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President William Ruto

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Kenyan Exporters Secure Permanent Duty Free Access To European Union Market

By: Capital Correspondent

Worth Noting:

- “Today’s agreement heralds a new era where Kenyan goods gain immediate and permanent duty and quota-free access to the European market. Over time, European goods will also gain preferential access to the Kenyan market. We celebrate this relationship and look forward to its contribution to increased investment and industrial innovation,” Miano stated.
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Kenyan exporters Monday secured a permanent duty-free access to the 27 country, €14 trillion European Union market when Trade Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano signed the Kenya-EU Economic Partnership Agreement alongside European Union Ambassador Henriette Geiger, at State House, Nairobi.

The event that concluded several years of negotiations to permanently secure Kenya’s largest export market was witnessed by President William Ruto and the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen.

This agreement opens up additional avenues for exporters of Kenyan flowers, vegetables, avocados, coffee and other products to secure long-term buyer partnerships in the EU as well as stronger incentives to invest more in production and

value addition.

Further, the agreement signals Kenya’s readiness to diversify her export mix into Europe, with value-added manufactured products such as industrial shoes, articles of leather and fully packaged and branded

bouquets of flowers increasingly finding their way onto supermarket shelves across Europe.

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The European Commission President von der Leyen stated that the agreement will help Kenya access good equipment and

machinery from Europe that will help in achieving and maintain high quality products.

“It’s also our hope that other East African

countries can join into this agreement in the near future.”

This economic partnership covers coop-

eration on several issues including trade in goods, fisheries, agriculture, economic and development cooperation among other trade topics.

It also contains ambitious commitments towards environmental protection and sustainable trade, topics that President Ruto has championed in the context of climate

change and Kenya’s transition to a green economy.

Kenya’s Chief Trade Negotiator during the negotiation process was Trade Principal Secretary, Alfred K’Ombudo.

Following its signature, the agreement now proceeds to Kenya’s National Assembly and the European Parliament for ratification, after which implementation begins.



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NEWS IN BRIEF



Kirwara level 4 hospital in Gatanga subcounty, Murang'a, has been expanded with the launch of a four-storey building that houses new wards, offices, and theatres. The new facility has increased bed capacity in general wards from 18 to 100 beds and maternity capacity from 11 to 30 beds. The expansion will allow men to be admitted for treatment, as it was previously only available to women and children. Governor Irungu Kang'ata hailed the completion of the project, stating that the building was a priority to boost service delivery and relieve locals who had to seek medical care from neighbouring Kiambu County. The hospital will have both female and male surgical wards, paediatric wards, medical/doctors' offices, nurse stations, and consultation rooms. The county government will also add nurses and other health practitioners to the facility to enable efficient service delivery. The digitization of operations in the hospital will also increase efficiency, as patients will no longer need to carry cards when visiting the facility. The county government is also working to complete other health facilities that have stalled.



Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) Head of Corporate Affairs Bernard Osero has urged students and professionals in Mombasa to take short courses offered by Technical and Vocational Training institutions (TVET) to equip themselves with practical knowledge that is up-to-date with evolving labour market demands. Osero believes that institutions should focus on courses that mirror the economic drivers of the region, such as logistics, clearing and forwarding, shipping, tourism, and hospitality, which make up almost 70% of employment absorption in the region. New Dimensions CEO Anne Mburu echoed Osero's sentiments, stating that mainstream tertiary education should be complemented with practical courses offered by TVET institutions. Mburu also urged the leadership and County government to support local youth willing to take up these practical-based courses with bursaries, ensuring they have the opportunity to grasp the much-needed practical knowledge to make a living.



Kojonga residents in Narok East Sub County have received 1,000 avocado seedlings from Mr. Jeff Mathai, a prominent businessman, to improve their livelihoods and conserve the environment. Mathai aims to teach morans to conserve the environment and earn money through the sale of avocados. He challenged residents to plant trees in their farms and institutions, citing their benefits such as firewood, shade, wood, soil erosion prevention, and beautifying the environment. Partners Care Company CEO Samuel Mwangi also donated 100 sewing machines to help vulnerable youth and women boost their livelihoods. The machines will be particularly beneficial to youths who dropped out of school due to retrogressive cultural practices and a lack of stable income. The residents welcomed the move, as they will earn more money from the sale of avocados, and others will use the donated sewing machines for business. The county Forest Conservator, Daniel Mkung, reported that the county has planted over 565,000 tree seedlings since the campaign began.

Breast cancer survivors in Kitengela have been provided with free breast prostheses and mastectomy bras by the Noonkopir Afya Foundation in partnership with the Mercy Steps Programme. The foundation aims to end the stigma surrounding cancer and help survivors restore their self-confidence and sense of well-being.



Breast prostheses are expensive, with one costing Sh 300,000 and the other at Sh 2,000–3,000 per pair. The Mercy Steps Programme's Niceta Njagi emphasised the importance of embracing cancer survivors and offering support. She urged men to stop stigmatising women who have undergone mastectomy, as this would crush their spirit and will to live. Njagi also urged the government to waive the import tax for Kenyan women who have had their breasts removed due to cancer. The foundation offers counselling, cancer screening, and referral treatment for cancer patients, with over 80 people screened for cancer for free in the past year. Breast cancer is the second-leading cancer in Kenya, with over 5,000 new cases annually accounting for 12.5% of all new cancers.

Murang'a County has seen an increase in transformer vandalism, causing residents to operate without electricity for days. The Kenya Power Company (KPC) Business Manager, Eng. Harrison Kamau, reported that vandals have attempted to steal four transformers in the Kambiti and Kakuzi areas, stealing copper wires and fuel. The vandals have also caused frequent blackouts in the county, resulting in significant losses for the company. Kamau said security agencies have arrested several suspects, and their prosecution is ongoing. He urges residents to be on high alert and check for any unusual activity at the company's installations whenever the power goes off. The manager appealed for a multi-agency approach and heavy penalties for vandalism offenders. Murang'a County Commissioner Patrick Mukuria said the county security team and residents have formed transformer surveillance committees to thwart attempts at transformer vandalism.



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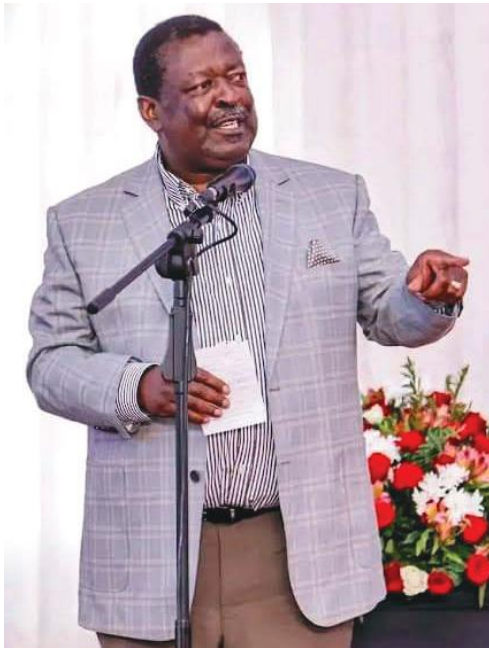
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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has urged Kenyans to allow the National Assembly to debate a report by the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) to provide direction for the country. Mudavadi disclosed that legislators will discuss and process the report once they resume sittings in February next year. Mudavadi urged Kenyans to respect the new process, as the report will be handled and debated by the legislators once they resume duty. He maintained that President Dr. William Ruto remains focused on fostering peace in the country and that the government has ceded to the demands of the opposition and embraced dialogue to end the frequent demonstrations. However, the PCS took issue with the Jubilee Party for dismissing the report, stating that it was disrespectful to the many Kenyans who took their time to appear before the National Dialogue Committee. Mudavadi also acknowledged the high cost of

living but assured Kenyans that the government was working to alleviate the situation, especially with the current enhanced rains contributing to increased food production.

Basic Education Principal Secretary, Dr. Belio Kipsang, has emphasised the importance of parental involvement in children's lives to prevent drug abuse and truancy. He stated that 97% and 72% of primary and secondary schools are day schools, with most learners under the custodial care of their parents and guardians. Dr. Kipsang highlighted the need for parents to be more available in their children's lives to nurture their growth and development. The government commits about a third of the budget to education to address issues of access, equity, and quality at all levels of education. Free Primary and Day Secondary Education has taken care of learners with special needs, and the government supports integrated schools, admitting and supporting learners with special needs in regular schools and those with severe disabilities in special schools. The Ministry of Education plans to revamp Educational Assessment Resource Centres (EARC) in all 47 counties to provide assessments of children with disabilities and recommend placement for full integration into the school system. The budget allocation also includes the school feeding programme for children in Arid and Semi-Arid Areas (ASAL), with an increased allocation from Sh2 billion to Sh4.9 million.

The Biodiversity and Biosafety Association of Kenya (BIBA Kenya) is urging farmers to preserve indigenous seeds to protect food safety, health, and biodiversity. The lack of quality seeds has led to limited access to nutritious foods, and indigenous seed varieties need to be preserved to provide households with diversified sources of nutritious food. Statistics from the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) indicate that the informal (indigenous) seed sector in Kenya accounts for between 60-70 percent of seeds planted by farmers across the country. The preservation and dissemination of indigenous seeds will help promote healthy and sustainable agroecosystems. The Kenyan government should review the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act to allow farmers to share indigenous seeds and establish regulations for seed exchange and selling.

Organic farmers in Kenya are conserving indigenous seeds like bloody butcher maize, turmeric, dasheen arrowroot, and sweet potato to reduce costs and improve livelihoods. These seeds are drought-resistant, nutritious, and have a higher nutritional value than white maize. The Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy emphasises the importance of adapting to climate change, building resilience in agricultural systems, and minimising emissions for enhanced food and nutritional security.



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By: Our Correspondent

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The Tea Board of Kenya (TBK) has raised concerns over the increasing incidents of green leaf hawking in 16 tea-growing counties, accounting for Sh 50 billion in lost revenue by smallholder tea farmers. The malpractice, which focuses more on volume, could negatively impact the quality of tea, leading to poor absorption rates at auctions.

The board is warning factories and farmers of dire legal consequences, including revocation of licenses for factories and a sh100,000 fine for a farmer found engaging in malpractice.

Green leaf hawking is illegal according to Section 6(4) of the Tea Act of 2020, which prohibits a farmer from selling green leaf to anyone other than the registered tea factory where they are registered.

If a farmer sells tea to another factory where they are not registered, the penalty is Sh 100,000, or six months in prison. If a factory buys tea from a farmer who is not registered under the factory, the fine is Sh 5 million, or three years in jail. The board is trying to enlighten farmers and factories that are taking this tea so they understand that what is happening is an offense.

A survey conducted by the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) across its seven regions showed that a total of 200 million kilograms of green leaf were hawked in 2021.

Last year, hawking escalated, with 60.3 million kilogrammes of green leaf being sold, leading to a loss of Sh 15.36 billion in earnings for farmers.

The board is currently reviewing factory licenses to ensure that both private and KTDA-managed factories are processing tea according to their license capacity.



Tea Board of Kenya chairman addressing journalists at FK Resort after a stakeholders meeting last week.

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Ruto: Devolution Will Determine Kenya’s Fortunes ‘To A Decisive Extent’

By: Presidential Communication Service

Worth Noting:

- Present were Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, 47 governors, Cabinet Secretaries and other officials.
- The President noted that the timely disbursement of funds by the national government to counties is crucial in ensuring that the devolved governments can meet their constitutional mandate.
- “For the first time since the advent of devolution, the National Treasury disbursed all allocations to county governments at the close of the financial year 2022/2023,” he said.
- He pointed out that the National Treasury extended the IFMIS deadline to allow county governments to utilise the funds.
- The President said the government is actively improving intergovernmental consultation and cooperation as an effective mechanism for dispute resolution.



President Ruto made the remarks during the 10th National and County Governments Coordinating Summit at State House, Nairobi/PCS.

President William Ruto has reiterated the government’s commitment to bolstering intergovernmental relations to strengthen devolution. The President said his administration has effectively supported county governments to enhance their capacity to deliver services to the people. He noted that the successful collaboration between the national and county governments will foster socio-economic transformation at the grassroots, advancing the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda. “I believe that our country’s fortunes, to a decisive extent, are dependent on how we manage the devolution of national power and resources,” he said. He made the remarks during the 10th National and County Governments Coordinating Summit at State House, Nairobi. Present were Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, 47 governors, Cabinet Secretaries and other officials. The President noted that the time-

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Parks shall propel local economic growth, ensuring value addition, market linkages and industrialisation,” he said. **Sh250 million grants** President Ruto said the government will allocate a grant of Sh250 million to each of the remaining 29 counties for the implementation of County Aggregation and Industrial Parks in the Supplementary Budget for the financial year 2023/24. The two levels of government, the President said, will also extend to the construction of 500 markets across the country. The President hailed the instrumental role played by devolved units in the rollout of the Subsidised Fertiliser Programme. He said counties ensured last-mile delivery. He said the partnership between the Ministry of Health and county governments has made it possible to embark on the journey of implementing Universal Health Coverage. The President commended counties for collaborating with the National Government in delivering affordable housing.

“Thanks to county governments, our goal of building 200,000 houses every year is firmly on course,” he said. He said the government will offer the necessary support to counties facing “catastrophic effects” of the ongoing El Nino rains. Mr Gachagua said the two levels will continue working together to serve the interests of the people. On her part, the Chair of the Council of Governors, who is also the Kirinyaga Governor, said the collaboration between the national and county governments will boost the country’s economic stability and foster good governance. “The dedication of the two levels of Government to working collaboratively reinforces the spirit of unity and shared responsibility in steering our great nation towards prosperity,” she said.

Uhuru Denounces ‘Shocking’ Congo River Alliance Presser In Nairobi

By: Capital News



Worth Noting:

- Kenyatta restated his support for the US-brokered ceasefire in DRC adding that he continues to push for its indefinite extension in order to facilitate the peace building process.
- The EAC Facilitator noted that the ceasefire will put an end to “the senseless killing and suffering of the people of the eastern DRC.”
- He added that it will set the stage for a resumption of the Nairobi peace process, and the brokering of a lasting peace in the troubled region.
- Kenyatta’s statement comes a day after President William Ruto defended Kenya’s refusal to arrest leaders of the Congo River Alliance following Kinshasa’s request.



Uhuru Kenyatta/FILE.

Retired President Uhuru Kenyatta has denounced the December 15 press conference by Congo River Alliance terming it “shocking”. Kenyatta who is the Facilitator of the East African Community (EAC) Nairobi-led Peace process said Monday the “rhetoric” by the alliance which seeks to oust President Felix Tshisekedi in the upcoming national polls set for December 20 was “provocative”. “The Facilitator repudiates these developments and in particular their military character, and the accompanying politically charged and provocative rhetoric,” Kenyatta said in a statement. He termed the statement by the exiled former Chairman of DRC’s Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) Corneille Nangaa, in the company of M23 leader Bertrand Bisimwa, a threat to DRC’s stability. Kenyatta restated his support for the US-brokered ceasefire in DRC adding that he continues to push for its indefinite extension in order to facilitate the peace building process. The EAC Facilitator noted that the

ceasefire will put an end to “the senseless killing and suffering of the people of the eastern DRC.” He added that it will set the stage for a resumption of the Nairobi peace process, and the brokering of a lasting peace in the troubled region. Kenyatta’s statement comes a day after President William Ruto defended Kenya’s refusal to arrest leaders of the Congo River Alliance following Kinshasa’s request. Speaking Sunday in a televised interview with local media outlets, Ruto emphasized that Kenya is a democratic country that upholds the freedom of free speech and a free press. He was responding to questions on a protest by the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Kinshasa faulted Nairobi for “allowing” the exiled former Chairman of DRC’s Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) Corneille Nangaa, in the company of M23 leader Bertrand Bisimwa, to issue a statement critical to President Felix Tshisekedi’s administration.

Ruto’s defense “DRC wanted to know whether we can arrest them. We told them Kenya is a democracy, we cannot arrest anyone who has issued a statement. We don’t arrest people who make statements, we arrest criminals,” Ruto said. “If anybody has committed any criminality, we will go out of our way to deal with them, but [not] issuing statements. How many people in Kenya issue statements against me every day? That is what a democracy is all about.” Ruto underscored that Kenya is a country with a free press and cannot prevent anyone from engaging with the media. Weighing in on the decision by DRC to recall their ambassador to Kenya and summoning Kenya’s ambassador to DRC, Ruto acknowledged Kinshasa’s right to do so. He added that different countries have different ways and protocols of handling different situations but reiterated that Kenya “I cannot arrest anybody merely because they issued a statement.” “That is undemocratic is a democratic

that is not how Kenya is, that is not the Kenya, you all know. We are all different. countries have democracies in different ways,” he added. Speaking on December 15, during the unveiling of the Congo River Alliance Nangaa stated that the coalition, which also comprises of the military, civil society organizations, and the diaspora community, is motivated by the desire to “save our country from danger and to restore the dignity of the people of Congo.” The former CENI leader, now residing in exile, accused Tshisekedi’s regime of neglecting the challenges faced by the Congolese people, including insecurity and undermining the independence of institutions and the military.

As Ruto Observed, The Court Did Not Declare The Housing Levy Unconstitutional



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Worth Noting:

- We will take the necessary steps to ensure this law is aligned. Dr Ruto reiterated this during interview. He said that the majority leader Kimani Ichungwah have already drafted the bill and presented it to parliament.
- The president further stated. The housing plan is a noble idea whose time has come. As I speak, It has created 120,000 jobs. The job opportunities are set to increase to 200,000 and 500,000 in coming days.
- The mega project resonated very well with Ruto's concept of bottom up economic model. It is designed to address two main challenges: joblessness and lack of decent houses.
- The President announced that 250,000 affordable housing units will be constructed in the first phase. At one point during a visit to Busia county, he told the 'hustlers'.



President William Ruto .

A few days ago, President William Ruto hosted journalists from different media houses at State House Nairobi. I listened to this interview. The President minced no word in responding to all the issues and questions raised.

One of the journalists told him. You rode to power on a platform of promising to respect and uphold the constitution and other laws of the land but today you are doing the opposite.

He cited the housing levy. The court declared this law unconstitutional but we have been hearing you maintaining that the levy is there to stay.

The President told him. What you are saying is not true. I have been walking the talk in terms of respecting the constitution and decisions of the courts.

On housing levy, you the people of the media are to blame for misinterpreting that ruling. The problem of unconstitutional was indeed created by you.

That is not what the bench of the three judges stated. The bench only took issue with what they termed as discriminative aspects of the law.

This is because it is only employed people whose salaries were being subjected to a deduction of 1.5 percent.

The Judges heard our prayers and allowed the government to continue collecting the levy until January next year. This will give you an opportunity to review and align this law. You would not have expected the judges to do this if the housing levy is unconstitutional.

It is worth noting the housing levy is a key pillar of the Finance Act of 2023.

When the judges delivered the ruling, President William Ruto stated. We believe in the rule of law. So, my government will fully comply with the orders issued.

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The housing project is being opposed by those employed who received a payslip every month.

They do not want 3 per cent to be deducted from their salaries.

The same case applies to the top leaders of the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Opposition coalition.

Each one pockets a pension of more than 1 million from the National Treasury every month.

These are the same personalities who say they love you and were ready to die for you. Really, do they?

When they oppose a deduction of 3 percent from their payslips, what message are they sending?

They don't care. They want you to continue being poor and to live in a state of desperation and hopelessness.

As a born-again Christian, I agree with the President.

The Bible says that God blesses the hand of a cheerful giver who contributes towards elevating the living standards of the poor and down-trodden.

At the time, the Affordable Housing Plan was one of the proposals contained in the controversial Finance Bill 2023.

The 'Hustlers' (those without a payslip) were excluded from paying the housing levy.

The real estate developers are contracted to build these houses. Once completed, the government will buy them.

When selling the units, the state will give priority to the hustlers.

President Ruto has been reiterating. This will be a key milestone. For the first time in our history, the sons and daughters of the hustlers will own decent houses.

This will elevate them to the class of the wealthier and rich families.

For the critics, the push to derail Ruto plan is unstoppable.

Listen to this. President Ruto's position is that the deductions are compulsory. He is therefore imposing this plan down the throat of Kenyans.

I disagree. The president has no legal mandate to pass this proposal into law. This power is exercised by parliament.

The members will debate and thereafter each vote either in favor or against each of the clauses.

The process starts with the drafting of the Bill which is then presented to the house for the first reading. No debate at this stage.

First, the Bill has to be subjected to public participation. The relevant committees of house organize these forums and collect and collate the views of the people. This was done.

Yes, I agree that Parliament is dominated by members of the ruling Kenya Kwanza alliance.

But I want to ask the critics. Are you suggesting the members did not understand their job?

This is tantamount to insulting the in-

telligence of Kenyans. You are telling them they did not use their brains when they elected them.

For starters, the government is made up of three main arms: parliament, executive and Judiciary.

Though each is independent, the law requires them to always embrace the principle of interdependence and complementarity.

Majorly, the role of a member of Parliament is three pronged: Legislation, oversight and representation.

The President was in fore front of drumming support for Finance Bill 2023. Does this amount to overstepping his legal mandate? No, he is not.

The law allows him to support the proposals, particularly those originating from the cabinet. This is because he is the head of the executive and chairs the cabinet meetings.

However, parliament has the final say. Members are at liberty to approve the proposals or reject some of the proposals, if not all.

Just like the President, the opposition leaders were entitled to discuss the Bill and come up with their position.

They will whip up their member to support this position when the Bill is tabled in parliament.

The Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga is opposed to it. His main point of concern is the proposal to deduct 3 percent from the basic salaries of the workers. But a good number of Azimio MPs voted for the bill.

I would have expected him to be the last person to oppose this proposal. Why? During the campaigns, the house plan proposal stood out as one of his main election pledges.

If elected President, I will rollout a massive affordable housing plan. Majority of our people, who migrated to urban centers, were living in poor and highly deplorable conditions in slums. 'My government' will build decent houses for them. This is a commitment I have given to you.

Raila would add: A huge chunk of money to build these houses will come from our pockets. He would single out those employed, civil servants, state officers and other workers. The Government will deduct 1.5 per cent from the payslip of each.

Yes, president Ruto has doubled the deductions to 3 per cent. This is well understood given the prevailing economic situation. If Raila won, many believe he could have done the same thing.

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We Cannot Be United By Poverty, Governor George Nantembeya Tells Western Kenya Leaders



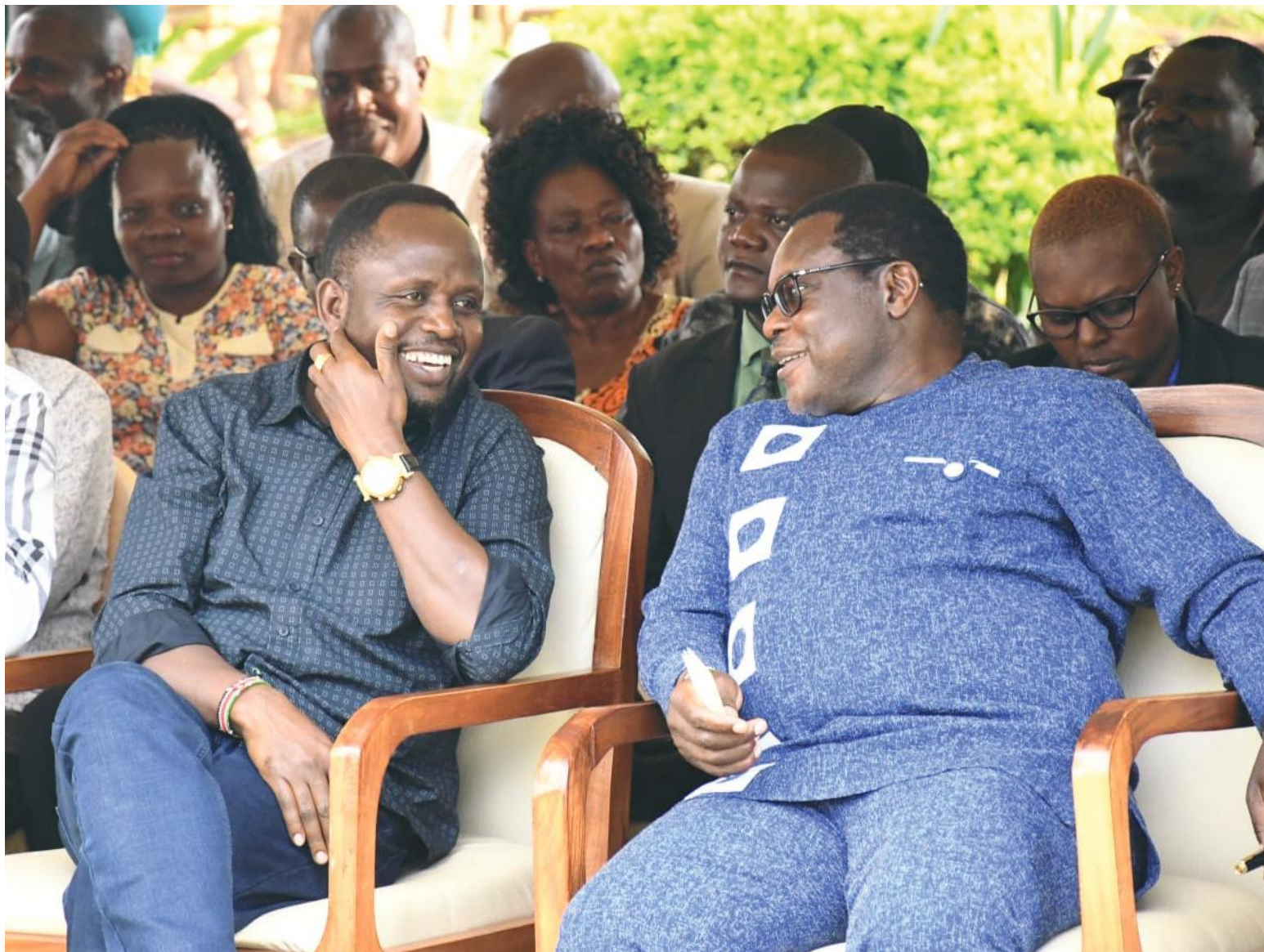
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Governor George Nantembeya and his Colleague Bungoma governor Ken Lusaka were at the late MP Lawrence Sifuna Home in Bungoma..

The call for Mulembe unity is not a new to the residents of Western Kenya. Their leaders have constantly be calling for the interests and one voice of the Luhya nation, but the calls seem to bare no results, despite them publicly claiming of unity in public rallies.

Over the weekend at the burial of former Bungoma South Member of Parliament Lawrence Sifuna in Bungoma county, the question of Luhya unity took a center stage with leaders castigating each other about calling for the oneness of the community.

Luhya leaders are on all political divides in the current political scene. Sirisia Lawmaker John Waluke says, the community cannot unite when a section of their leaders are affiliated to different ideologies, saying it's time to retire homes as a region and community.

“We want this unity to come back home. We can't not be in unison when one is on this side the other on this side. We want to speak as one voice.” MP John Waluke said.

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Trans Nzoia governor George Nantembeya faulted the leaders only talking about unity in funerals and when the region is pinned to the core. Noting that the large population en-

joyed by the region goes to waste, as a majority of the people has no voters card and national identification cards. According to the governor, working on eradicating poverty is the only way to create a stable unity and strong leadership for the people of Western.

“It is very unfortunate that region is united by funerals. We come and say how we will be united when we remember our parastatals are up for sale. We are very many, that translating to lots of votes. Sadly, a majority of our people have no ID cards and this is wasted votes. We become united when we have heavy pockets. Let's look for money, by fighting poverty out. We cannot be united by poverty, have money and create a strong leadership for our people.” Governor Nantembeya said.

The leaders from region led by Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and speaker Moses Wetangula earlier in September said the Luhya community unity is not an option and is a course on the move.

Bungoma county boss Kennedy Lusaka and Senator Edwin Sifuna, both calling on respecting the leaders on of the day, by giving them opportunity to deliver to mwananchi by fellow leaders.

“Allow us to thrive in our respective places. Let us work for the good of the people. If there is an issue we will always remember home.” Senator Sifuna said.

“I want to appeal to our leaders to be our brother's keeper. Let's respect and understand that when one is in office, he is the leader of the time.” Governor Lusaka added.

Azimio leader Raila Odinga who was also in attendance, urged leaders in office to serve the people who elected them, and stop politicking and cat-fights.

Biashara Sacco Offers Early Xmas To Needy Homes

By: William Muchiri
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One of the leading Deposit Taking Saccos in the mountain region has offered hundreds of less fortunate members of the community an early Christmas.

Biashara DT Sacco over the weekend gave out goodies to several vulnerable Children's homes in the region so that they can enjoy the festive season.

It was an early Christmas as nearly 20 groups from Nyeri, Laikipia and Embu counties received food stuff donations from the Sacco fraternity.

The Sacco management and staff, led by their chairman Joseph Njamuku gave out assorted stuffs to the beneficiaries in a colourful ceremony held in Nyeri.

The donation ceremony was preceeded by a thanks giving Sunday Mass that was held at St. Benedict Kiamuiru Catholic Church near Nyeri town and which was presided over by Fr. Paul Kimani.

Some of the groups that benefited are Neema Children's Home, Biwomi Children's Home, St. Stephens ACK Embu, Belwop CH Mahiga-ini, Nanyuki Furahi Children's Home, Credo Runyenjes, Prisons Nyeri, Nee-ma CH Thunguma among others.

The beneficiaries included the aged, children, People Living with Disabilities among others.

Some of the stuff given included maize flour, rice, cooking fat, wheat flour among others.

Njamuku said Sacco started the initiative 13 years ago as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

He disclosed that the Sacco which is headquartered in Nyeri town has 17 branches in Nairobi, Nyeri, Murang'a, Embu, Laikipia, Nyandarua and Nakuru counties with about 250,000 members and a net worth of over KSh3.2 Billion.



Biashara DT Sacco chairman Joseph Njamuku leading his board members and staff in giving out donations to the less fortunate. With them is Fr Paul Kimani of St. Benedict Kiamuiru Catholic Church and some of the beneficiaries. Photo/PAUL WANJIRU.

Old Mutual Unveiled Innovative Cover With Benefits In Partnership With CFAO Motors

By: Editorial Staff

Old Mutual group a one stop market have partnered with CFAO motors aiming to increase smooth motor vehicle insurance cover benefits.

A renowned leader in financial services had introduced an innovative insurance package tailored specifically for high end motor vehicle, christined motor vehicle cover. This ground-breaking product caters to the unique needs of both private and commercial vehicles with a value of KES 3 millionor more and up to 15 years old.

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The package also boasts competitive pricing and 24-hour road rescue

services post -accident, providing customer with exceptional value and peace of mind. The insurance company unveils motor premium cover that goes beyond normal.

Old Mutual General Manager George Odinga said that this partnership will also help them to offer comprehensive cover that will go beyond motor insurance.

Leah Ndwigwa, Brand Manager CFAO Motors Kenya and George Odinga, General Manager Reinsurance and Underwriting, Old Mutual, during the launch of an innovative insurance package tailored specifically for high-end motor vehicles, christened Motor Premier Cover. The ground-breaking product caters to the unique needs of private and commercial vehicles with a value of KES3 million or more and up to 15 years old...



Young people are our future!



Young people are the foundation of our future, the creators of our tomorrow. All efforts and opportunities are being used for perfect acquisition of modern science and high technologies. All leaders are equally responsible for supporting them, helping them find their place in life and choose the right path.

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In particular, one of our young people is Mahamud Yeamin! Mahamud Yeamin lives in Bangladesh, a student and also the founder, CEO of Shishu Ullash. Founder of the "Young Leader" Global

Trust Forum. Environmental activist and entrepreneur. International speaker and researcher. Working together with young people to promote their innovations in the world, so that they can use their innovations for employment and development.

He is currently working on many other topics such as climate change.

Yeamin, which is developing day by day and month by month, is now working on useful projects for young people. Today, the "Shishu Ullash" organization under his leadership has branches in many countries. This organization is developing day by day and there are many people who are interested in this organization.

Young people achieving such great success can develop not only their country, but also society.

We wish Mahamud Yeamin good luck and success in his career.

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My Mother, Stay Safe



I don't need a life without you
Wealth, prestige, state are not needed.
I want to be with you all the time
My mother, stay safe
Life will test you a lot
He suffers from happiness, longing, pain
Be patient, it will pass
My mother, stay safe
I will grow up to be a great person
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I am also called a good person

My mother, stay safe
You walk with your head held high
You will still be driving for a long time
You will be the happiest mother in the world
My mother, stay safe

Avazova Diyora Alisher's daughter, was born on July 17, 2007 in Panji Mahalla, Kitab District, Kashkadarya Region. Currently, she is studying at the 91st general secondary school. Winner of many competitions. Holder of international certificates. Iqra Fund, International member JUNTOS POR LAS LETRAS, Global Friends Club members. Actively participated in Shokhida Yusupova's free classes and was awarded a certificate by Shokhida Yusupova. Future poetess. Her poems have been published in Kenya and several other countries. One of her dreams in the future is to become a winner of the Zulfiyakhanim award.

Uzbek Woman



her elegance femininity selflessness. An Uzbek woman is considered a respectable breed that is able to rock the cradle with one hand and the family with the other. We learned the first lessons of love and humanity from our dear mothers who were taught by their mothers in their cradles and it is the sweet Alla that has been absorbed into our blood. I think that our future is in the hands of women because they will teach the knowledge and skills they have learned to the next generation. Mother is the source of strength and energy of every person. In the Republic of Uzbekistan seventeen million women and girls are under the protection of the state!

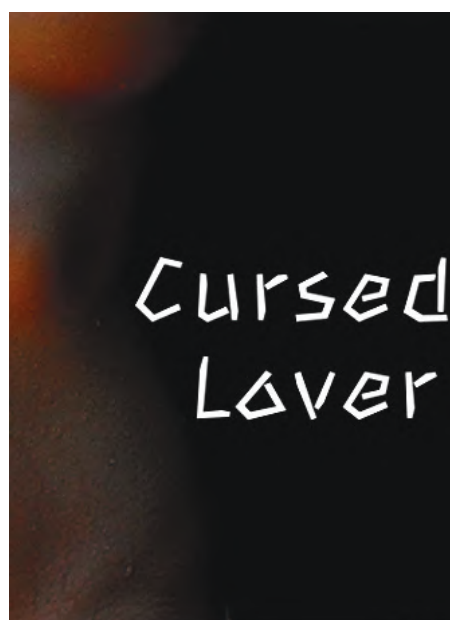
In human civilization the only thing that gives birth to another person is a woman. Understand this know the value of a woman. In the twenty first century colonization has ended and millions of people have become free thank to touch screens and robots people are enjoying their services. But woman have a big contribution in all of this. It isn't for nothing that our women are compared to the beautiful spring season. Their smile is compared to the cosy cheeks of woman like the beautiful leaves of a tulip. When we think of a woman first of all we think of our honorable mother our dear grandmother our sisters. First of all an Uzbek woman is distinguished by

I am Jumabayeva Barchinoy, my father's name is Mirzohid, a farmer, and my mother is an English teacher, Iroda. I am a 9th grade student of school 23 of Shavat district, Khorezm region. In 2021, I took the first place three times and once again the second place and the third place at the Sardar Bazarbayev International Olympiad. On November 27, I won the second place in the district stage of the Young Reader competition. You can't achieve your desired goal with a dream, you need to add action to it.

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Kisii County Celebrates Milestone: Soovita Banana Wine Takes Center Stage in Inaugural Launch



By: Elizabeth Angira

Worth Noting:

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- She called upon Kenyan Envoys to promote Kenyan products abroad, emphasizing the economic benefits of foreign exchange earnings.



Nandi Deputy Governor Eurita Mitei, with Vicky Farmers Limited Farm CEO Vicky Onderi during the launch of SOOVITA wine in Kisii County. Photo credit | Elizabeth Angira.

Kisii County has marked a significant milestone with the launch of its inaugural banana wine, Soovita banana wine.

During the event held in Kisii, Nandi Deputy Governor Eurita Mitei underscored the importance of farmers forming cooperative societies to empower them in negotiating fair prices for their agricultural products.

Mitei emphasized that such cooperatives would eliminate intermediaries

who exploit farmers by purchasing their goods at low prices and reselling them at higher rates, leaving the farmers impoverished.

Addressing the audience, Mitei encouraged farmers to embrace value addition, asserting that it would not only generate employment opportunities but also enhance earnings and overall quality of life.

She praised the establishment of the manufacturing plant, the first in the

western region and Rift Valley, aligning it with the national government's manufacturing pillar.

"I urge farmers to increase banana production to sustain the newly inaugurated plant, cautioning against brokers seeking to take advantage of them," said deputy governor.

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Nyaboke noted the creation of job opportunities for the youth and outlined plans for exporting the banana wine.

"I laud the county and the national government for giving us an enabling environment in the venture and will continue with the partnership" Nyaboke said.

James Ntabo, the Kisii County Secretary, disclosed ongoing efforts by the county and national governments to construct an industrial park in Tongeri, Bomachoge Borabu constituency.

The industrial park aims to enhance the value chain and generate employment for the youth. Ntabo highlighted the inclusion of a cold room in the park to assist farmers in avoiding post-harvest losses.

Shifting focus to agriculture, the text delves into the significance of tissue culture (TC) in banana production in Kenya.

The technology has played a vital role in overcoming challenges such as soil degradation, pests, and diseases that threatened food security. The adoption of tissue culture has resulted in superior, early maturing planting materials with increased yields and larger bunch weights compared to conventional methods.

The company's investment of thirty million Kenyan shillings in a certified tissue culture laboratory underscores the growing demand for TC bananas and orange-fleshed sweet potatoes.

The venture has not only proven economically viable but has also contributed to narrowing the gender gap, benefiting women involved in tending the crops.

The dual focus on the launch of banana wine in Kisii County and the advancements in tissue culture technology demonstrates the region's commitment to agricultural innovation, economic growth, and empowerment of its farming community.





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Thousands Of Digital Content Creators To Be Linked To Direct Work Opportunities Through The Twende Digital Project

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The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) in partnership with Twiva today announced a new project dubbed Twende Digital Project, which is being funded by the Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CFYE) to oversee the creation of work opportunities for young digital content creators while supporting SMEs in adopting the use of technology through intensive capacity building and technical assistance on the use of digital skills and platforms, which will eventually help these businesses to scale up. This Project majorly focuses on addressing the critical issue of youth unemployment in Kenya where the recent statistics by the Kenya National Bureau Statistics indicated that over 50 percent of the

2.97 million jobless Kenyans are in the ages of 18 to 29 years of age.

The Twende Digital Project is guided by the CFYE's goal of fostering youth employment initiatives in Africa. Hence, the Project will provide significant work opportunities to both rural and urban setups in the country such as Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Mombasa, Eldoret, Nyeri, Machakos, Kiambu, Garissa, and Kakamega. The selected businesses will enjoy digitization services and tools for free for the next 12 months including influencer marketing service credits, content creation credits, access to business digital coaches, access to influencers or resellers to help resell the SMEs' goods, linkage to logistics and fulfilment partners, digital marketing training, and the digital marketing advisory services.

"A great lesson we have drawn in executing employment projects in Kenya is the fact that meaningful youth participation is a key factor in attracting and retaining youth in employment. The Challenge Fund for Youth Employment plans to create 230,000 jobs for young people in Africa by 2026. These jobs should be dignified and fulfilling work as per the African strategy of good jobs and good salaries. We have also learned that it is very crucial to support the private sector, especially in measuring the impact of youth employment



KEPSA in partnership with the Challenge Fund for Youth Employment and TWIVA have officially launched the Twende Digital Project to create thousand jobs for content creators in Kenya

initiatives. This is why digitizing the SMEs will not only help expand these businesses but also ensure the creation of jobs" said

Paul Ngugi, Deputy Country Lead of the Challenge Fund for Youth Employment.

The absence of sufficient employment opportunities has been a huge hurdle in Kenya especially where recent reports have shown that over 2.97 million Kenyans are jobless. Out of these numbers, 50% are between the ages of 18 years to 29 years. Hence, with the limited employment opportunities in the formal sector, and the challenges that are there in starting a business, there is a need for rethinking alternatives to work opportunities for Kenyans, especially young people. Leveraging innovation, technologies, and other emerging skills has been one way to help reduce the transition shocks of young people into the labor markets. "Enterprises stand to have a great chance of unlocking the wealth of opportunities and building a global competitive advantage through adoption and prioritizing digitization. As the benefits of digitization become clearer for businesses where they stand to benefit from access to wider markets, more efficient processes, increased productivity, better stock management, and reduced costs; hence the adoption of digitization cannot be ignored. Besides providing solutions for the growth of these businesses, digitization has brought

about new and more exciting work opportunities for the young people in Kenya" said Dr. Ehud Gachugu, Director of Youth and Jobs at the Kenya Private Sector Alliance.

As a social commerce platform that gives micro, small, and medium enterprises digital access to markets through content creators, Twiva will play a pivotal role in supplying experienced social media influencers and resellers as well as the social commerce platforms to market and resell goods and services on behalf of these SMEs. This will then see the creation of work opportunities for the influencers while at the same time boosting the productivity of the SMEs through the integration of digital technologies.

"The anticipated impact of the TwendeDigital project is not just a statistic; it's a transformation. As we aim to elevate the average income of employed youth from less than Kes 10,000 to approximately Kes 25,000, the project becomes a catalyst for change, injecting vitality into the lives of young individuals. Job satisfaction rates among the youth are not merely a metric; they represent a shift in the narrative of what it means to find meaningful work," said Peter Kironji, CEO & Co-founder, Twiva.

Addressing challenges and fostering inclusivity, the project allocates 60% of opportunities to women-led SMEs and focuses on building digital skills among SMEs. At the same time, through the indirect work op-

portunities that are digitally enabled, the Project will provide start-up opportunities for youth without formal experience or capital, especially in areas of logistics and shipping of products to clients. The project envisions expanding its reach to serve more youth and women by enlisting additional social influencers, through the use of the Twiva platform, fostering economic growth, and contributing to a sustainable future beyond the CFYE project.

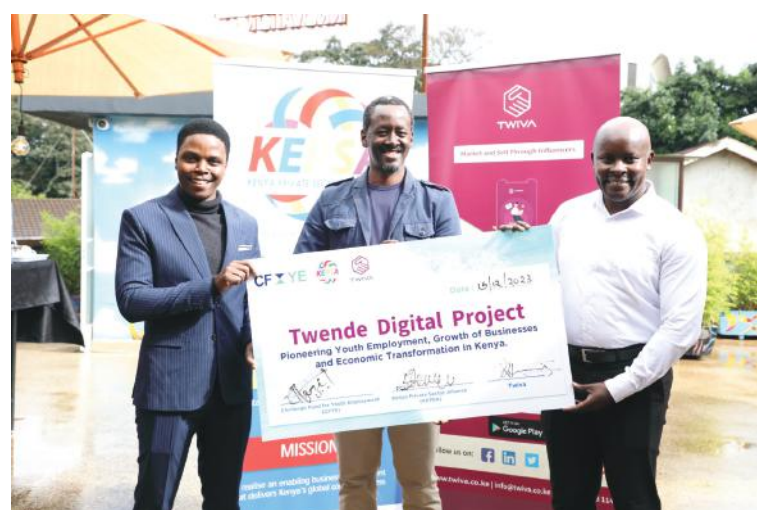
Also expressing his insights and expectations about such opportunities for digital content creators, Philip Karanja, the CEO of PhilItTV explained that it is important for businesses to look for an influencer that they can connect with and can help

elevate their business to the next level. He said that branding requires a 360 approach from image and logos to the customer experience. He challenged the businesses present at the forum to involve influencers who can ensure improved visibility to their potential clients while they concentrate on other core functions of the business.

In addressing the challenges of limited capital and formal job opportunities, TwendeDigital doesn't just provide solutions; it pioneers a new approach. By leveraging digital technologies and harnessing the power of social media influencers, the project opens doors for youth-owned agribusinesses and scalable enterprises. It's not just about creating jobs; it's about fostering an ecosystem where businesses thrive and individuals flourish.

"Looking beyond the immediate impact, the sustainability of the Twende Digital Project is rooted in its holistic approach. By empowering youth and women economically, we envision a ripple effect that contributes to the growth of the economy and poverty reduction. This is a commitment to building a sustainable future," continued Dr. Ehud.

In a world grappling with challenges, Twende Digital emerges as a beacon of hope, illuminating a path toward economic empowerment, inclusivity, and a future where every young individual has the opportunity to thrive. The partnership is also a testament to the transformative power of collaboration and innovation. Twende Digital is a roadmap towards a brighter, more equitable tomorrow.



Twende Digital Project Launch, from the right is Dr Ehud Gachugu, Director Youth and Jobs at KEPSA; Paul Ngugi, Deputy Country Lead CFYE; Peter Kironji, CEO TWIVA.

Over 3,900 People Died From Road Accidents In 2023 – CS Murkomen

By: Fredrick Parsayo

Over 3900 people have died as a result of road accidents this year. The accidents have been attributed to reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and over speeding. 70% of the accidents have been attributed to private vehicles with public service vehicles accounting for 40pc of the accidents. The number of accidents recorded this year have however gone down compared to last year where the country recorded over 4000 deaths as at December last year. Speaking during the launch of Usalama Barabarani Festive Season campaign in Nairobi, an initiative to guide stakeholders in the transport industry during the festive season and beyond, Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary, Kipchumba Murkomen noted that most of the accidents happen over the weekends due to drunk driving.

Pedestrians, cyclist and motorcycle riders account for the biggest number of road accident victims with calls to all road users to take individual responsibility to enhance road safety. “The majority of road traffic incidents can be prevented by adhering to safety rules. About 90% of accidents result from unsafe road user behaviour. I, therefore implore each citizen to take personal responsibility and minimise the factors that contribute to risky road behaviour,” Murkomen stated. Speaking during the launch transport stakeholders pledged to work together in ensuring no deaths are reported before ,during and after the festive season. On its part the National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse committing to work with players in the transport sector in ending drug and substance abuse among drivers and conductors. The Usalama Barabarani Festive Season campaign comes in the wake of a road accident that occurred Thursday last week in Londiani junction in Kericho county.



Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary, Kipchumba Murkome.

Karika Kenya Keen To Push For Representation

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KARIKA is an acronym of Kenyan Aged people Require Information, Knowledge & Advancement. This is a registered community based organization CBO, under the ministry of culture and social services in the year 2003, located in Dagoretti South Riruta location next to police station. KARIKA is under the wise leadership of the Founder and Managing Director Elijah Mwega, who on Saturday 16th December 2023 celebrated 20 years of this CBO. The mission of KARIKA is to inform, educate and promote policies and practice to improve the quality of life of older persons. It's also strives to support ageing people in the community; to make them self-sufficient and remove

them from the poverty trap. It aspires to advocate on behalf of the ageing people to ensure a better future and to give them hope in life. Elijah Mwega passionately spoke about the pressing need to have older persons represented in the National Assembly. He said: “In our National Assembly we have seen youths, women, and people living with disabilities being represented. Why is it that we lack representation as the senior citizens?” He therefore urged President William Ruto’s government to see to it that senior citizens are well represented. One senior citizen who attended the occasion, Josephine Nyambutu also implored upon the government to increase the monthly cash transfer program from the meagre Ksh 2,000 to something more substantive because the senior citizens have so many dependents that directly rely on them for upbringing.



Mr. Elijah Mwega is founder/CEO of KARIKA Kenya.

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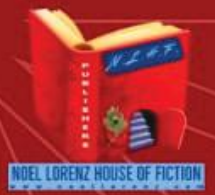
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Defects In The Formation Of Child Education



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Abstract: This article is about child education today shortcomings, paying attention to the environment in child education, the child not only the society, but also the family and school environment in education issues such as being considerate are also covered.

Key words: child education, society, environment, factors, organicity

Introduction

Child education is a problem in today's society is one of the issues. Education is first of all from the mother's womb starts. After birth, it is formed in the family. Man it is brought up from birth to the end of life. Education is actually one of the national and universal values of our people. As we mentioned above, education is formed in the family.

Then the child is gradually brought up in society in the neighborhood, kindergarten, school.

There is a beautiful proverb in our people: "Seven neighborhood parents for one child". It's not for nothing

In the street, when children do something wrong, we reprimand them or explain to them that what they are doing is wrong. No one will be dissatisfied with this.

After all, education is an ornament that decorates a person. As our grandfather Abdulla Awlani said

"Education is for us either life or death, salvation or destruction, happiness or disaster." In fact, upbringing is integrally related to education. Where there is no education, there is no education.

From the beginning, they do not separate education from education and education from education. They are taught in harmony, complementing each other. Education is never left out of the educational process. If education or training is ignored, the expected result will not happen. Today, with the initiatives of the honorable President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, several changes have been made to the primary school textbooks, including the Education textbook. At the heart of this change, education of the young generation from a young age is a sign that in the future our society will produce well-educated and knowledgeable young people. It is not for nothing that the saying "Knowledge acquired in youth is like a pattern carved in stone" is said

Education never looks at time and time. Every person is born and matures. During this period, he first learns morals and manners in the family. After the family, he gradually learns the rules of the neighborhood, kindergarten, school and society. At the same time, it shows personal feelings and upbringing. Takes an example from the character of others

Educating a person from time immemorial, familiarizing him with national traditions is one of the universal human values of our people. In particular, education is important for our Uzbek people. Education is one of the external factors that shape a person. Family,



8 Signs Your Child May Have a Learning Disability

neighborhood, school and community cooperation is important for the development of education. Family is the smallest unit of society. Society can realize or destroy certain possibilities of personal development. Therefore, every child should be attentive to his environment during the process of entering the society. It is necessary to control where the child goes with whom. The social environment also affects the formation of the child. The influence of the social environment on the formation of a person is based on education.

Because, first of all, under the influence of upbringing, knowledge and information that could not be given by the environment are acquired, skills and competencies related to work and technical activities are formed. Secondly, thanks to education, congenital defects are eliminated and the person matures. Fourth, education sets a goal for the future. So, education and development affect each other, such education is continuous and continuous. A person does not live with the upbringing he received in the family until the end of his life. As a result of external influences such as a conditioned reflex, various changes occur in his education over the years. The change in education is related to the child's "zones of closest

development" (L. S. Vygotsky), which are characterized by the emergence of psycho-physiological opportunities to acquire knowledge, skills, activities, etc. of a more complex content. But the strength of the influence of upbringing and its result are determined by the cooperation of factors such as heredity and environment.

Under the influence of upbringing, qualities that could not be given by the environment are acquired, that is, knowledge and information are acquired.

Thanks to education, birth defects can be changed and a person can be brought to maturity. For example, the blind and deaf are also educated and prepared for life along with healthy people.

The negative effects of the environment can be eliminated with the help of education.

Education always sets a goal for the future.

The process of the formation of the child's personality is carried out through the assimilation of the socio-historical experience of humanity in the conditions of upbringing and education. This happens in various types of activities. The result is the social relations of the society in which the child lives

A child's experience of acquiring so-

cial experience is a long and complex process. It is necessary to pay special attention to the period of adolescence in children's upbringing. This period passes positively in most teenagers. For many teenagers, it is a difficult process. In this period, only the idea of myself is the most important for them. Therefore, it is necessary for parents to properly guide adolescents in cooperation with other close relatives in the family and, when possible, teachers at school.

Education is an important quality for each of us. Even if he is well-educated or rich, if he is not educated, he will not be respected anywhere. His position in society will not be high. If we look at the lives of great scholars, learned scientists, they were an example for the people of that time in education. Therefore, we need to pay attention to every process or small item in educating ourselves and the future generation. Because that neglected place will become our heavy point tomorrow.

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Worth Noting:

- If education or training is ignored, the expected result will not happen. Today, with the initiatives of the honorable President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, several changes have been made to the primary school textbooks, including the Education textbook.
 - At the heart of this change, education of the young generation from a young age is a sign that in the future our society will produce well-educated and knowledgeable young people. It is not for nothing that the saying "Knowledge acquired in youth is like a pattern carved in stone" is said
- Education never looks at time and time. Every person is born and matures. During this period, he first learns morals and manners in the family. After the family, he gradually learns the rules of the neighborhood, kindergarten, school and society.

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Former World Record Holder Brigid Kosgei Caps Off Disappointing Year With Huge Win At Abu Dhabi Marathon



Brigid Kosgei crosses the finish line to win the Abu Dhabi Marathon. PHOTO/ABU DHABI MARATHON ..

Former world record holder for the women's marathon, Brigid Kosgei, clocked an impressive 2:19:15 to win the Abu Dhabi Marathon in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Saturday.

In second place was Ethiopian Hawi Feysa (2:24:03) as her compatriot, Ethlemahu Sintayehu, came third in 2:25:36.

The win couldn't have come at a perfect time for Kosgei who has endured a disappointing year in which she failed to make the po-

dium at the road races in which she competed.

She began the year with a fourth-place finish at the Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon in UAE, clocking 1:06:34, before she dropped out of April's London Marathon due to injury.

Her efforts for a first New York Marathon crown — and a third on American soil — fell agonisingly short when she finished fourth in 2:27:45.

Her triumph in Abu Dhabi

marks her first win in over year since she timed 1:06:46 to excel at the Lisbon Marathon in May last year.

In the men's race, the 2014 African Cross Country champion Leonard Barsoton clocked 2:09:37 to finish second, behind Eritrea's Samsom Amare Hailemichael, who beat the tape in 2:07:10.

Turkey's İlham Özbilen finished third in 2:10:16.

Second place was a massive im-

provement for Barsoton whose last race yielded sixth place for him at the New Delhi Half Marathon after timing 1:01:36.

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Kenyan Youngsters Show Off Fighting Skills As 11th Edition Of Mombasa Open International Tong Il Moo Do Championships Kick Off



The 11th edition of the Mombasa Open Tong Il Moo Do International Championships kicked off on Sunday night with several members of the national team in participation at the Aga Khan Multipurpose Hall in Mombasa. The competition, officially opened by the founder of this unified form of martial arts, Rev Sun Myung Moon, began with form competition, involving choreographed sequences of movements. The best performing Kenyans on

the night included Joseph Daud (9.00 points), Trevor Wanjiku (8.60 points) and Mohammed Shaban (8.90 points). Other members of Team Jasiri who were in action included Jambia Ali (6.30 points), Harrington Wanjala (5.80 points) and Sudi Mohammed (5.00 points). Competition proper will be on Monday evening when the sparring contest between different age categories get underway at the same venue.

Speaking via video link, Rev Moon expressed his delight at Kenya hosting another edition of the competition and wished all the contestants a wonderful two days of competition. “It gives me much pleasure to join you for this edition of the Mombasa Open Tong Il Moo Do Championships. I wish all the participants a wonderful experience as they compete with each other,” he said. This year’s edition has attracted

Kenya’s traditional rivals including Paraguay, India, South Korea, Philippines, Zimbabwe, Thailand and Zambia, among others. Team Jasiri will be hoping to fend off the threat of the competitors and preserve their hallowed status as the dominant force in the event by once again topping the medal table as they have done for the past 10 editions.

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Volta Fashion Week 2023 - Junior Kaba Konaté



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Worth Noting:

- In 2019 I entrusted myself to a modeling agency International Agence Riim-Fashion after one month the same year 2019, I started to parade in the regions of my country, and in 2020 I traveled to represent my country in Burkina Faso, and Mali, Bamako too, so on behalf of the agency in 2021, I have won Mr. ISMA,
- Mr. King International Guinea, 1st runner-up Mister king International Africa and 3rd runner-up, also Mister king International world in the global competition I obtained the prize for best multimedia.
- the same year 2021, I represented my country Guinea in Mali Bamako at the FESTIVAL Urbaine Mode et Art (FUMA) I won the prize for best discovery model 2021, I had the opportunity in two (2) major fashion shows fashion show in Bamako on the 3rd edition of WORLD COTTON DAY and the MALI FASHION ROUND.



Junior Kaba Konaté.

1. Who are you?	Junior Kaba Konaté.	And my highlight is also in Ouaga in Burkina Faso
2. Where do they come from?	Guinea Conakry	4. Who should I give credit to?
		My family
3. Where did your professional journey begin?	It was in 2020 Paris Fashion Tour	5. The highlight of your career?
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my country Guinea in Mali Bama-ko at the FESTIVAL Urbaine Mode et Art (FUMA) I won the prize for best discovery model 2021, I had the opportunity in two (2) major fashion shows fashion show in Bamako on the 3rd edition of WORLD COTTON DAY and the MALI FASHION ROUND.

6. Fashion is diverse and growing so to answer the question of; What do you think of African fashion?

African fashion is an industry that is growing by leaps and bounds in African cities. Many designers offer good quality handcrafted products. Woven loincloth clothing has particular colors that make African ready-to-wear a style of its own. I think we need to support creators by becoming major distribution channels for them.

7. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Being a great model having and recognized all over the world.

8. How did you hear about Volta Fashion Week?

Last year on social media

9. Are you coming to the event? Yes, of course am coming!

10. Do you think you are the best at your job?

Yes of course!

11. How can we contact you?

(Social media handles) my official Facebook page Kaba junior Konaté and my Instagram Mannequinkabajr.

12. Your last word!

You must always live from your passion and not rely on anyone and always give the best of yourself.