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Ruto Reaffirms Commitment To An Independent Judiciary

 President William Ruto says he does not influence the outcomes of court cases, asserting the independence of Kenya's judicial justice system. He stated that he has never interfered with any criminal justice agency or the courts to dictate the direction of any case, as such matters fall outside his purview.



President William Ruto speaks during a joint media interview at State House on December 17, 2023.

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Thousands Of Tetu Residents Turn Up For Medical And Legal Consultation

...Area MP Geoffrey Wandeto Mobilized Dozens Of Medical And Legal Experts To Assist His Constituents

By: William Muchiri
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Worth Noting:

- Nyeri county is a leading County with Non - Communicable Diseases cases like Hypertension, Diabetes, Cancer, and High Blood Pressure.
- Speaking during the event on Saturday, the MP said noted that the medical camp comprised of nutritional advice, guidance on diet and dietary patterns, tests on high blood pressure, blood glucose levels, dental checkups and treatment of chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, coughs and other ailments and ultimately the administration of drugs.



Tetu constituency MP Geoffrey Wandeto (centre) and Ahadi Kenya Trust CEO Dr Stanley Kamau (right) at Kiandu Secondary School during the free medical and legal camp on Saturday.



Some of the Tetu constituency residents who attended the free medical and legal camp.
Photo/PAUL WANJIRU.

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The MP thanked all partners who joined hands to make the event successful included Mwai Kibaki Hospital, the County Government of Nyeri, KEMSA, NHIF, Outspan Hospital, Tetu VTC, KMDI, NACADA, Britam, New KCC, Karen Hospital among others.

Hundreds of people who attended the legal aid camp and were given free advice and consultancy on legal matters especially on land injustices, land demarcation cases, Gender Based Violence and other legal issues.

About 250 medical personnel and over 20 advocates were involved during the camp.

Ahadi Kenya CEO Dr. Stanley Kamau who also accompanied the MP urged all County governments to revive all dispensaries and health centers which have been neglected and ill equipped so that those who are less fortunate can benefit from this facilities which are closer to the people.

The CEO also noted that the governments should create a formular of free health insurance fund to those who are vulnerable in the society and also PLWDs Sophia Wangui from Kangaita one of the beneficiaries showered praises to the MP for organizing such an event saying it was an early Christmas for them.

Thousands of people from Tetu constituency in Nyeri County over the weekend benefitted from a free medical and legal consultation.

The residents flocked Kiandu Secondary School for the free services which was organized by area MP Geoffrey Wandeto. The forum saw those who attended screened, tested, treated and given medication by medical experts while those seeking legal services were adequately advised on how to handle various issues affecting them.

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The government has announced plans to compensate farmers who have lost crops and livestock due to the ongoing floods in the country. Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Paul Rono stated that most farmers in arid and semi-arid areas (ASLs) lost over 70% of their livelihoods to the rains. The Ministry is working with the private sector to secure funds for the compensation exercise and implement necessary mitigation measures. The PS is also encouraging farmers in affected areas to consider growing tuber crops that thrive during heavy rains to reduce losses. The government's subsidised fertiliser programme has increased maize production from 25 million bags last year to almost 61 million bags this year. If the distribution is streamlined and distributed on time, the country could produce more than 72 million bags of maize by 2027, enough for export.



Kenya, Somalia, and Ethiopia held a two-day cross-border summit in Mandera County to address issues and enhance collaboration among communities. The summit focused on the Cross-Border Community Resilience (CBCR) activity, aiming to reduce reliance on humanitarian aid and promote

local ownership through leadership support. Mandera's Deputy County Commissioner, Patrick Meso, expressed gratitude for security measures and encouraged peaceful coexistence. Abdirashid Abdi Hassan, Commissioner of Somalia's BeledHawa district, urged administrations to prioritise tangible work across borders over prolonged conferences. The summit's ultimate goal is to empower local communities and place ownership of development interests in their hands.



The Executive Office of the President in Kenya is set to host a celebration of Minority Rights Day today. The day, which has its roots in 1992, is a significant milestone in the international commitment to safeguarding the rights of minority populations. The day, which has been designated as United Nations Day for Minorities since 1992, aims to raise awareness and highlight the challenges faced by minority communities. It advocates for the development and implementation of inclusive policies that address the specific needs and concerns of diverse minority groups. The day also aims to empower minority communities by fostering their active participation in society's political, social, and economic spheres. It also advocates for initiatives ensuring equal access to education, employment, and various opportunities for minority groups. The ultimate goal of the day is to foster social cohesion and promote unity among all citizens, regardless of their minority status, contributing to the cultivation of an inclusive and harmonious society.



Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary, Eliud Owalo, has met with foreign Ambassadors, High Commissioners to Kenya, development partners, and the private sector to prepare for the Connected Africa Summit 2024. The summit will focus on Africa's ICT priorities, guided by the African Union's Agenda 2063. The inaugural continental ICT Summit will bring together African Heads of State, First Ladies, African ICT Ministers, Policy-makers, Global ICT Firms, Entrepreneurs, Investors, and Innovators to develop a roadmap to address the challenges facing the continent through ICT and innovation.

Owalo highlighted the need for cross-cutting policies to attract investment and spur job creation in the ICT sector. The summit will address various gaps and challenges facing the continent, ranging from policy formulation to inadequate investment in infrastructure. The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) will focus on the digital economy, with over 400 tech hubs across 93 African cities attracting over \$45 billion in investment towards African ICT startups.

The Connected Africa Summit 2024 will serve as Africa's premier ICT and Innovation Platform, enabling the continent to create investor-friendly policies to bridge the digital divide and create smart villages. The summit will also act as a platform for African leaders to position the African tech Agenda in readiness for the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024 and determine their role in Green Technology and Governance on Generative AI for African realities.

Narok County has sponsored 500 motorcycle riders to attend a driving school and obtain driving licenses. Governor Patrick Ntutu announced the sponsorship of Sh3.5 million, with a deposit of Sh600,000 already made to Moran Driving School. The government pledged to construct over 10 shades in



town to protect riders from harsh weather conditions and minimise commotion. The bodaboda sector, which employs over 1.5 million people and generates Sh300 billion annually, was also highlighted. The county commissioner, Isaac Masinde, urged riders to follow traffic rules and produce driving licenses. Lemayian Punyua, chairman of the Bodaboda Association, emphasised the shared responsibility of road safety, urging riders to have two helmets and two reflectors for their own protection and passengers in case of an accident.

The Investment, Trade, and Industry (CS), Rebecca Miano, has laid the foundation stone for the Embu County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP) in Macang'a, Embu County. The parks are expected to serve as incubators for a new generation of manufacturers, enabling farmers to sell their agricultural produce for very little value. The CAIP is expected to be a game changer for rural communities, removing exploitative middlemen and improving farmers' incomes while creating jobs. The CAIP is expected to cost Sh500 million and will play a significant role in improving returns from various value chains. To ensure the CAIP is constantly supplied with raw materials, Miano is reviving agricultural extension services to help farmers improve their efficiency. Mbeere South MP Nebert Muriuki is working on the Mbeere South Water Project, which will enable farmers to produce high-value crops needed for the CAIP.



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Kajiado County has trained around 1000 women in modern beading through the Ushanga Initiative programme, courtesy of the Ushanga Kenya Initiative (UKI) and the Kajiado County government. The programme aims to empower women economically by teaching them modern methods of making bead products. The Kajiado County government has also trained 40 trainers of

trainees (TOTs), eight from each of the five wards in the county, to train other women. The CECM Gender emphasises that each trainer is expected to train five women and that the county government will fast-track the registration of women Ushanga Initiative cooperatives in every ward. The CECM also took some women to an Expo in Dubai to sell Ushanga products. The main challenges faced by women include lack of knowledge on modern beading, markets for their products, and knowledge on online marketing and middlemen. The county government plans to construct Ushanga shades across the county and train women on online marketing to eliminate middlemen.

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Professor Kithure Kindiki has announced plans to impose a curfew in three counties to contain cattle rustling. Speaking during the graduation of 140 National Police Reservists (NPR) at Ndumuru in Igembe North, Meru County, the CS said he will gazette these areas by next week before embarking on a major security mop-up to weed out cattle rustlers who have wreaked havoc in parts of the Nyambene region. The cattle rustling menace has been a longstanding issue for the last 40 years, affecting 14 counties in the republic. In February, security operations were announced in Samburu, West Pokot, Turkana, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo, and Laikipia Counties, which were largely affected. The Inspector General will direct how operations will be led in cases of insecurity issues, and NPR will join other security officers for a short time to curb insecurity issues. The government has ordered more security equipment, including vehicles, under the police equipment modernization programme, some of which will be taken to the Nyambene region.

A Machakos-based NGO has partnered with the county government to discourage traditional gum piercing methods for infants during teething, which have been proven harmful and fatal. The practice involves removing an unerupted false milk tooth to prevent stomach complications, persistent fever, vomiting, and lack of appetite. Over 1,500 community health promoters have been trained on

proper and hygienic methods and have been sensitised to end the practice. Dr. Francis Muthama, Chief Executive Officer of Kinga Africa, emphasised the need for public awareness and a comprehensive campaign to eradicate HIV/AIDS among children in the Kamba region. He also emphasised the need for civic education and sensitization on the dangers of dental diseases, particularly for infants and their growth and development as they grow up. Veronica Mwangangi, the County Community Health promoter, echoed Muthama's sentiments, stating that Community Health Promoters will deliver the right message to parents about teething.



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By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- The Appropriation Bill, 2023 and two Supplementary Appropriation Bills were also passed in June and November respectively, to provide funding for the Government or reallocate funds to emergency efforts due to extreme drought and flooding incidents within the year.
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- It also created and enhanced the mandate of several institutions responsible for regulation of the carbon markets. The enactment of the law now makes Kenya compliant with the Paris Agreement which Kenya ratified and became party to in 2016.



President William Ruto assenting one of the bills as other senior government officials, led by his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua (3rd Right) looks on..

The National Assembly had processed a total of eighteen bills by the time the House went on long recess last week.

The eighteen, which has since been assented into law by President William Ruto form part of the 114 Bills that are at various stages of consideration.

Among the Bills approved by the House are crucial legislations relating to Climate Change, reforms in the health sector and government financing of priority projects.

The Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 14 of 2023) approved in June 2023, provided the revenue raising measures by the Government, to facilitate the budget estimates for the financial year 2023/2024.

This passage of this legislation paved the way for the introduction of a housing levy to fund the Affordable Housing initiative by the Government, and also increased the fuel levy to boost the fund ringfenced for fuel price stabilization.

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On the other hand, the amended National Government-Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Act which was assented to by President William Ruto early this month expanded the mandate of the fund to cater for projects such as climate mit-

igation, placing Kenyan legislators at the center of climate change mitigation efforts.

The amended Act allocates a maximum of 5 per cent of the funds allocated per constituency to climate change mitigation activities including afforestation, reforestation, grassroot sensitization, and tree seedling production.

The Act is also set to cater for other social benefits such as school feeding programmes, particularly in drought-stricken areas where students drop out of school in search of food and water.

Another notable development in the second session was the enactment of four health Sector Bills, two of which originated in the National Assembly.

The Bills aimed at revolutionizing the healthcare sector.

Firstly, the House considered and approved the Digital Health Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 57 of 2023) which provided for the establishment of the Digital Health Agency, framework for provision of digital health services and to establish a comprehensive integrated digital health information system.

The second health Bill was the Social Health Insurance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 58 of 2023) which established a legislative framework to regulate the provision of social health insurance, promote the implementation of Universal Health Coverage, and to ensure that all Kenyans have access to affordable and comprehensive quality health services.

The Bill further repealed the National Health Insurance Fund Act (No. 9 of 1998). Three public Funds were established under the Act, namely the Primary Healthcare Fund, the Social Health Insurance Fund, and the Emergency, Chronic, and Critical Illness Fund, for funding of healthcare services. The Bill was passed and assented to on October 19, 2023.

The other two health Bills that originated in the Senate were the Facilities Improvement Financing Bill (Senate Bill No. 43 of 2023) and the Primary Health Care Bill (Senate Bill No. 44 of 2023). These were also passed in the National Assembly and assented to on October 19, 2023.



National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula presiding over one of the sessions.

Mudavadi Assures KUPPET Of Govt’s Support On Teachers’ Group Life Cover

By: Muraya Kamunde



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi .

Worth Noting:

- The Prime Cabinet Secretary also said the Government increased funding for Technical Vocational Education and Training institutions to expand the capacity for students’ transition from primary and secondary schools to tertiary education.
- He noted that needy students from underprivileged backgrounds are being supported through bursaries and grants.
- PCS also said primary and secondary schools have benefitted from increased capitation to accommodate the rising cost of education services, while universities have received additional funding, including research grants.
- He pointed out that the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) has restructured its funding model to align with students’ ability to pay for education loans.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has assured teachers that the Government is committed to supporting their request for a group life cover as part of their medical insurance.

Dr. Mudavadi acknowledged that teachers are currently the only public servants without a life cover and expressed the Kenya Kwanza Government’s dedication to aligning their position with that of other public service employees.

Speaking during celebrations to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET), the Prime Cabinet Secretary emphasized the Government’s partnership with various stakeholders in the education sector to ensure that Kenyan children receive quality education.

On the challenges facing Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) teachers on contract, the Prime Cabinet Secretary pledged the Government’s commitment to improving their terms in accordance with their employment agreements.

“I will be an advocate of your course in the Government so that we can see how to tackle the challenges you are facing,” he said.

He added: “Furthermore, rapid technological, economic and social change across the world are redefining the Government’s role in the complex nature of industrial relations for the labour sector. We also acknowledge KUPPET’s position on domiciling the JSS structure and wish to assure you that the transition is smooth and cost-effective.

Dr. Mudavadi highlighted the various initiatives implemented by the Government to transform the education system and equip Kenyan youth with the skills necessary for national development.

He cited the allocation of significant resources in this year’s budget to cater for the needs of teachers.

One such initiative entailed authorizing the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to hire 58,000 new teachers on both a contractual and permanent basis, marking the highest number recruited in a single year.

This measure aims to bridge the shortfall of 116,000 teachers by the next financial year.

Additionally, the TSC promoted 51,000 teachers across all levels to strengthen the capacity of the education system and enhance the delivery of high-quality outcomes.

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In line with the Government’s initiatives, youth polytechnics that were once collapsed have now been revitalized to empower young people with gainful skills for self-employment , Dr. Mudavadi said.

The PCS highlighted the enactment of enabling legislation to promote workers’ interests and industrial harmony, underscoring the establishment of a Social Health Insurance scheme to extend healthcare to all Kenyans as part of the Government’s commitment to address citizens’ healthcare needs.

“Making these commitments has meant striking a fair balance between the competing needs for public resources from various Government ministries and agencies. We also balance the interests of various stakeholders, including employees, unions and employers,” he said.

Dr. Mudavadi reaffirmed the Government’s intention to publish a Sessional Paper on proposals by the Presidential Working Party on Education Reform to align them with national laws.

He said the Government has fostered respectful and mutually beneficial relations with all trade unions, creating an enabling environment for them to fulfill their mandate.

In this regard, Prime CS expressed his personal appreciation for the insights provided by KUPPET leaders at grassroots levels during his political career.

“We have created the space for the trade union movement to play its rightful role of being the authentic voice of our working population. I have personally worked closely with KUPPET leaders at grassroots levels during my political career. Let me take this opportunity to appreciate the insights you have provided to me on how to improve the scale and quality of our education system,”

The event which was graced by several senior government officials and KUPPET members from across the country was also addressed by its leaders who included Chairman Omboko Milemba and Secretary General Akelo Misoru among others.

APSONIC, Official Partner Of CAF, Gives New Impetus To The AFCON 2023

By: Sports Reporter

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Worth Noting:

- Recognized for its commitment to motorcycle innovation and quality, APSONIC is expanding its influence by associating its name with one of Africa's most prestigious sporting events.
- Present for two decades in nearly twenty African countries, this pan-African brand evolves with market trends, continually raising the standards of the motorcycle industry. APSONIC's vision to make driving accessible to everyone makes it an industry benchmark.



(Signing ceremony of the contract between CAF and APSONIC on October 9 th,2023: From left to right, Mr. Véron Mosengo Omba, CAF General Secretary and Mr. Zhang Lian, President of Sincerity Group).

The giant APSONIC, one of the undisputed leaders of the motorcycle industry in Africa is now the official sponsor of the African Cup of Nations AFCON 2023.

The world of football and motorcycles recently intertwined in a historic collaboration where APSONIC, became the only motorcycle brand to sponsor the 34th edition of the largest sporting event in Africa which will take place in Côte d'Ivoire from January 13 to February 11, 2024.

APSONIC through this partnership

with CAF is increasingly propelling itself onto the international scene.

Statistics indicate that around 1 billion people from more than 90 countries will tune in to this widely watched event, often jokingly dubbed "Africa's wake-up hour."

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APSONIC therefore embodies the spirit of performance and excellence that drives the 24 qualified teams who will compete in the six stadiums planned for the competition, with the ultimate objective of lifting the Cup on the evening of February 11, 2024.

With its in-depth understanding of social life in Africa, APSONIC understands that football and motorcycling are essential to a fulfilling life. Both of these are not just leisure activities, but an integral part of daily life. Football transcends its status as a simple sport to become a source of identity and community pride, while the motorcycle, with its powerful roar, symbolizes personal mobility and adventure.

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Fuel Prices: Ruto's 'Don't Clap For Me Remark' Was Well Understood



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Worth Noting:

- President William Ruto has so far made great strides in fulfilling the pre-election promises. For others, it is the work in progress and one can understand why.
- He assumed office at a time when the economy was at Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The country was facing four main challenges: A dilapidated economy, a biting drought rated to be the worst in 40 years, Russia-Ukraine war, hefty foreign debts and when the country was recovery from devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Kenya Kwanza coalition had campaigned on a platform of the hustler nation and bottom-up economic model.
- In campaign rallies, Ruto minced no word in reiterating that the answer lied in full implementation of the blue print. This will not be a walk in the park.



President William Ruto .

Sometimes back I wrote an article on this column titled 'Ruto Is Not To Blame For Fuel Hike'.

I argued that the prices were being set and controlled by the International Market.

The world leading oil producing countries fixed the prices and had the final say.

Taking cognizant of the fact that Kenya does not produce oil, it had only one option. To fully comply with the dictates of the international oil marketers just like many other countries across the world.

The critics of President Ruto would capitalize on fuel increases to take their campaigns against him a notch higher.

Listen to this The Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate William Ruto promised you during the campaigns that he will strive to tame the high cost of living. He has now backtracked.

To me, this would amount to incriminating themselves. This is because the cost of living had shoot up during the tenure of the 'handshake' government. Their defacto leader Raila Odinga was a co-principal.

But as it turned out, Raila and his partner, the immediate former President Uhuru Kenyatta, managed to shift the blame to President William Ruto's administration.

Majority of their supporters were gullible. This would be attributed to being ignorant and lacked civic education. So, the duo would take advantage of this to have their way.

In light of this, one can understand where President Ruto was coming from when he made 'don't clap for me remarks' while in a tour of Kisii county.

Today, you are happy because i have told you that the price of petrol has dropped by Sh5 per litre. I have no power to control the oil market.

If the prices go up tomorrow, will you clap for me? The answer is No.

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We will have to tighten our belts but this will not take long.

As you know, the government does not have money of its own. We rely on your taxes to do the right thing.

Thereafter, you Kenyans will start to put monies in your pockets.

In Kisii, President Ruto told the residents. Our efforts have started to bear the fruits. Besides fuels, the prices of food have started to come down.

During the campaigns Ruto always pointed an accusing finger at the 'handshake' government.

You heard one of them saying that he does not even know the cost of the bread.

Dr Ruto and his brigade attributed this arrogance and uncaring altitude to the fact that Uhuru and Raila hailed from dynastic families.

As such, their main goal is to continue championing the interests of the dynasties.

This gives you a clear picture why the wastage and mismanagement of public resources had become a hallmark of their administration.

Official Corruption is also rife and we have been seeing them turning deaf ear. This is when their cronies and diehard

supporters were adversely mentioned.

As a result, Dr Ruto would further aver. The duo has weaponised the war against corruption and as you can see they were only targeting my key allies.

This is not a war against corruption. This is a political war and I want to tell the two leaders that they will not succeed. They will fail miserably.

At the time, the prices of essential commodities had shoot up. A 2kg packet of maize flour was retailing at Sh230 and the cost of fuel, Liquified Petroleum gas (LPG) and electricity was also very high.

Allow me to commend President William Ruto for being brutally honest during the campaigns that things were bad.

Rebuilding and reconstructing this economy will take quiet sometime and the people of Kenya will feel the pinch during this period.

President William Ruto is a God fearing man and I had no reason to doubt him. He has made good progress of rebuilding our economy.

These are some of his achievements: The rolling out of the Financial Inclusion Fund popularly known as the Hustler Fund. The youth forms the bulky of those who have accessed the fund to start small businesses and boost those already existing.

The President has unveiled the second phase which target members of the groups, Chamas and Saccos.

The farmers also have a reason to smile. The government has been supplying them with subsidized fertilizer, seeds and pesticides.

A 50kg bag of fertilizer was retailing at between Sh6,500 and Sh7,000 during the 'handshake' regime.

In his acceptance after being sworn in, President Ruto reduced the price to Sh3,500 and a few months later to Sh2,500 per 50kg bag.

Education, health and techies have also gone through major reforms all geared

towards the realization of bottom-up economic transformation agenda.

I have been following with keen interest every political step that Azimio leader Raila Odinga has been making.

I'm sure many would agree with me that Raila's fortunes have lately been dwindling.

Attempt to take advantage of fuel hike to resurrect himself is also backfiring.

Raila should be the last person to take on Ruto in this matter.

Why? During the reign of the handshake, Odinga fully supported President Uhuru Kenyatta's move to increase the value added tax (VAT) on fuel from 8 percent to 16 percent.

The two leaders however suffered a big blow after members of parliament shoot down the proposal.

At the time, the MPs reasoned that the fuel subsidy was already in place. If the VAT is approved, it would mean Kenyans are taxed twice. Our job is to protect the interests of the people. So there is no way it could have sailed through.

Raila also shared a big blame for the stagnation and poor performance of the economy.

As Uhuru's partner he saw no evil, sees no evil. This contrasted his earlier stance before the handshake of being a whistleblower.

As this is not enough, he took advantage of this dalliance to ensure a huge chunk of taxpayers' money was diverted to bankroll his political activities.

He was the brainchild of Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) and Azimio election campaigns.

The two initiatives gobbled up billions of shillings.

So I would urge Kenyans to remain patient. I am not holding brief for President Ruto but I'm sure he is taking this matter seriously.

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

Kenyatta Family Builds Church In Honour Of First President

By: Giverson Maina

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Former President Uhuru Kenyatta and former First Lady Mama Ngina Kenyatta Saturday graced the consecration ceremony of St. John the Baptist Chapel in Ichaweri Kiambu County.

The new landmark along Kenyatta Road was built by the former First Lady on the foundations of the Ichaweri chapel put up by the late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta in 1971.

The duo said the decision to build the chapel was to honor the first President.

Weeks after appearing in public at a church service alongside Kalonzo Musyoka in Kitui County, former President Uhuru Kenyatta has once again appeared in public at a church service at the St. John the Baptist Chapel alongside former First Lady Mama Ngina Kenyatta and family members in Ichaweri Kiambu County.

The two witnessed the consecration of the chapel along Kenyatta Road.

The chapel was built by former First

Lady Mama Ngina on the foundations of the Ichaweri chapel that was put up by the late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta in 1971.

“His desire was to have a church within the community where people could gather together and worship. He had just come from detention in Maralal, Samburu County,” she noted.

The service was presided by The Most Reverend Philip A. Anyolo, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Nairobi.

In her address, Mama Ngina said she made the decision together with her family to put up the church in honor of the founding father.

“His desire was to have a church within the community where people could gather together and worship. He had just come from detention in Maralal, Samburu County,” she noted.

Former President Kenyatta acknowledged all the players thanking Mama Ngina Kenyatta for her determination in ensuring that the chapel was built to its completion.

The building boasts finesse wood finishing, and stained glass windows illustrating service to God and humanity.



Uhuru Kenyatta and Mama Ngina during the consecration ceremony of St John the Baptist Chapel in Ichaweri, Kiambu County..

Raila Accuses Parliament Of Failing In Its Role

By: Kamche Menza

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Opposition leader Raila Odinga has accused Parliament of playing to the whims of the Executive.

Raila claims that the August House has disregarded its oversight role and gone to bed with the government.

Speaking during the ceremony of the late legislator Lawrence Sifuna the Opposition leader has also waged a war with National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetangula, questioning the Speaker’s neutrality and accused Parliament of lacking independence in addressing and even debating on matters before it.

Raila called on Speaker Moses Wetangula to resign from leading the Ford Kenya party if he is to be neutral in presiding over Parliament discourse.

Raila said the August House has

continuously passed laws sponsored by government failing to defend the welfare of the electorates.

The Opposition leader said that the President cannot ignore the concerns raised by Kenyans regarding the affordable housing project.

The ODM leader was accompanied by a host of leaders who vowed not to let the guard down in checking the government.

Azimio leader Raila Odinga.



Nairobi Governor Inaugurates The First NICU In Nairobi County At Mbagathi Hospital

By: John Kariuki
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Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja, inaugurated the first Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Mbagathi Hospital, emphasizing an unwavering commitment to revolutionizing healthcare in the county.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Is a specialized medical unit in hospitals equipped to provide intensive care to newborn babies, especially those born prematurely or with medical complications. The importance of NICUs lies in their ability to provide critical medical attention and specialized care to the most vulnerable infants.

Premature babies or those born with health issues often require immediate and specialized medical intervention, a gap that Chief Officer Health Facilities Geoffrey Mosiria under the directives of Governor Sakaja filled with the NICU.

The Chief Officer Health Facilities Geoffrey Mosiria commended the governor for his visionary projects aimed at enhancing healthcare services, highlighting collaborations that elevated medical technology and ex-



Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja at the inauguration of the NICU at Mbagathi hospital

panded facilities. Expressing gratitude to partners and recognizing Mbagathi as a center of excellence, the Mr. Mosiria acknowledged the addition of modern equipment and the hospital's elevation as the second to possess a cutting-edge

Biochemistry Analyzer. The Safaricom Foundation's support was also lauded for participating in healthcare advancements. In his address, Chief Officer Mosiria praised the governor's commitment to developmental projects, citing the impact on healthcare,

including the acclaimed Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital. Deputy Governor Njoroge Muchiri "our administration is dedicated to fulfilling its promises, assuring utmost support for quality service delivery. You will see this and many

other similar projects that are yet to be launched" he encouraged the public to continue supporting them and helping them to transform Nairobi.

Emphasizing the significance of the NICU in aiding preterm newborns, Governor Sakaja commended the equipped unit's role in strengthening healthcare services. He praised the Chief Officer Health Facilities Geoffrey Mosiria and Dr. Manyasi for their dedication and promised relentless efforts to complete ongoing projects, ensuring ample resources for hospitals and improved services.

The governor's commitment to completing pending projects and advancing Nairobi's development remained unwavering, as he thanked the public for their continued support. His endorsement of the 'Dishi na County' program further highlighted the administration's commitment to aiding children's welfare.

The NICU inauguration marked a turning point in Nairobi's healthcare landscape, showcasing a collaborative effort to provide adequate medical care under Governor Sakaja's transformative leadership together with his Chief Officer Health Facilities.



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Even the world has recognized it.
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Maybe once in a hundred years.

In his ode to "O'zbegin"
A miracle in itself.
He said to love and appreciate the
country
Arouse feelings in the hearts of my
people.

I have little to say to you,
You are a living teacher.
How many generations have you,
They call me my sun.

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student of the Uzbekistan State
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Tashkent State University of Law.



A Letter To My Mother



The hills of the village grew from the
mountains
The apples fell into the ditch.
Then he ran and entered the yard
My mother welcomed me – she was as thin
as the road...

The red apples that started us
He bloomed early because of his ignorance.
Consciences are brought to the market
Paid the most expensive prices.

And I'm on the last flight to the city
I came in a hurry
I came in a rush

Thousands of debts
I came to break up
From a country whose dreams have not
been burned.

And you say: "My daughter is in the city,
He is writing a poem for "my friend".
This sand is the time when my dream boiled
That's when I saw his strength.

O brave men,
Good luck
a million times
I was paralyzed in front of my thoughts.
I cried and cried:
"Fics are mediocre, thoughts are mediocre!"

...The slopes of the village grew from the
mountains
It is rising and decorating the world.
Maybe if I stay "middle-class" in the city
This is the worst pain, the greatest pain.

I'm on the last flight to the city today
I came in a hurry, I came in a rush...

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Life, Don't Make My Mother Cry...



He is my friend, my love,
Once I hug you, smile on your lips,
I won't let him go,
Life, don't make my mother cry!

Beauty on the face of wrinkles,
I am the lone moon in space,
I will build a palace for him out of
happiness,
Life, don't make my mother cry!

Surprised in front of the crystal heart,
Every moment is sad for the child,
My love for him is the world,
Life, don't make my mother cry...
Life, don't tease my mother...

Botyrova Dinara
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Withstood bitter trials,
Suffered a lot of pain and abuse,
Standing next to heavy times,
Life, don't make my mother cry!

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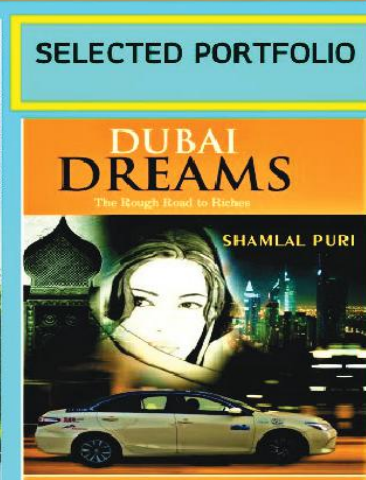
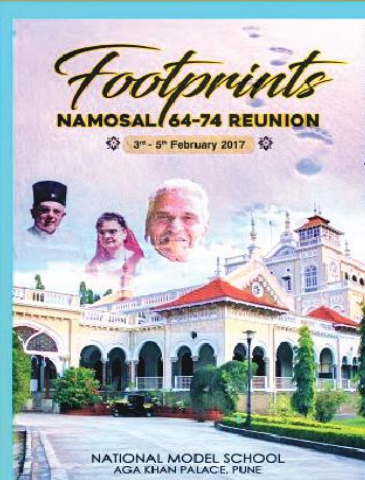
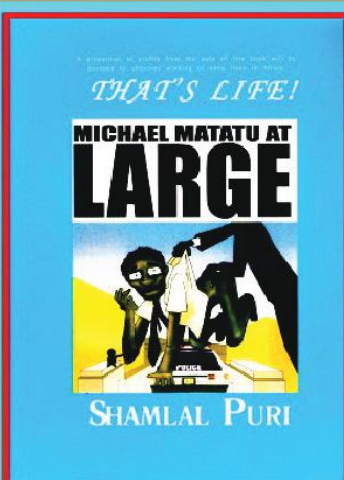
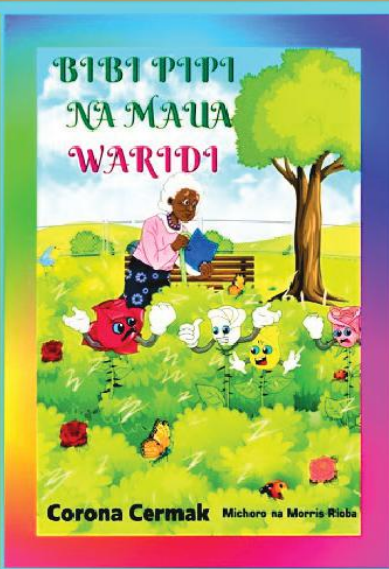
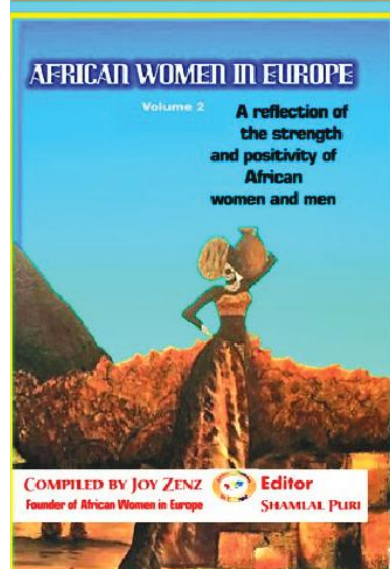
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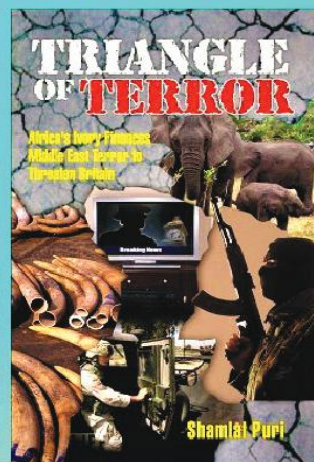
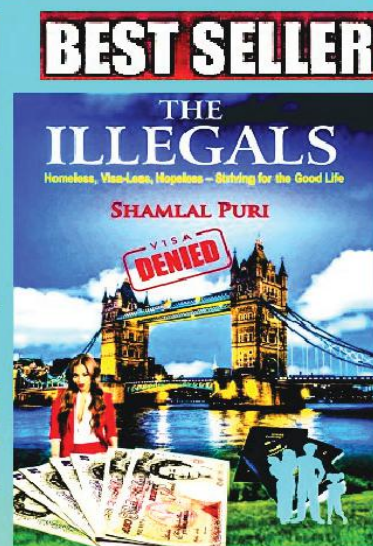
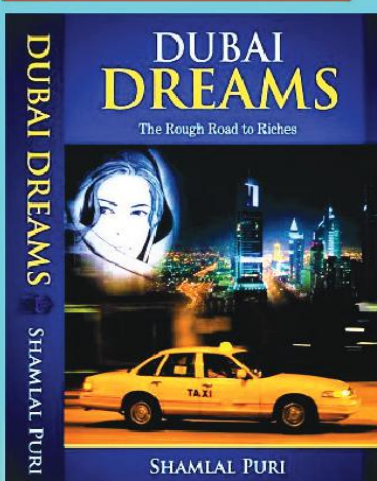
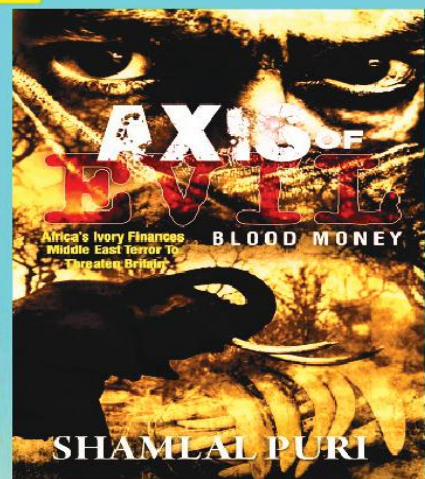
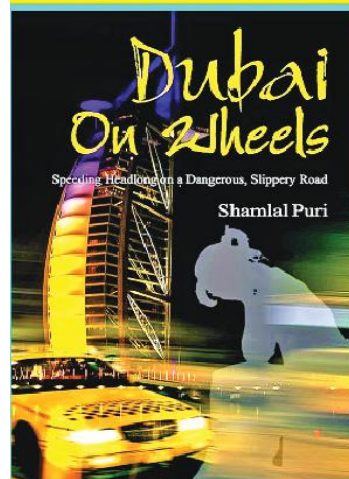
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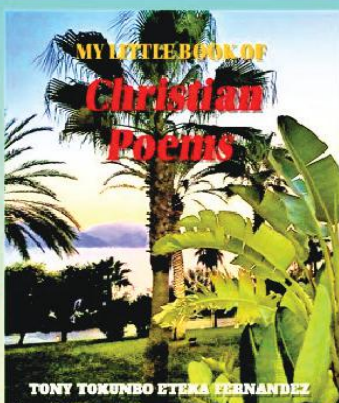
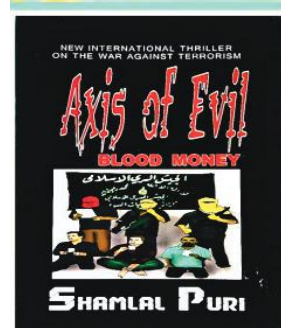
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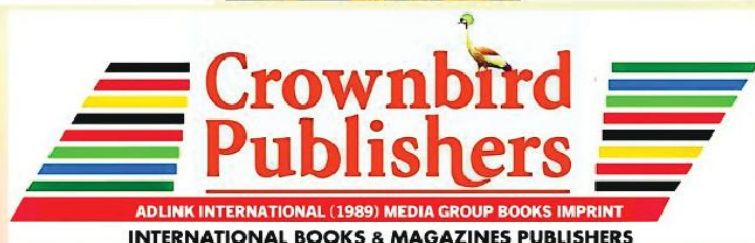


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Ruto Reaffirms Commitment To An Independent Judiciary, Won't Influence Cases

By: Capital Editorial Desk

Worth Noting:

- **President Ruto emphasized his commitment to fighting corruption, asserting that anyone involved in corrupt deals would be held accountable. He made it clear that he would not defend anyone involved in corruption or influence government contracts or favors. He underscored his dedication to combating corruption through measures like centralizing government service payments on E-citizen.**
- **During the interview, President Ruto spoke extensively about his government's economic decisions, highlighting the avoidance of subsidies on consumption and fuel prices, which he deemed artificial solutions.**
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President William Ruto says he does not influence the outcomes of court cases, asserting the independence of Kenya's judicial justice system.

He stated that he has never interfered with any criminal justice agency or the courts to dictate the direction of any case, as such matters fall outside his purview.

During a joint media interview at State House Last night, President Ruto addressed the collapse of cases, including the Aror dam scandal, asserting that these cases lacked a solid foundation and were fabricated.

Former Treasury CS Henry Rotich was acquitted in the Sh63 billion Aror dam scandal case due to a lack of evidence. Trial Magistrate Eunice Nyutu ruled that there was insufficient evidence to warrant placing the accused on their defense.

President Ruto said that cases like the Aror dam scandal were politically motivated and mobilized by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to hinder the project. He noted that his government had to renegotiate project implementation in Italy to prevent Kenya from incurring hefty compensation fees for canceling contracts with Italian companies.

This action was taken to safeguard Kenya's interests, as the country had failed to provide land for the dam project and initiated court cases to frustrate it.

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On fuel prices, President Ruto said they were influenced by international market forces and producers, making government control limited. He attributed recent decreases in fuel prices to international market dynamics.

He defended his international trips, emphasizing their focus on addressing Kenya's challenges rather than tourism. He discussed efforts to boost foreign exchange earnings through



President William Ruto speaks during a joint media interview at State House on December 17, 2023.

bilateral labor agreements with countries such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Germany, and Canada.

The President stressed the importance of reducing unnecessary imports and promoting local manufacturing to curb foreign currency outflows. He expressed a vision of Kenya achieving self-sufficiency in food production within a year.

He also defended his government's efforts to prevent Kenya from falling into debt distress and maintain control over inflation and money supply. He noted that a significant portion of government revenue went toward servicing inherited debt, impacting areas like education, health, security, and public services.

President Ruto Stresses Commitment To Tough Economic Decisions For Kenya's Stability

President William Ruto says he has made tough yet essential decisions to stabilize Kenya's economy and is committed to avoiding artificial measures aimed at gaining popularity.

During a joint media interview at State House on Last night, the President said that unlike the previous administration where he served as Deputy President, his government would not provide subsidies on consumption

or fuel prices, considering them artificial solutions.

Ruto acknowledged that the government had made commitments, but changing circumstances, including rising commodity prices, had necessitated adjustments. He urged Kenyans to exercise patience as his administration worked to stabilize the economy.

Regarding fuel prices, the President pointed out that they were influenced by international market forces and producers, leaving the government with limited control over them. Despite recent decreases in fuel prices, Ruto humbly declined credit, attributing the reduction to international market dynamics.

"The price of fuel is not determined by the Government of Kenya; it is determined by the producers. That is why today the price of fuel in Kenya is the same in Uganda and Tanzania because we buy from the same place," he explained, adding that Kenya's taxes as a percentage of GDP were lower than countries like South Africa, Morocco, and Tunisia.

President Ruto defended his numerous international trips, emphasizing that they were focused on addressing the country's challenges rather than tourism.

"I am not traveling around the world as a tourist," he said, "I am doing my job of seeking solutions to our prob-

lems."

He highlighted efforts to boost foreign exchange earnings by facilitating Kenyan employment in foreign countries through bilateral labor agreements with nations such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Germany, and Canada.

Ruto also emphasized the importance of reducing unnecessary imports, such as cement, steel, and furniture, and boosting local manufacturing to reduce the outflow of foreign currency. He expressed a vision of Kenya becoming self-sufficient in food production within a year.

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President Ruto reiterated his administration's commitment to making tough decisions for the sake of Kenya's economic stability and the welfare of its citizens.

He emphasized the importance of addressing challenges such as inflation, debt management, and self-sufficiency in various sectors to secure the country's future prosperity.



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COP28 Concludes with Disappointing Outcome on Fossil Fuel Transition; Momentum Builds for Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty



By: Elizabeth Angira

Worth Noting:

- While the UN-FCCC will continue to be a critical forum to negotiate international climate policy, this COP outcome is a clear sign that this process is not fit for the purpose of managing and financing an equitable transition away from oil, gas and coal, and that it must be urgently complemented by a new international mechanism explicitly focused on phasing out fossil fuels - a Fossil Fuel Treaty.
- “For 30 years this process has failed to face up to the core driver of the climate crisis, today that changes, but only because the people on the front lines held the line for the rest of humanity.



Alex Rafalowicz, Executive Director of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty speaking during COP 28 in Dubai

After a long battle over the final text, climate negotiations ended at COP28, with a weak outcome on transitioning away from fossil fuels - the main cause of the climate crisis and the biggest issue of this COP.

Due to the barriers to negotiating and financing a fossil fuel phase out within the UNFCCC, a strong movement has gained momentum, with 12 nations calling for the negotiation of a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, 4 of them endorsing the proposal here in Dubai - Palau, Colombia, Samoa and Nauru.

Alex Rafalowicz, Executive Director of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, said:

“Having the words ‘fossil fuels’ in the text is an important political signal, but it’s a far cry from the ‘historic’ outcome we were all calling for - it is the weakest we could have gotten, it has all the intentionally vague words planted to deceive us, and it is still very reliant on all the unproven technologies we must avoid.

Those most responsible for the climate crisis did not bring finance, technology, or actions to start phasing out fossil fuels, instead they brought hollow hypocrisy that poisoned the talks just as they are poisoning life on Earth.

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There was a significant number of governments pushing for science-based fossil fuel phase out and for a true just transition package with finance and equity at the core.

The fact that these countries could not breakthrough because of the consensus based process demonstrates the inability of the UNFCCC to really deal with the urgency and the source of this crisis. That is why we need a complementary, non-consensus based process like a Fossil Fuel Treaty, that allows those countries to come together to negotiate and to actually accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels signaled in this agreement,” highlighted Alex.

A growing bloc formed by Antigua & Barbuda, Colombia, Fiji, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu is spearheading an effort to secure a mandate to negotiate a new international mechanism to manage a phase out of fossil fuels, and finance a just and equitable global

transition away from the deadly grip of oil, gas and coal.

Auimatagi Joe Moeono-Kolio, Chief Advisor (Pacific) of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative said “After 30 years of climate talks, the COP28 outcome finally mentioned fossil fuels but fell short of setting a clear plan to phase them out. The bar is so low now that we are expected to applaud incremental gains from this low-altitude flying, low-ambition COP Presidency.

Small Island States from the Pacific and across the world pushed relentlessly for a science-based fossil fuel phase-out and a genuine just transition package with finance and equity at its core.

The fact that they could not break through the consensus-based framework of the UNFCCC emphasises the need for a new process that can complement this process, a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. It will allow nations committed to real climate action to negotiate and implement the transition away from fossil fuels in a way that is not just far, but also fair.”

Along with the governments, the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty proposal is also supported by the World Health Organization, the European Parliament, 101 Nobel Laureates, 600+ parliamentarians in 83 countries, 2,100 civil society organisations, 3,000 scientists and academics and over 90 cities and subnational governments, including most recently the State of California, the fifth largest economy in the world, and 9 Peruvian Indigenous Nations.

Mitzi Jonelle Tan from Fridays for Future MAPA said “We refuse to give up. There is hope, and with the COP process lagging behind on fossil fuels, we turn to the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty as a complement to the Paris Agreement to ensure and fast track a global just transition that leaves no one behind”

Statements from government officials at COP28 calling for a Fossil Fuel Treaty to manage a just transition away from oil, gas and coal:

Gustavo Petro, President of Colombia, in his speech at the High-Level Party Event organized by the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, when announcing Colombia’s endorsement at the beginning of COP28: “It is a paradox that, at this table, together with populations that could disappear, there is a country like us, which also depends on oil, and which is committed to endorsing a treaty that implies zero new exploration projects in the world. My own society would say ‘how would the

President produce such economic suicide?’, given that we depend on oil and coal.

Ralph Regenvanu, Minister of Climate Change, Energy, Environment, Meteorology, Geohazards and Disaster Management of Vanuatu: “We, the Small Island States, are showing the world that we punch above our weight when it comes to international climate diplomacy

Gaston Brown, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda: “As Prime Minister of one of the most vulnerable small island states globally, the message is clear. We are at a cross-road in history and facing a monumental choice that will define the trajectory of our planet – the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Surangel Whipps Jr., President of Palau, said in his high-level statement at COP28: “Our ocean feeds us, protects us, and defines us. We must protect it in return. We are witnessing the consequences of ignoring the planet’s limits—floods, droughts, heat, famine, death. The solution to the climate crisis requires everyone’s participation.

Toeolesulusulu Cedric Schuster, Samoa’s Minister of Natural Resources and Environment: “For myself, and also for Samoa, we see this as a very important initiative, and we do want to join. This is important. If we’re going to talk about a transition and a fossil fuel phase out this is a mechanism we need. We will join this initiative and we want to continue to advocate in ways that provide the mechanism so that we can continue to have space that will enable us to really put words into actions.”

Reagan Moses, Secretary for Climate Change and National Resilience of Nauru, In his National Statement at the High Level Plenary of COP28: “We are ready to do our part in making the Pacific a fossil fuel-free zone. In this regard, Nauru would like to use this opportunity to join others in calling for a treaty to phase out fossil fuel production.” Moses also highlighted the importance of financing a Just Transition in the most vulnerable countries

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General at a High-Level Party Event at COP28: “The devastating effects of air pollution resulting from these emissions claim the lives of over seven million people each year. In full support of your call for a fossil fuel treaty, the World Health Organization stands united with you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justice In The Face Of Environmental Degradation



Smoke From Forest Fire.

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When most of us interact with the term “Justice” we only think of the police, judges, lawyers, the government but we forget about ourselves as part and parcel of the whole process. In my journey of humanitarian belief it came to my realization that the term justice simply implies; ones concentration on what is right and promoting it’s positivity to impact sustainability. Whereas “climate change” is the long term alteration of temperature and typical weather pattern in a place in relation to environmental degradation. Therefore, there is necessity to advocate for justice as far as environmental conservation is concerned with respect to climate change.

Environmental justice simply means equal treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, origin, or income, with respect to development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Which plays a very critical role in the climatic changes?

Advancements cannot be de-linked from climate actions, and climatic actions cannot de-linked from development. Throughout human rights based approach is necessary since we are in a democratic country governed under one rule of law, which is the constitution. For example with swift pace of technological advances and modernity in line with urbanization, rights-based approach

is critical for addressing water, sanitation and health challenges which are exacerbated by climate change in the formalizing of informal settlements. Therefore, correlating human civic rights with advancements and climate actions.

Ensuring representation, inclusion, and protection of the rights of those most vulnerable and marginalized to the effects climate change. Solutions should promote equity, assure access to basic resources and ensure that young people can live, learn, play and work in a healthy and clean environment. Thereby, having individuals-centered tactic to climate actions.

Everybody should do their part to address climate change, the burden should not be borne by those that have contributed the least. Hence promoting the understanding that not everyone has contributed to climatic changes in the same way.

The combination of these challenges faced by the society at large should be acknowledged in order to address them holistically, for instance; some climatic projects inadvertently create climatic injustices when local communities and societies are displaced for a conservation or renewable energy initiative to be situated, thus the inter-sectionalism of these injustices like social, economic intergenerational and environmental injustices, are critical and should be prioritized and an interventions be

launched against them.

The climatic challenges that are normally faced in most cases are as a result of systems which prioritizes profit over sustainability for instances legalizing of logging without permits hence interfering with our ecosystem, making the solutions involved to be transformative system tactics and inclusion of the lens methods. A tactic that addresses the unequal sufferings and burdens in certain or particular communities and realigns the economy with natural systems. Therefore, alarming on a system transformation strategy to handle or when handling such injustices. The new system of education that is Competency Based Curriculum {CBC} agenda purposes such strategy for education system that develops and nurtures sustainable mindset, and properly oriented mentality, as well as a green skills in order to ascertain such an important and crucial transformation.

Once we know what we want as a country which is climatic justice for the betterment of nation’s general economy in various sectors, for instance promoting the green agriculture, favorable and environmental friendly means of transportations, adequate forestry cover, controlled use and burning of plastics and polythene, massive emission of dangerous gases to the atmosphere by our industries or factories, expensive health care, water pollution, gases

produced from the green house leading to global warm jut to mention a few. Once we look up to these, we shall have achieve sustainable means of livelihood to many and also creating a conducive environment, that we attract sustainable and innovative investments’.

Furthermore, the government in its capacity should harmonize its funds and ensures favorable allocation in the annual budgets to carter for environmental needs. In line with the same, in the process of the country’s actions on climatic changes that that affects her productivity, should not rely on too much of borrowing and massive debts in the name of climatic actions. Therefore, the nation should do this in her capacity thereby not forcing issues which will sabotage the country in the colonialism making the citizens to become slave of themselves. So the government should minimize debts on climatic actions and maximize what is available within the nation in dealing with climate changes hence the aspect of justice is execute at the end. Let us love nature, protect nature and promote nature at personal level for a better future.



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Working With Petitions: Priority Of Human Rights And Freedoms Is Ensured



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In recent years, in the framework of the fundamental reforms implemented in our country, the establishment of a democratic legal state and the formation of a fair civil society, strict compliance with the legal documents regarding the appeals of citizens, and its improvement, have been determined as one of the most important tasks.

Therefore, in our newly adopted constitution, citizens' appeals to state bodies and officials are aimed at guaranteeing the implementation of the constitutional principles that the priority of human rights and that every person is under the protection of the state is a clear proof of this.

President Sh. Mirziyoyev, in his speech at the solemn ceremony dedicated to the 24th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, said, "The people should serve our people, not the state agencies, and the leaders of all levels should understand this fact," he said.

The right of citizens to apply is strengthened in Article 40 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, according to which every person has the right to directly apply to state bodies with applications, proposals and complaints. In our Basic Law, this right of citizens is included among political rights, and according to its essence, citizens have the opportunity to restore their violated rights to state bodies, express their opinions on important issues in the life of society and the state. Today, citizens' appeals to state bodies are legal, every appeal is considered on time, completely and impartially, the requirements for appeals are uniform, the rights, freedoms and legal interests of individuals and legal entities are respected, considering appeals It is carried out based on the principles of not allowing bureaucracy and censorship, and the transparency of the activities of state bodies, organizations and their of-

ficials in the review of appeals.

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The Law on Appeals of Individuals and Legal Entities” consists of 5 chapters and 31 articles. An important aspect of this law is the legal strengthening of the possibility of sending appeals to all state bodies electronically. The introduction of this system in the Law “On Appeals of Individuals and Legal Entities” aims to raise the quality of the work of state bodies and other organizations in this field to a higher level, in addition, to eliminate excessive fussing

of citizens and provide them with convenient opportunities. opened the way to creation.

The law guarantees the right of citizens to appeal, in particular, that the right of citizens to appeal is exercised on a voluntary basis, that discrimination is not allowed when citizens use the right to appeal, that it is mandatory to accept and consider citizens' appeals, in relation to citizens' appeals. non-disclosure of remaining information, guarantees of citizens' security in connection with their appeals, as well as the procedure for submitting applications, proposals and complaints of citizens, as well as their consideration, were defined.

It should also be said that this law strengthens the provisions on consideration and resolution of citizens' appeals to state bodies and institutions, including local state authorities and citizens' self-government bodies. However, the scope of this law is not limited to the subjects mentioned above, but based on the principle of the primacy of the constitution and laws, it defines general rules that apply to all enterprises, institutions, and organizations, regardless of the form of ownership.

All citizens residing in Uzbekistan - citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, foreign citizens and stateless persons can use the right to appeal based on the procedure established by this law. At the same time, in the Republic of Uzbekistan, all citizens have the same rights and freedoms and are considered equal before the law, and discrimination based on gender, race, language, religion, social origin, belief, personal and social status is prohibited when using the right to appeal. .

It is important that citizens' appeals are summarized and analyzed in the established order in state bodies. After all, the analysis of appeals by the state bodies is necessary to identify and timely eliminate the causes and factors that

cause violations of the rights, freedoms and legal interests of citizens, as well as the interests of society and the state. llari, in practice, is of great importance in preventing the increase of repeated appeals. Article 22 of the Law “On Citizen Appeals” stipulates that state bodies considering citizen appeals should summarize and analyze applications, proposals and complaints. In 2022 alone, in the 8th month of 2022, approximately 109 thousand 270 appeals from the residents of our capital were received at the reception offices of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the city of Tashkent. if a solution was found by giving an explanation, 726 appeals were placed under long-term supervision.

During the years 2017-2021, more than 5,780,000 applications were received at the virtual reception of the President and public receptions. More than 3 million 288 thousand of them were satisfied. About 40% of appeals to state bodies concern personal rights and freedoms of citizens, about 30.4% about social rights, 24% about economic rights, about 5% about political rights and about 1% about environmental rights.

When analyzing in terms of ministries and agencies, the largest number of appeals were related to the Ministry of Finance. In the next places, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations received (105 thousand) appeals.

In addition, in recent years, the number of appeals related to the Bureau of Enforcement, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Supreme Court, the Central Bank and the system of commercial banks has been quite large.

Taking into account the development of modern information technologies, the responsible employees of each state body open and regularly monitor channels on social networks for receiving appeals, giving social advice, and carrying out propaganda work in the territory under their jurisdiction. We believe that the process plays a significant role in the formation of regular communication between citizens and the state.

Every day, thousands of our compatriots see and feel in their daily life that the idea of “El aziz, inson aziz (Nation is good, person is good) in New Uzbekistan” is being decided in practice, and the institution of communication with the people has penetrated to the lowest levels and is the basis for practical changes and renewal. Our people feel that they are the only source of state power. The practical solution of real-life issues strengthens everyone’s faith in tomorrow, in the power of justice and truth.

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Turu Turu FC: The Kings of Kigumo NG-CDF's Football Tournament

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Yesterday was all sporty, all football in Kigumo Constituency, Murang'a County. The sun rolled across the sky as the ball rolled on Kigumo Bendera High School's football pitch. It was a vigorous Kigumo NG-CDF Football Tournament finals.

Kirere FC ruthlessly plummeted Githima FC 2:0 in the semi-finals. That was before they were mercilessly crashed on the head with 3 goals to no comeback by Turu Turu FC.

The league was sponsored by the Kigumo NG-CDF, courtesy of Kigumo MP Joseph Kamau Munyoro. It was attended by hundreds of youthful fans from across the five Wards in Kigumo. The league kicked off last month from Ward level.

Munyoro appreciated the youths for showing up in great numbers and participating in both playing and cheering on their respective teams. He assured the energetic youths to support their sporting talents and gifts.

"Through my office, I shall continue supporting our young talents to full maturity. We can have players from Kigumo playing for Harambee Stars, even in the EPL, LALIGA and other leagues. Hii ni mwanzo tu!" Munyoro stated.

Turu Turu FC was awarded the League's trophy and a cash reward amounting to Ksh. 40,000. Kirere FC came 2nd runners up and bagged Ksh 30,000 cash reward. Nguku FC came 3rd and were awarded Ksh. 20,000. The other 9 teams that participated were awarded Ksh. 10,000 each. All the teams had previously been gifted balls and sports uniforms at the elimination stage.

"We're very happy to have won the tournament. It has been a tough journey but God helped our efforts to yield. We thank Munyoro for thinking about youths. We hope that playing



grounds will also be standardized so that we can prosper more."

Kigumo Chief Mr. Michael Mburu Gitau, who was in attendance commended the youths for their proactive participation. He regarded the MP for sponsoring the league, noting that participation had given the youths an escape route from drug and substance abuse and peer pressure.



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Osimhen And Kvaratskhelia Fire Napoli Past Cagliari And Into Top Four



FILE PHOTO: Soccer Football - Serie A - Napoli v Fiorentina - Stadio Diego Armando Maradona, Naples, Italy - October 8, 2023 Napoli's Victor Osimhen reacts REUTERS/Ciro De Luca/File Photo

Victor Osimhen and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia combined to give Napoli a 2-1 win over struggling Cagliari on Saturday and send their side into Serie A's Champions League places.

The inspiration behind last season's stunning league title triumph, Napoli's attacking stars struck a goal each as the reigning champions moved up to fourth.

Kvaratskhelia swept home the decisive strike in the 75th minute, six minutes after Osimhen's headed opener and shortly after Leonardo Pavoletti had equalised for the away side.

Walter Mazzarri's side are two points ahead of fifth-placed Roma and Bologna, who face off on Sunday, following their third home win of what has been a troubled league season to date.

And Matteo Politano insisted that Napoli's title defence is not over

even though they are 11 points behind Inter Milan ahead of the league leaders' match at Lazio on Sunday night.

"We're slowly recovering some ground," the forward told DAZN. "We'll keep taking it one game at a time but we want to fight for the Scudetto. There's still a long way to go."

Claudio Ranieri's Cagliari stay 16th on 13 points, one point above the relegation zone and Empoli who lost 1-0 at Torino in Saturday's late match.

Napoli won a match whose kick-off was delayed by 30 minutes after strong winds in Naples led to concerns over stadium safety.

Turnstiles at the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona were left closed longer than usual while inspections to the ground's roof were carried out.

No major damage was found, and

once the match got underway Napoli pushed forward but struggled to break down resilient Cagliari.

After a series of wasted half chances Amir Rrahmani headed onto the base of the post just before the half hour, but Cagliari were in the game and dangerous on their forays forward.

Osimhen opened the scoring in the 69th minute when he powered a header through the hands of Cagliari's despairing goalkeeper Simone Scuffet.

It was Osimhen's second in as many games in all competitions as he looks to have fully recovered from his hamstring injury.

Napoli fans will be hoping that reports of Osimhen reaching an agreement to extend his contract to 2026 are accurate, as the 24-year-old is nearing a new deal which takes his salary to 10 million euros a year and has a release

clause set at around 130 million euros.

Pavoletti, who shot Cagliari out of the relegation zone last weekend, bundled in his fourth goal of the campaign three minutes later.

But the home crowd was soon back on their feet for Kvaratskhelia's winner, which came after superb hold-up play from Osimhen led to the Nigerian drilling over a low cross which his Georgian strike partner crashed in off the post.

That was Kvaratskhelia's first home goal since late September and gave Napoli their second straight win in Naples after beating Braga midweek to reach the Champions League knockouts.

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Significance Of Working System With Applications Of Natural And Legal People Nowadays



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Working System ..

At the moment when the process of establishing a humane democratic legal state and civil society is developing rapidly in our country, fundamental reforms are being implemented in all aspects of society, including the institution of appeals by individuals and legal entities.

It is worth mentioning that the main image of every state is manifested in the provision of human rights, freedoms and legal interests in this country. Of course, limiting someone's rights and freedoms or losing their dignity will never be the basis of creating a decent way of life in society and a legal democratic state based on civil community.

Applying to the competent state bodies is one of the practical forms of participation of individuals and legal entities in the management of state and community affairs, and this right is the manifestation of political activity of citizens, not to ignore social and political activities, and most importantly, their rights, is one of the important means of protecting freedoms and legal interests. At the same time, the retrial of individuals and legal entities are considered a necessary source of information for solving important and pending issues in the life of the society and are of great practical importance as a method and way of strengthening the communication between the state authorities and the population.

One of the most urgent tasks of today is not to be limited to the implementation of legal documents on

relations in the field petition of individuals and legal entities, but to actively participate in the discussion of legislation related to this field and achieve its perfect adoption. This implies important changes in the responsible state agencies. It is worth saying that the democratization of the institution of appeals of individuals and legal entities will be more effective if it is created together with civil society and the state. It is also important to follow the legal norms specified in the normative legal documents of our national legislation in this field and to be fair in solving the issues of exercising the right to appeal.

For this reason, it is great importance to adopt a perfect legal basis for guaranteeing this right. Especially, in the coming years, special attention is being paid in our country to work with the appeals of individuals and legal entities, in the past short period, more than 10 laws and legal documents have been adopted and 4 special institutional structures have been established.

In this regard, the Decree No. 60 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 28, 2022 "On the new Uzbekistan development strategy for 2022-2026" is of significant importance in this document: to fundamentally improve the system of working with appeals of individuals and legal entities, to introduce new, effective mechanisms and methods of establishing open communication with the population,

to implement the reporting system of officials to the population, and on this basis to increase the public's trust in the state power strengthening and preventing the creation of bureaucratic obstacles and loopholes in considering the appeals of individuals and legal entities, and preventing the process of communication with the population from becoming censored".

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In any country that chooses the path of democracy, there is a need for a reliable mechanism to protect the rights and freedoms and ensure the legitimate interests of the individual, this mechanism ensures the protection of the rights and freedoms and legitimate interests of the individual and exercises control over their implementation increases.

Therefore, all the legal foundations of the system of protection of

the right to appeal in the Republic of Uzbekistan are based on the Constitution and the Law No. 445 "On Appeals of Natural and Legal Entities" adopted on September 11, 2017. and regulates the system of working with appeals of legal entities and serves as a legal instrument guaranteeing the right of individuals and legal entities to apply to state bodies, state organizations and officials.

Also, "Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 17, 2019 No. 5633 "On measures to further improve the system of working with population issues" and "Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Karakalpokistan" dated February 19, 2019 "Regulations of the Republic of Estonia, regions and public reception centers in Tashkent and the regulations of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on public reception centers in districts and cities" were approved, and the main tasks, rights and obligations of public reception centers were further enhanced.

No matter how many campaigns are carried out regarding the acceptance of appeals of individuals and legal entities and the relief of the population's burden, in our country, which aims to establish a democratic legal state, the issues that await the solution of further development and improvement of the institution of appeals of individuals and legal entities, theoretical-scientific issues there are many ideas and studies, practical experiences that should be popularized. After all, the institution of appeals of individuals and legal entities serves as one of the important signs of a strong legal democratic state based on civil society.

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