious blend of exclusive privileges, seamless travel experiences, and unforgettable stays.

• Through this collaboration, Serena Prestige Club extends a warm welcome to Asante Rewards members, inviting them to enjoy memorable experiences at Serena City Hotels in Nairobi, Kampala, Dar es Salaam, Kigali, Maputo, and Goma.



Kenya Airways, Chief Commercial and Customer Officer - Julius Thairu and Sales and Marketing Director, Serena Hotels - Rosemary Mugambi during the unveiling of the partnership).

Kenya Airways and Serena Hotels have announced a new partnership for members of their respective loyalty programs, Asante Rewards and Serena Prestige Club, with a range of benefits to make their travel experiences richer and more rewarding.

In this partnership Kenya Airways elite plus platinum and gold Asante Rewards members will now have lifetime platinum status membership in Serena Loyalty program prestige club whereas the Silver elite Asante members will now enjoy Gold status in Serena prestige club.

Members of both programs will enjoy discounted offers on food, beverage accommodation and flights. Kenya Airways has an offer extending 10% discount off flights available on KQ.com to its loyalty members valid until 15th May 2024 whereas Serena has extended festive offers of up to 18% on accommodation valid to 15th Jan and on food and beverage valid until 31st March.

Kenya Airways, Chief Commercial and Customer Officer, Julius Thairu commented: "This partnership aims to delight our customers with complimentary offers throughout their

journeys and travels across Africa to make the entire travel journey smoother, more rewarding, and undoubtedly more exciting."

He added: "By merging the unparalleled services of Kenya Airways with the exclusive perks of Serena hotels Loyalty Program, we are embarking on a journey to redefine convenience, luxury, and reward for our cherished customers."

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Kigali, Maputo, and Goma. Preferential discounts at the hotels' Food and Beverage outlets are available for Ruby, Silver, and Gold Asante Rewards members. Gold and Platinum Asante Rewards members in addition to the food and beverage discounts, can also enjoy special accommodation offers.

Rosemary Mugambi, Sales and Marketing Director, Serena Hotels, Africa commented: It is said that when two elephants fight, it is the grass that suffers. We say that when two leading players come together to partner, the ultimate winners are our loyal clients!"

Kenya Airways Asante Rewards program was launched earlier in the year as an appreciation of customer loyalty by the airline. It allows customers to get greater value from their flying experience in form of redeemable points which can be earned from flights operated by Kenya Airways or any of its partners such as Serena.

Through the Asante Rewards Loyalty Program, Kenya Airways customers can redeem their points for benefits such as reward ticket flights, seat upgrades, extra baggage allowance,

priority services, seat selections and many more rewards.

The introduction of Asante Rewards was in response to the need for a loyalty program curated with the African market and dynamics in mind. This was also in line with the airline's commitment to innovate and develop products and services that ensure an enhanced and delightful customer end-to-end experience.

The Asante Rewards Loyalty Program offers customers four tiers which they can grow into as they accrue their points. These are: Silver, Ruby, Gold, and Platinum each offering unique benefits and privileges to ensure customers have a more rewarding experience when travelling with Kenya Airways.

Members earn points every time they fly with Kenya Airways or its partners. Members earn points on all qualifying fares and products on Kenya Airways. The number of points earned depends on destination, fare type and class of travel.

Points reflect in a members account within 24 hours after a flight. All customers are awarded with 1000 points automatically on enrolment.

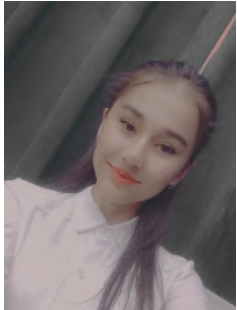


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Achievements In The Field Of Science, Literary Environment And Art In Bukhara During The Timurid Era



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Worth Noting:

- It is not necessary to prove that special knowledge and skills are required for the construction of huge structures with complex architectural solutions. The construction and improvement works carried out during Ulugbek's time required the preparation, education and training of architects who had mastered the engineering and technical capabilities of that time.
- In order to build large and state-important structures, the integrity and financial capabilities of the central government should be high. During Ulugbek's time, architects such as Zayniddin bin Shamsuddin showed enthusiasm in building structures of state importance. Ismail bin Tahir Isfahani is mentioned in the sources as the architect of the Ulughbek madrasa in Bukhara.



His grandson Mirza Ulugbek, who imitated Amir Temur in the spheres of state and social management, is distinguished by his great contribution to the development of science in Movarounnahr. During the Timurid period, Naqshbandism became a political force and took root among the broad strata of society, it was natural for religious fanatics to oppose the rule of Mirza Ulugbek. Dervishism first spread widely in Bukhara. The fact that Mirza Ulugbek even built a madrasa in Bukhara earlier than the capital of the kingdom, Samarkand, shows that he paid great attention to the promotion of secular knowledge in Bukhara. Because, during Ulugbek's time, madrasahs mainly promoted book sciences. Dervishism did not recognize other than religious books. In particular, he did not recognize book sciences. Mirza Ulugbek well understood that this would lead to one-sided development and, ultimately, backwardness in the society. For this reason, he built a madrasa in Bukhara and aimed to promote and develop worldly sciences. With the above opinions, we are far from the opinion that Mirza Ulugbek is against religious knowledge. There are a lot of historical facts and evidence that he mastered religious knowledge, including jurisprudence. This caused Ulugbek to become famous among the broad strata of the society due to his knowledge and fairness. His wisdom in jurisprudence surprised even

the scholars of his time in this field. As an example, "Sharh ala al-fiqh, al-Akbar" - "Commentary written on the great jurisprudence" written by Alauddin al-Bukhari (850/1447) on the work of Abu Hanifa al-Noman bin Thabit bin Zu (150/767) The fact that it is dedicated to Ulugbek is enough to justify our above opinion.

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necessary. Ulugbek tried to turn the cities of Movarounnahr, such as Samarkand and Bukhara, into centers of knowledge. By his decree, madrasahs were built in Bukhara in 1417, in Samarkand in 1420, and in Gijduvan in 1433. Madrasahs built in Bukhara and Gijduvan were built not only as educational institutions, but also for the purpose of beautifying cities and villages and forming infrastructure. Special buildings for madrasahs began to be built, the largest madrasahs were built by rulers, large landowners, religious leaders. Usually, on the facades and doors of madrasahs, verses of the Holy Qur'an calling for learning or invitations of Hadith are written with patterns. For example, on the facade of the madrasa built by Mirza Ulughbek in Bukhara, the Qur'anic verse "Talab ul ilma farizatun, ala khuli Muslimin wa Muslima", that is, the demand for knowledge, is a duty for every Muslim man and woman. It should be emphasized that although Ulugbek built madrasahs in Samarkand and Bukhara, he could not improve his relations with the religious. Ulugbek's relationship with his sons, military defeats contributed to the disintegration of the Timurid kingdom and its destruction.

Along with religious sciences, great attention is paid to the teaching of secular (biblical) sciences in madrasahs. According to the classification of the sciences taught in madrasahs, the level of teaching, and the position of the teachers, they are divided into two levels: a general educational institution, that is, it is called a madrasah. In these madrasahs, the scientific and religious sciences are taught in depth, at the same time, the basic sciences of mathematics, geometry, astronomy, medicine, history, geography, we can see that it is organized by the Arabic language. Scholars with high scientific careers worked in madrasahs, such madrasahs were mainly located in central cities, such as Sa-

markand, Bukhara, and Herat, where science and culture were developed. In the Middle Ages, madrasahs in Movarounnahr and Khorasan became the main center of the spiritual life of the society. Their graduates have almost completely satisfied the demand for handwritten literature, scientific and popular treatises. History, geography, Muslim law, Arabic grammar, Qur'an commentaries, poetry, ethics, logic, mathematics, astronomy, medicine - all these subjects formed the subjects within the framework of education in the madrasa.

The beautification of the country, the construction of magnificent structures, and the repair of old ones began already during the reign of Amir Temur, and during the reign of Amir Temur in Bukhara, such structures as Chashmai Ayub, Mag'oki Attori, Namazgoh were renovated and their surroundings were beautified. Some historians also cite the opinion that the architectural complex of the Kalon Mosque in Bukhara was built by Amir Temur and got its current appearance during the reign of Shaybani Abdullah Khan. As a result of the conducted research, the Kalon Mosque was built on the site of a destroyed building in the 13th century. As a result of the archaeological researches carried out by two excavations, it was found that the Kalon Mosque was built at the end of the 14th century. This corresponds to the era of Amir Temur. The year 1514 is mentioned in the literature as the date of the complete completion of the structure, and it is mentioned that it is artistically characteristic of the Timurid period.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smoking Is Slow Motion Suicide



Tobacco smoke contains more than 7000 chemical components, out of which at least 69 are known to cause cancer. In addition, hundreds of these chemicals are harmful to human health, including those who are not active smokers.

Studies have shown that tobacco use is a major risk factor for the onset and progression of diabetic nephropathy and kidney failure in people with type 2 diabetes. This is because smoking can contribute to nerve damage, which can lead to diabetic neuropathy. Moreover, it can cause poor blood circulation and nerve damage in the feet, thereby increasing the risk of foot ulcers, infections, and even amputations. When combined, tobacco use and type 2 diabetes can significantly impair oral health and the body's ability to heal wounds, delaying the healing process and increasing the risk of infections and other complications.

Furthermore, smoking can damage the blood vessels in the retina, leading to diabetic retinopathy and vision loss in people with type 2 diabetes. The intensity of smoking, defined as the number of cigarettes smoked per day, and the modality of smoking, whether active or exposed to second-hand smoke (SHS), play a significant role in the risk of developing diabetes-related health complications. Tobacco use is also a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease, which is a crucial complication of type 2 diabetes, as it is linked to the early onset of microvascular complications and may aggravate complications related to type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes is a chronic non-communicable disease that has four major types. It is also the ninth leading cause of death worldwide. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) has estimated that the number of people with diabetes will reach 537 million by 2021, and the number is projected to increase further in the future. The risk of developing type 2 diabetes is associated with personal and environmental factors, including an unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and tobacco use.

The use of Heated Tobacco Products (HTPs) is a significant contributing factor to the increasing prevalence of type 2 diabetes. HTPs are tobacco products that produce aerosols containing nicotine and toxic chemicals. These aerosols are inhaled by users through a device and



How smoking affects the lungs.

often contain non-tobacco additives and flavours. The World Health Organization (WHO) warns that type 2 diabetes can lead to severe health complications, such as blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke, and lower-limb amputation.

The risk of developing type 2 diabetes can be reduced by quitting tobacco use. Quitting smoking can lower the risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 30-40% and improve the management of this chronic condition. Over 95% of diabetes cases are of this type, and smoking substantially increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, which is a critical complication for people with type 2 diabetes. Smoking can worsen diabetic neuropathy and foot ulcers and delay wound healing.

Another risk associated with smoking is that it damages retinal blood vessels, which can increase the risk of diabetic retinopathy and vision loss in people with type 2 diabetes. Quitting tobacco use can help protect your eyesight and reduce the risk of these complications. Therefore, it is essential to quit smoking to improve long-term health outcomes and to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes and its associated complications.

It is a well-known fact that tobacco use and exposure to second-hand

smoke can lead to the onset of type 2 diabetes at a much earlier age. This is a serious concern, as type 2 diabetes is a debilitating disease that can significantly reduce the quality of life of those who suffer from it. To protect our populations, governments must take action to make all indoor public places smoke-free.

Moreover, the Bible writers predicted that the current generation may not live beyond 70 years due to the rapid technological advancements and modernizations in our food and air quality. With all the pollutants and harmful chemicals present in our environment, we must take responsibility for our health and make conscious decisions to avoid tobacco use. Therefore, we all must work together to educate ourselves and others about the harmful effects of tobacco and take steps to eliminate it from our lives. By doing so, we can protect our health and well-being and ensure a brighter future for generations to come. Remember, our health is our responsibility, so let's make sure we take good care of it.

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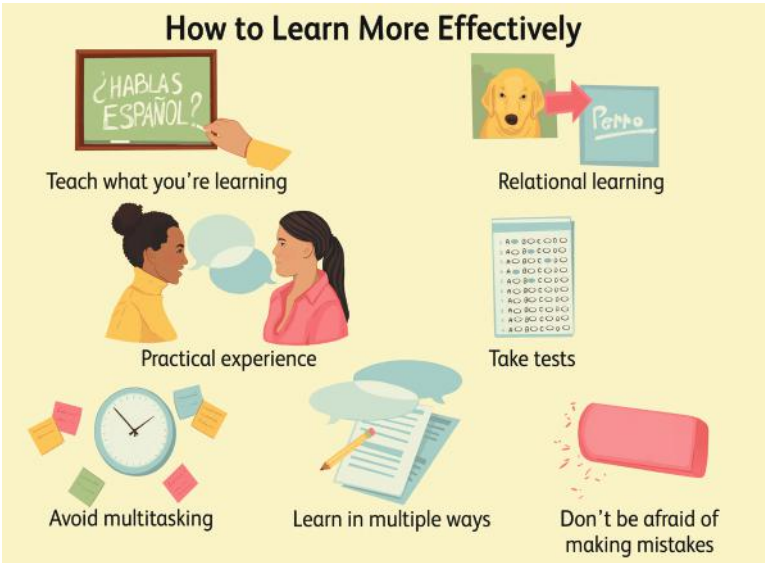
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Efficient Educational Process And Technologyization Of Education

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Worth Noting:

- It is a social phenomenon related to making the pedagogical process a standard based on technical capabilities and human technical thinking and creating its optimal project. In order to compare these definitions with the definitions given far abroad, we will quote the definition given by the Japanese pedagogue scientist T. Sakomoto:
- PT is the introduction of a systematic and complex way of thinking into pedagogy, in other words, a certain pedagogical process according to the definition of UNESCO, one of the authoritative agencies of the United Nations Organization, "PT is the design and implementation of the entire educational process, building technical and human resources in an interdependent manner in imparting and acquiring knowledge is to use the method of systematic approach".



Abstract: In the article, the brief essence of pedagogical technology, innovation, innovative technologies, interactive methods in technological education is revealed. Ways to achieve the effectiveness of the educational process through technologyization of education are highlighted.

The development and implementation of educational technologies as a scientific problem envisages conducting special scientific and pedagogical research. It should be noted that educational technology as a research object of pedagogy is not only a method of teaching specific subjects, but also requires a new approach to teaching social sciences. In this regard, it is worth noting that technology is a process that leads to a quality change in the subject as a result of the effect shown by the subject on the object. Technology always provides for the execution of purposeful actions directed at the object in a certain sequence, using the necessary means and conditions. Pedagogical technology (PT) is a social phenomenon that, as a result of the teacher's systematic influence on students with the help of teaching tools, intensively forms predetermined social qualities in them, necessary for society. Since pedagogical technology is a social necessity, it first appeared in the USA in the 70s of the 20th century, and later it was widely used in the educational process in other developed countries. After gaining independence, scientists of Uzbekistan began to establish economic, social, political and scientific-educational relations with foreign countries. As a result, advanced and effective technologies began to enter our country. Along with this, the concept of progressive pedagogical technology in the world has also entered. V.P. Bepalko, one of the first among the CIS countries, described the need to introduce pedagogical technology into the educational process:

"PT is a project of the process of forming a student's personality, which can guarantee pedagogical success without depending on the teacher's skills." V. M. Monakhov, one of the Russian scientists, gives a brief definition that "PT is a system of orderly actions that lead to pre-planned results and must be performed", and draws attention to its main features. According to his definition, "PT-technologies the educational process, increases its reproducibility and the stability of the pedagogical process, and frees it from the subjective characteristics of the executor of this process. "According to M. V. Klarin, PT is the design of the educational process based on predetermined target indicators with a technological approach to the educational process. According to Uzbek pedagogic scientists Nurali Saidakhmedov and Abdurakhmon Ochilov, PT is the process of intensive formation of predetermined personality qualities in them as a result of the teacher's use of teaching tools to influence certain conditions on students. Pedagog scientist B.L. Farberman defines pedagogical technology as follows: PT is a new approach to the educational process, and social engineering in pedagogy is an expression of consciousness. It is a social phenomenon related to making the pedagogical process a standard based on technical capabilities and human technical thinking and creating its optimal project. In order to compare these definitions with the definitions given far abroad, we will quote the definition given by the Japanese pedagogue scientist T. Sakomoto: PT is the introduction of a systematic and complex way of thinking into pedagogy, in other words, a certain pedagogical process according to the definition of UNESCO, one of the authoritative agencies of the United Nations Organization, "PT is the design and implementation of the entire educational process, building technical and human resources in an

interdependent manner in imparting and acquiring knowledge is to use the method of systematic approach". If we analyze the mentioned definitions from a scientific and philosophical point of view, although the definitions given by foreign scientists and the definitions given by scientists of the CIS countries are close to each other, there are also significant differences. In particular, in the definitions of Sakomoto and UNESCO, special emphasis is placed on the principle of a collective approach. While the systematic approach is mentioned in the definitions given by the scientists of the CIS to PT, it can be seen that it was completely forgotten when the project of the educational process was being drawn up, and the laws and regulations of the principle of the systematic approach were not followed. Indeed, for a person who knows well the principle of a systematic approach to objective existence, as Sakomoto says, the concept that "PT is bringing the educational process to a certain system" is enough. Through this concept, it is possible to understand all other features of PT, that is, it is goal-oriented, it consists of several interrelated parts, and others. Because all these properties, according to the theory of systems, are integral qualities of things and phenomena called systems. The new concept of acquiring knowledge in the current educational system requires the use of various methods of modern pedagogical technology. The educational process is a system. Its constituent elements are the educational goal, the expected result, the teacher, the student, the content of education, the method of education, the form of education, educational tools, control and assessment. When designing the educational process, the above elements should be selected correctly. The introduction of pedagogical technologies in the educational process leads to the activity of the teacher as an organizer or consultant. This requires the qualities of independence, creativity and willpower from the student and the teacher. Innovation (English innovation) means innovation. Innovative technologies are the introduction of innovations and changes to the pedagogical process, the activities of teachers and students, and reasonable interactive methods are used in its implementation. Interactive - ("Inter" is mutual, "act" - to act) is to act mutually. This is the uniqueness of the methods is the joint activity of the teacher and the student. The process of pedagogical cooperation occurs:

1. The student will not be indifferent during the lesson; he will go to independent thinking, creativity and research.
 2. Continuity of the student's interest in science during the educational process is ensured.
 3. The student approaches the problem independently.
 4. Continuity of the cooperative activity of the teacher and the student is ensured.
- Pedagogical technology in the educational process is a coherent process in a clear sequence, it is a pedagogical process aimed at providing a goal-oriented, carefully planned and guaranteed result based on the needs of the student (teacher). A teacher fulfills the social task of the society, prepares mature specialists. For this reason, the teacher must meet socio-political, pedagogical and personal requirements. Also, he believes in the name of independence, has comprehensively developed scientific thinking, has professional knowledge, is a deep expert in his field, master of pedagogical skills, has acquired pedagogical, psychological and methodological knowledge and skills, and has the ability to exert pedagogical influence. Should have the ability to choose the most appropriate methods and tools. The process of pedagogical formation of a special subject teacher begins with the process of education at a higher educational institution. In the educational plans and programs of higher education institutions, the role of general technical sciences is important in teaching the secrets of this profession to the teachers of future labor education and providing scientific knowledge. General technical sciences serve to ensure technological readiness of labor education teachers. No matter how skilled a teacher of labor education may be, if he does not master technical and technological sciences well, he will not succeed in his work. Because the professional activity of a teacher of labor education is closely related to his technological training. That is why technical and technological sciences are of great practical importance in the system of training teachers of special subjects.
- Conclusion:** An effective solution to the problem of personnel training is, first of all, a professional who has deep knowledge of the fundamentals of psychology, pedagogy, economy, ecology, culture, law and other similar disciplines, who can meet today's requirements, and who has comprehensive knowledge. It is related to teacher training.

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Ten Hag Under Scrutiny As Man Utd Fight For Champions League Survival



Soccer Football - Friendly - Real Betis v Manchester United - Estadio Benito Villamarin, Seville, Spain - December 10, 2022 Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag REUTERS/Marcelo Del Pozo.

Manchester United's future in this season's Champions League hangs by a thread ahead of Bayern Munich's visit to Old Trafford, with an early exit in Europe sure to put more scrutiny on manager Erik ten Hag.

The Dutchman tried to argue after victory over Chelsea last week that United's season has not reached crisis-mode.

But Ten Hag's hopes that a turning point had been reached were short-lived as a 3-0 defeat at home to Bournemouth on Saturday saw a troubled campaign reach a new low.

The Red Devils sit sixth in the Premier League after seven defeats in their opening 16 games.

Yet, while there may be time to

recover a place in the top four domestically, their need in the Champions League is urgent.

Only victory against the German champions on Tuesday will give United any chance of progress to the last 16 and even then, they need FC Copenhagen and Galatasaray to draw in their final Group A match.

United are fortunate to even have a shot at the knockout stages after a return of just four points from their opening five matches.

No English side has ever conceded as many as the 14 goals that Ten Hag's men have in five Champions League group games.

A series of high-scoring

shootouts in Europe contrasts sharply with United's troubles to score goals in the Premier League.

"We are really inconsistent. We have the abilities to do it, but you have to do it every game and every third day," said Ten Hag after Bournemouth celebrated their first ever win at Old Trafford in style.

"I think as a squad we are not good enough to be consistent and we have to work as a squad to improve that."

- Rashford's demise -

No United forward has scored at home in the Premier League all season as Marcus Rashford's demise has contributed to his side's struggles.

Rashford scored 30 times in a career-best campaign for goals last season but has just two so far this season -- one of which came from the penalty spot.

The England international has exhausted Ten Hag's patience and been dropped for the last two games.

But Rashford could return against Bayern as his understudies have also struggled to shine.

Alejandro Garnacho has produced flashes of brilliance, though remains wildly inconsistent as can be expected for a 19-year-old winger.

Meanwhile Antony, who Ten Hag pushed to sign in a £86 million (\$108 million) deal last year, has not scored in his last 25 matches.

The Brazilian is just one of a long list of expensive flops that have seen United's fortunes decline in a decade since Alex Ferguson departed as manager.

Last weekend's loss to Bournemouth was the 35th home league defeat suffered by United since Ferguson's retirement.

During the iconic 26-year reign of the Scottish manager, United were only beaten in the league at Old Trafford 34 times.

Bayern may already be assured of their place in the last 16 as group winners but have a point to prove themselves after being thrashed 5-1 by Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday.

And the last time Bayern lost a Champions League group game was six years ago.

United captain Bruno Fernandes said his side must "do their job" and hope for help in Copenhagen.

"We know that the next game is going to be really tough - we have to win and wait for a good result in the other game for us," said Fernandes.

"We have to do our job, first of all, but we are more than capable of getting the result in that."

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Sports >>> *Romelu Lukaku scored but was sent off in the closing minutes as Roma finished with nine men in a 1-1 draw at home to Fiorentina on Sunday in Serie A.

Lukaku Sent Off As Nine-Man Roma Draw With Fiorentina



Roma's Belgian midfielder Romelu Lukaku receives a red card from Italian referee Antonio Rapuano during the Italian Serie A football match between AS Roma and Fiorentina on December 10, 2023 at the Olympic stadium in Rome. (Photo by Alberto PIZZOLI / AFP)

Romelu Lukaku scored but was sent off in the closing minutes as Roma finished with nine men in a 1-1 draw at home to Fiorentina on Sunday in Serie A.

Paulo Dybala picked out Lukaku with a clever cross as the Belgium striker headed Roma in front in the fifth minute at the Stadio Olimpico.

Defender Lucas Martinez Quarta glanced in from Christian Kouame's curling delivery to equalise for Fiorentina midway through the second half, just after Nicola Zalewski was dismissed for a second yellow card.

Roma were then left clinging on as Lukaku also saw red late on for a wild challenge on Kouame.

Jose Mourinho's side reclaimed fourth place from Bologna, who had briefly moved into the Champions League spots with a 2-1 win at bottom club Salernitana.

Monza climbed into the top half of the table courtesy of a 1-0 victory over Genoa, while Frosinone and Torino played out a goalless draw.

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Divulging The Nitty Gritting In Prostitution: Who Is Wrong, The Buyers Or The Seller?

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Many times a woman gets blamed or labeled for sitting at the road waiting for a possible client to sell her body. The question remains that what if no client comes, will the business continue or thrive if more men can purposely refuse to buy women or young men in the prostitution business.

The buyers got the power to determine the success of the business or totally kill it in the instant it begins by completely shunning it or not buying at all.

Prostitution has made the escalation of sexually transmitted diseases, the rise of HIV/ AIDS and drug and alcohol addiction.

However the man is still remaining out of it, and very distanced from the prostitution business although they are the pillar of strength towards this illicit business.

Does it begin because one has a

dead conscience or needs being too strong, only individual in the business can say more?

Children born out of wedlock, without planning are possible in this business and it is very careless to bring a child into this world under these circumstances as the mother always suffers alone.

Resources of some stable families are taken to support this habit and usually it is some very stable married men who delight more in this business.

As the economy of the world gets a hit, a new trend of indirect prostitution has flourished right under everyone's arms, some young people go to clubs, middle class and high income earners, they exchange alcohol for sexual favors and money, and the difference is they do not sit by the road selling their bodies, in some universities in some African campuses, sex parties, get together are a hub of prostitution and some colleges and some University corridors and streets are the pick-up points of young women for the said

indirect exchange of sexual favors to goodies and cash and the business does not differ from broad day light prostitution.

The health sector needs to just reinforce the sex protection of majors for the young people and sexually active individuals.

Economic empowerment can be a solution for the decaying moral in our society as it shall emancipate more women to stay away from prostitution business.

Dr Paula O.M. Otukile giving a talk.



Xenophobia Must Fall In 2024

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It is important to know that no one was born with hate, we simply adapt to the environment and learn their ways and culture and identify with their way of life. A good example is a small child who is from East, they love and play with the ones from the West without prejudice at school, or at home, a small child is innocent and loves everyone.

Borders cannot make us hate each other nor label each other because of whatever territorial issues. Many people are running away from their motherland because of war and in search of greener pastures but there are lots of factors whether disasters, wars, economic inflation, or any

form of persecution that gives one reason to leave their homes.

The 2008 economic inflation and political deterioration in Zimbabwe had made a lot of citizens to flee, and go seek better places to survive.

It was because there was no time to save for the diaspora, however now the issue was on choosing neighboring countries to go to.

The uncertainty of life in some parts of Nigeria made lots of people to be dispersed and seek better places to live too.

Some people from Malawi go live in South Africa, other Mozambicans because it is the closest place.

However some people encountered lots of persecution as some of the citizens cried foul because they believed foreigners must go and are stealing their jobs.

However xenophobic tendencies are not only found in some parts of

South Africa only, everywhere in the world it can be found.

This simple inhuman act can be found in naming a product such as a check bag used to carry goods or for multipurpose goods, in Botswana they call it "Mozimbabwe," or "China bag," in Nigeria they call it "Ghana must go!"

In South Africa Limpopo area some Pedi call it "Moshangaan!" A tribe from Mozambique but also rude only called Tsonga tribe properly.

The bag has got various names related to belittling of some tribe or country and it is an unnecessary thing for Africans to do so, and the general consensus is, we must let love lead in 2024 and let our brothers and sisters live together in harmony irrespective of where they come from.

