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More Opportunities For Minorities And Marginalized: Ruto



President William Ruto has reiterated his commitment to fostering inclusivity and protecting the rights of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities in the country.

The President's remarks were conveyed by the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Dr. Musalia Mudavadi during the international day for minority rights at the Bomas of Kenya.



President William Ruto

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Kirwara Hospital In Murang'a County Gets Upgrade

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Newly launched Kirwara hospital in Gatanga constituency

Worth Noting:

- “Apart from wards, the hospital will have both female and male surgical wards; and pediatric wards and also have offices for medical/doctors’ offices, nurse stations and consultation rooms. From now henceforth, locals will access specialized treatment from this facility,” added Kang’ata
- The governor further noted the county government will add a number of nurses among other health practitioners at the facility so as to enable efficient delivery of services.

Services at Kirwara Level IV hospital in Gatanga Sub-County within Murang’a County are set to improve after the facility got new wards, offices and theatres.

A four storey hospital building that hosts new general and casualty wards, administration offices among other facilities was launched on Sunday thus increasing the hospital’s potential to serve many residents from the sub county and neighbouring environs.

With the new building, bed capacity at general wards was increased from 18 to 100 beds and maternity capacity from 11 to 30 beds.

The expansion of the hospital will see men also be admitted for treatment as in the past the facility could only admit women and children.

Launching the hospital building, Governor Irungu Kang’ata hailed completion

of the project saying construction of the building which was started by the former county regime had stalled for some years.

He said his administration prioritized the completion of building in order to boost service delivery and relieve locals who were forced to seek medical care from health facilities in the neighbouring Kiambu County.

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of services.

Kang’ata explained that operations in the hospital will be digitized so as to increase efficiency in the service delivery.

“The digitization of operations in our hospitals has for far boosted efficiency since we can monitor supplies and disbursement of drugs from some health facilities and here in Kirwara we will also computerize operations. Computers have been installed and patients will not be required to carry cards when they visit the facility since their records will be captured and kept digitally,” he explained.

Meanwhile, the governor observed his government is working to complete other health facilities which had stalled.

“We are about to complete Nyakianga level 4 hospital in Mathioya sub county as we have completed some health centres which were started by CDF some

years back. Number of dispensaries have been completed and residents are getting services from the facilities,” he added.

A week ago, the county government launched new wards at Maragua and Bil-dad Kagia hospitals.

Gatanga MCA John Ngugi lauded the expansion of the hospital saying it can now handle various medical cases saying people from the area have suffered as they sought medical care from hospitals in Thika and Murang’a town.

“The hospital initially was mainly handling maternal health care and few general health cases but with the new building, the facility can be equipped to handle specialized health treatment,” he noted.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



The National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA) and the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) have launched a road safety campaign to reduce road accidents during the festive season. The campaign aims to raise awareness about the causes and effects of road accidents and share policies to minimise them. Deputy County Police Commander Paul Wambugu urged drivers to avoid over-speeding and reckless driving, while NACADA North Rift Regional Manager Eunice Arubia emphasised the significant role alcohol and drug abuse play in road accidents. County Chairman Uasin Gishu Matatu Sacco Union Fred Wamu pledged to ensure drivers adhere to road safety and raise awareness about drunk driving, high speeding, and overworking during busy periods. Meanwhile, County Chairman Uasin Gishu Boda Boda Union Nahashon Kipchumba emphasised the need for careful passenger transport without carrying excess passengers to avoid accidents. The campaign aims to reduce fatalities during the festive season by adhering to government rules and regulations.



Kenya's Kenya Demographic and Health Survey (KDHS) has been released, allowing leaders in Kitui County to plan development projects and address various issues. The 2022 KDHS data, jointly carried out by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) and the Ministry of Health, provides up-to-date estimates of demographic and health indicators to guide planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation on population and health-related programs at both national and county levels. Kitui County Executive for Planning, Mr. Victor Mwangi, commended the survey findings, stating that it will help identify development projects' priorities and provide solutions to local problems. The survey revealed serious water shortages, high numbers of firewood-dependent families, and high rates of malaria and infant mortality. Despite high rates of women using family planning methods, the county has a high fertility rate compared to the national rate. However, some sectors, like basic sanitation facilities, are performing well. The survey findings on gender-based violence and education level in Kitui County have performed fairly compared to national data.



The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and Twiva have announced the Twende Digital Project, funded by the Challenge Fund for Youth Employment (CFYE), to create work opportunities for young digital content creators and support SMEs in adopting technology through intensive capacity building and technical assistance. The project aims to address youth unemployment in Kenya, where over 50% of the 2.97 million jobless Kenyans are aged 18 to 29. The Challenge Fund for Youth Employment plans to create 230,000 jobs for young people in Africa by 2026, focusing on dignified and fulfilling work.

The Twende Digital Project will provide significant work opportunities to both rural and urban settings in Kenya, including Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Mombasa, Eldoret, Nyeri, Machakos, Kiambu, Garissa, and Kakamega. 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 SMEs' goods, linkage to logistics and fulfilment partners, digital marketing training, and digital marketing advisory services.

The project aims to elevate the average income of employed youth from less than Sh10,000 to approximately Sh25,000, injecting vitality into the lives of young individuals. It allocates 60% of opportunities to women-led SMEs and focuses on building digital skills among SMEs. The project also provides start-up opportunities for youth without formal experience or capital, especially in logistics and shipping of products to clients.



Kenyan scientists and international partners are working to save the Northern White Rhino species from extinction through in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), with only two remaining at Ol Pejeta conservancy in Laikipia County. The BioRescue team has harvested 29 oocytes from one female northern white rhino, which were flown to Italy for maturation. The oocytes will be fused with sperm from Sudan, the Northern male white rhino that died in 2018 due to poor health. The remaining white rhinos are incapable of supporting pregnancy due to old age and health-related problems, so they are taking their chances through surrogate mothers. However, the southern white rhino and a close relative of the northern white rhino are being considered as suitable embryo carriers. The IVF process, which had never been tested before, is the only hope in saving the species. The timing is crucial, as it would be a huge success to see calves interact with the two remaining northern white rhinos, ensuring they get the traits of their parents. The conservationists aim to rescue the species while their parents are still alive, and they want to see a young calf with one of these females to share some of the social behaviours and other traits needed to maintain the population. The project has equal challenges as it was the first of its kind, and efforts are now geared towards ensuring the species' survival.

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Grow Trade Volumes To Support Economic Recovery, DP Tells New Envoys

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has asked the newly appointed envoys to prioritise expanding the export market for Kenya's produce for maximum economic gain.

Speaking when he hosted more than 40 new Ambassadors, Consuls Generals, High Commissioners, Deputy Heads of Mission at the Official Residence in Karen, Nairobi, Mr Gachagua said the Ruto Administration is supporting crop production alongside reforms in key sectors to boost the economy and the envoys must ensure they align.

"We are enhancing food production. If there is no commensurate market, farmers will give up. You have to help us market coffee, tea, milk, miraa and other products," he said.

Mr Gachagua told the envoys to plan on expanding trade opportunities, increasing direct investment, seeking bilateral labour agreements for more jobs for Kenyans abroad, adding that their performance will be evaluated on the economic gains to the country.

"We want you to study the current volumes of trade. In a year, there must be a shift in capturing new markets and retaining the existing ones. There must be a difference. Your contracts are pegged on deliverables on the gains in volumes of trade, secured jobs, among other measures. Without delivery, you have no business being at the missions," the Deputy President said.

Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora

Affairs Musalia Mudavadi said the Kenya is a country of interest globally and the ambassadors need to ride on this for the economic benefit.

Further, the Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives Simon Chelugui said coffee, tea and other farmers are looking forward to better prices for their products, therefore the envoys need to explore lucrative markets abroad. He pointed out the Economic Partnership Agreement signed by the European Union and Kenya on Monday, African Free Trade Area Agreement and other trade pacts as enabling frameworks for deepening the country's footprint in the international market.

On the other part, the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism Alfred Mutua said Kenya must occupy its rightful place as the most preferred destination. He pledged commitment in working with the envoys in promoting the country's products to increase the number of tourists.

The Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau told the envoys that they will be required to report back on their progress in expanding bilateral and multi-lateral opportunities for Kenya.

The Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs Korir Sing'oei said the gender, professional and other forms of diversity reflected in the team is good for results.

The Deputy President said the work of trade attachés will be aligned to support the envoys in delivering on the Ruto Administration's focus on economic diplomacy.

"We must seize the space to build and strengthen commercial diplomacy. You need to be extremely aggressive," he said.

Besides agroproduce, the Deputy



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

President asked the diplomats to market the tourism sites of the country. He said Kenya is leading in tourist products and excursions in Africa and globally, but the country is yet to reap the maximum benefits.

"We are not doing well in tourism. We want you to lead in marketing the National Parks and Reserves. We also have exotic beaches. Come up with a programme of marketing these products," he said.

He asked the ambassadors to work with the Diaspora community in strategically positioning Kenya as a tourist, investment and quality export leader.

He also asked them to pursue and ne-

gotiate labour migration agreements to streamline job opportunities for Kenyans abroad.

The Deputy President said the over six million youth have no jobs. The number of jobs secured will also be an evaluation measure for the ambassadors. He asked them to create good frameworks to ensure Kenyans abroad are treated with dignity and humanely.

Further, the Deputy President said the diplomats need to seek strategic partnership and drive foreign direct investment into the country to also create local jobs. He urged them to align their Mission's priorities to the Kenya Kwanza Plan's Pillars.

His office, he said, is ready to unlock investment and partnership opportunities in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, and other relevant agencies.

The Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism Dr Alfred Mutua, Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives Simon Chelugui, Secretary to the Cabinet Mercy Wanjau, Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs Dr. Korir Sing'oei and the Principal Secretary for Diaspora Affairs Roseline Njogu.

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Wanjiku Wakogi Is The New Chief Of Staff At The Office Of The Deputy President

By: Our Correspondent

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The Office of the Deputy President has a new Chief of Staff.

Ms Wanjiku Wakogi is the new staff boss at the second powerful political office in the country.

Yesterday, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua witnessed the change of guard where the outgoing Chief of Staff George McGoye handed over the reigns to Ms Wakogi at his Official residence in Karen, Nairobi.

A lawyer by profession, Ms Wakogi is a long-serving Public Servant who has led an illustrious career in various offices and Departments where she has served with distinction.

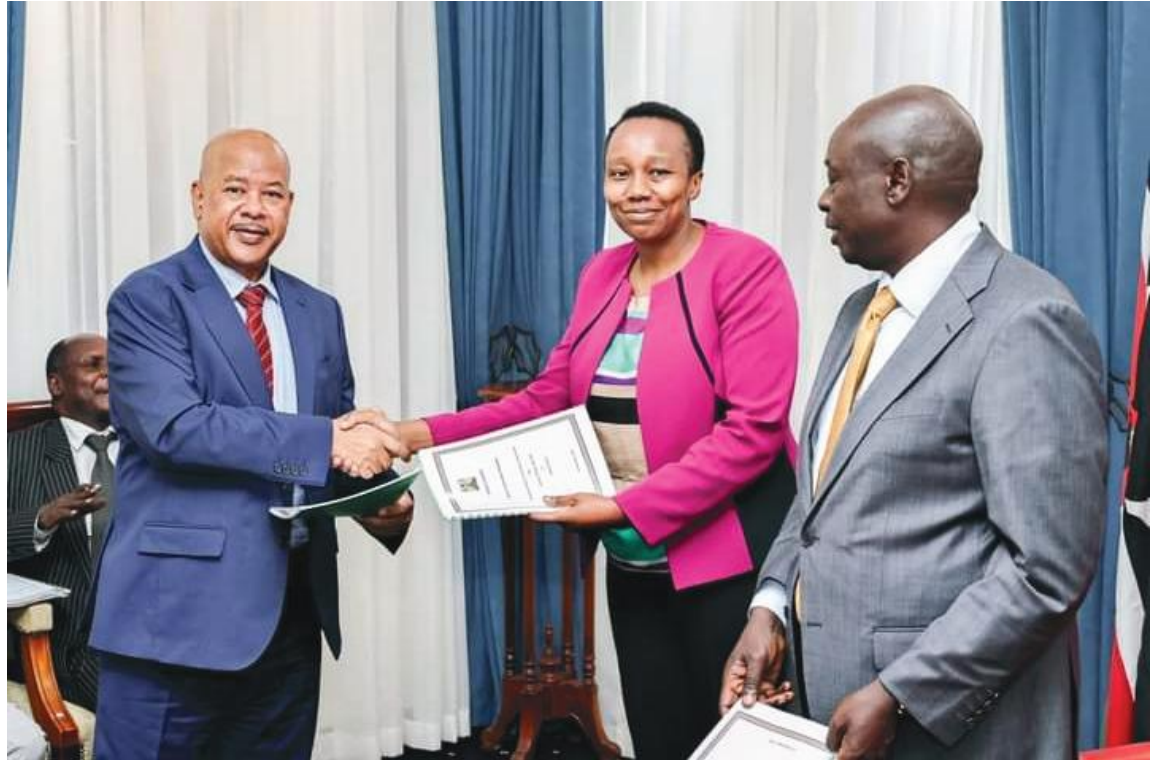
Ms Wakogi has amassed a wealth of expertise in governance. The high-profile technocrat and team leader has risen through ranks and has served as the Secretary to State Corporations Advisory Committee.

While witnessing the handover, Gachagua noted that Ms Wakogi's entry in his office will inject renewed energy for effective and efficient discharge of the mandate of his office.

"We will accord her maximum support as she leads the team," the Deputy President noted.

Gachagua observed that Mr McGoye, the Designate Ambassador to Djibouti served his office with utmost dedication.

"We thank him for his leadership as he proceeds to serve our beloved Nation in another capacity and wish him all the best in his endeavours," he stated.



Mr George McGoye handing over the reigns of Deputy President Chief of Staff to Ms Wanjiku Wakogi as DP looks on..

Governor Muthomi Makes State Of The County Address, Lauds Prudent Use Of Revenue

By: Our Correspondent

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Tharaka Nithi County governor Muthomi Njuki made the State Of The County address yesterday where he attributed the growth in revenue to prudent use of public resources.

The governor said his administration had enhanced surveillance on revenue loopholes, making the county to feel the impact of own revenue collected.

According to the governor who made the address at the area County Assembly chambers, revenue collection in the last six years has grown by 257 per cent, a bigger percentage being in the last year.

Governor Njuki, who is serving his second term as governor, said revenue collection when he took office was at KSh79 million but has grown over the time and was now approach-

ing KSh250 million, with projections of about KSh350 million by the end of the next financial year.

While insisting on the need to collect more, Njuki noted the credit worthiness of the county would improve if more revenue was collected, thus opening up space for more disbursement from the National Government in equitable share.

The governor however noted that there has been no increase in levies for traders, only tightening loopholes that may result in pilferage.

The governor also noted his administration's efforts in enhancing the health docket, insisting he was in the process of upgrading some Level III hospitals to Level IV in an effort to decongest queues at level at the Level V hospital.



Tharaka Nithi County governor Muthomi Njuki making the State of The County Address yesterday

Ruto Promises More Opportunities For Minorities And Marginalized Communities

By: KBC Digital



Worth Noting:

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President William Ruto has reiterated his commitment to fostering inclusivity and protecting the rights of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities in the country.

The President's remarks were conveyed by the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Dr. Musalia Mudavadi during the international day for minority rights at the Bomas of Kenya.

The President's address marked the first official celebration of this significant day in Kenya's history, aligning the nation with global efforts to safeguard the rights of minority groups. The President, through Dr. Mudavadi, commenced the discourse by highlighting the significance of the UN Declaration on Minority Rights, adopted on December 18, 1992.

"This day has been marked internationally for the last 30 years, yet it is only today that Kenya is joining the community of nations to officially mark this significant day," remarked President Ruto.

The theme for this inaugural celebration, "Recognizing, Empowering, and Protecting the Rights of Minorities and the Marginalized," resonates with Kenya's commitment to unity in diversity. President Ruto's vision, encapsulated in the preamble of our Constitution, emphasizes values of human rights, equality, freedom, democracy, social justice, and the rule of law.

"Article 56 of our Constitution is particularly instructive on the steps, including affirmative action measures, that the State ought to take," noted the President through Dr. Mudavadi.

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As President, he continued this commitment by appointing members of minority groups to high-ranking positions. To institutionalize support, President Ruto unveiled the Minorities and Marginalized Affairs Unit under the Presidency through Executive Order Number 2 of 2023. This unit aims to spearhead the recognition, promotion, and protection of the rights of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities.

As the President asserted, "Our intelligence service remains alert and laser-focused at all times. Not even an inch of Kenya shall be surrendered to criminal elements."

This commitment extends to addressing historical land injustices, mitigating the effects of climate change on minority communities, and ensuring security in banditry-prone areas. The President, through Dr. Mudavadi, concluded by pledging to establish a task force to review government policies affecting minorities comprehensively.

"It is expected that this task force shall come up with various recommendations, including the policy, legal, and institutional frameworks necessary to drive affirmative action programs," he stated.

President Ruto's vision for a "Kenya ya Usawa," where every citizen feels they belong, is a call to action for all Kenyans. The inaugural celebration of the International Minority Rights Day is a historic step towards a more inclusive and equitable future for Kenya.

The President has directed that the celebrations be held annually from next year.

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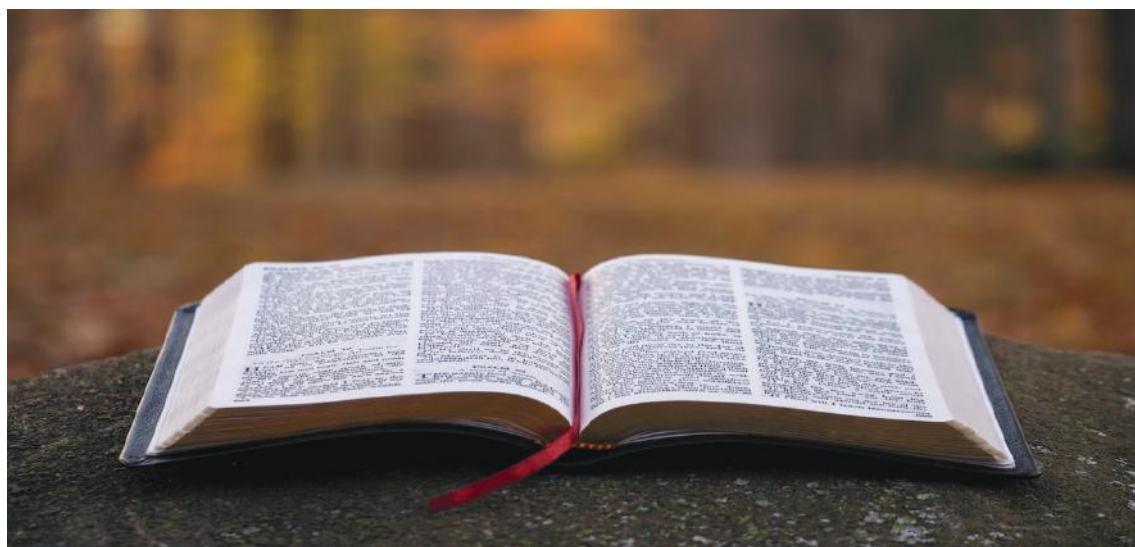
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John's Gospel informs us that when Jesus completed His baptizing ministry in Judea and decided to return to Galilee, He deemed it necessary to go through Samaria, which brought him to the ancient town of Sychar. Specifically, John tells us that "Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour" (John 4:6). The sixth hour was noon, midday, time for a meal. So the Lord sent His disciples into town for groceries while He wearily sat down by the well for some needed rest.

The words "tired as he was" seem to indicate that he sat down just as a tired man collapses in a motionless heap after a hard day's work. He was exhausted, and for good reason. A glance at the Gospels reveals that He RARELY HAD ANY TIME FOR

HIMSELF UNLESS HE STOLE AWAY. When not being pressed by the multitudes, He was ministering to the Twelve or the inner circle of three or to irrepresible Peter. And He was always on the dusty road. At one point He had Himself said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20). No wonder He was more weary than His disciples, for when mental fatigue and physical weariness meet, there you find an exhausted man. So Jesus plopped down motionless.

It was so nice to be alone in the warm sun and not moving. It is quite possible that the Lord had His eyes closed when He heard approaching steps and looked up to see a Samaritan woman. It would have been so easy for Him to sleepily close his eyes, saying to Himself, "I have been ministering to thousands . . . she's alone . . . just one person. And I have got to relax. If I do not take care of My body, who will?" But not Jesus! Our Lord went for her heart in one of the grandest cases of spiritual aggression ever recorded. JESUS' HEART WAS SO GIVEN TO THE CARE OF SOULS THAT HE MUS-



TERED UP THE STRENGTH TO MINISTER EVEN WHEN HE WAS AT THE EDGE OF HIS PHYSICAL CAPACITY. People who share the disciplines of Christ's heart will likewise reach out even when exhausted. It has been said that the world is run by tired men, and it is true, for we daily see that America is run by tired political leaders — and that wars are won by exhausted generals — and that peace is secured by tired diplomats — and that great legislation is accomplished by weary legislators.

The reason for this is that such leaders are willing to put themselves out whenever necessary in order to accomplish their noteworthy tasks. GOD IS OUR STRENGTH, OUR SOURCE. WE WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME AND BE ABLE IN JESUS CHRIST MIGHTY NAME: AMEN.
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'Kalenjin New Billionaires' Story Mainly Designed To Taint The Name Of CS Murkomen



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Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen .



Worth Noting:

- The authors would turn deaf ear to this positive development. Out of blue, they would instead allege that the CS received a bribe during this visit. Which contractor gave the bribe? Where did they meet? The time and date? The authors would not answer these questions. So, no right thinking Kenyan would buy this. Most of them would interpret this as a well-choreographed fiction, a white lie.
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A few days ago, a weekly newspaper published a story headlined 'Ruto Kalenjin New Billionaires'. When I read it, I realized that Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen was their main target.

The authors had made damning allegations linking him to corrupt dealings. They would not however adduce an iota of evidence to support the claims.

The story had been preceded by President William Ruto's state visit to China. The Transport CS is among the leaders who had accompanied him. He had not gone there as a tourist. He was there to undertake official duties.

As we know, President Ruto had been invited by his Chinese counterpart to attend China-Africa Belt and Roads Summit. Thereafter, the two leaders held bilateral talks and Kenya scored big. Dr Ruto managed to secure lucrative deals and agreements meant to support many sectors of the Kenya economy. Regarding support on infrastructural development, CS Kipchumba and his counterpart signed the agreements.

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He was preaching water and drinking wine and hence taking them a ride.

The work ethics and laws regulating the field of journalism does not allow members of fourth estate to originate or be the sources of the stories.

Therefore I want to believe that the authors of the story had relied on the views they had gathered from the well known political opponents of the President.

The sources were not based on facts and were totally skewed and biased.

It is worth noting that Dr Ruto was not re-inventing the wheel. The previous Kenyan heads of state and government had also appointed close allies from their respective community to serve in strategic top-notch public dockets. They would consider them because the role they had played to bankroll and support their campaigns.

The late Cabinet Minister George Saitoti was one of them. President Mwai Kibaki had appointed him to serve in a powerful docket of Internal Security. This is despite Saitoti's name having been adversely mentioned as the key architecture of the multi-billion Goldernburg scandal that shook the country during the era of President Daniel Arap Moi.

Saitoti had not cleared his name by the time he got that coveted job.

Get me right here. I'm not saying that two wrongs can make right. For Dr Ruto's allies, there was no evidence linking anyone of them to corruption scandals.

This is not the first time we have heard the names of such leaders being dropped and linked to imaginative corruption scandals.

This time, the top leaders of ODM and Azimio coalition are at work.

Many Kenyans believe this is because they lost the elections of 2022, period. They were yet to come to terms that Dr Ruto had defeated them.

For Raila Odinga, the loss was so devastating and painful. He never thought he can lose at a time when the outgoing President, Deep State and System was on his side.

Dr Ruto was however clever. He had coined the narratives of the hustlers versus Dynasties and bottom-up economic model. This enabled him to rally majority of Kenyans behind him. That is how he beat Baba with ease.

It is worth noting that timing of the story coincided with President Ruto's making new strides in the war against corruption.

The President was not only talking tough but more importantly escalating the matter by calling on the anti-graft bodies to immediately commence the probes and ensure the culprits are brought to justice.

The President's interventions have been resonating very well with the masses.

This is because this was a departure from Uhuru Kenyatta's presidency.

Uhuru was known for talking tough but without taking any tangible action.

There was a time he said that Sh2 billion was being stolen every day in Kenya but this matter ended there.

He had earlier shocked Kenyans when he hosted the heads of anti-graft bodies at State House Nairobi.

Though one would have expected him to take on them for frustrating his administration's efforts to fight mega corruption scandals, he instead appeared helpless as he threw his hands in air. Uhuru posed: What do you want me to do? Kenyans interpreted this to mean they were on their own.

Since he assumed office, President Ruto has made great strides. When a plot to steal Sh3.7 billion from the Global Fund meant to buy and supply mosquito nets to the down-trodden Kenyans was brought to his attention, he immediately nipped the plot in the bud.

He fired the senior officials at the Ministry of Health and Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) who had been adversely mentioned.

He also called for the prosecution of the culprits.

The President have also been cracking the whip to streamline other sectors, the latest ones being Athi Water Works Development Agency, Rift Valley Water Works and Kenya Forest Service (KFS).

At Water Works, the heads of the two agencies are among top officials being investigated.

At KFS, he endorsed the decision of the board to send 29 managers and forest rangers packing. Those culpable should face the law.

The Azimio coalition is yet to prove their claims despite receiving a strong back-up from a section of the mainstream houses championing thier course.

In yester years, Azimio leader Raila Odinga had curved a niche of being a whistleblower. He had indeed become a household during the reign of President Mwai Kibaki and his successor Uhuru Kenyatta.

He had unearthed and exposed a number of mega corruption scandals. He would ride on these campaigns to forcibly join the government and occupy his seat on the high table. The role of whistle blowing would come to an end. So, Kenyans would end up being the biggest losers.

Today, we know Raila is harboring

a major grudge with President Ruto. As such, one would have expected him to be in forefront of exposing the so called corruption scandals if they ever existed.

He would not dare to do this. Reason? He knew he would end up being embarrassed and ashamed because of peddling outright lies.

He had left his brigade to play this card. By painting Dr Ruto in bad light, he hoped this would make him soften his stance and invite him for talks. He has since realized Ruto is a hard nut to crack.

For now, Raila wants to make peace with the President. Has realized this when it is too late?

He is desperately looking for an opportunity to sit down with President Ruto.

Sometimes back he had revealed that the President of Tanzania Samia Suluhu was in Nairobi and she spent two nights. He fell short of saying he is the one who had invited her.

He said the purpose of her visit was to initiate talks between him and president Ruto.

But this did not come to pass. She left before meeting the president.

Here, Raila's seemed to blow hot and cold. On one hand he cast a picture that the President is now ready for dialogue, but on other hand one would ask. Why did Suluhu left before meeting Dr Ruto if that was the case?

Many believe the other political card that Raila was out to play is this.

Dr Ruto was ready for dialogue. However, the top guns of ruling Kenya Kwanza government were vehemently opposed to talks.

On this issue, Dr Ruto has since cornered him. The National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) chaired by Wiper Leader Kalonzo Musyoka and Majority leader Kimani Ichungwah has already finalized the talks and unveiled the final report. This is seen as a win-win for all Kenyans.

It is worth noting. Raila lost the election to Dr Ruto. After being declared the winner by the IEBC chairman, Raila filed a petition at the Supreme Court of Kenya to challenge his victory. He lost the case and the court upheld the Dr Ruto's victory.

Also, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka confirmed this when he spoke in Machakos during the Saba Saba demonstrations. He stated. Our eader Raila Odinga lost but Ruto won with a slight margin of 60,000 votes. This explains why the country is divided in the middle. We therefore call upon Ruto to respond to our calls for dialogue.

With this, President Ruto does not owe Raila any debt.

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Pastor Dorcas Rigathi Asks Kenyans To Stay Sober Throughout The Festive Season

By: OSDP

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Kenyans have been asked to desist from indulging in alcohol drinking this festive season to protect their loved ones from road accidents, bodily disfigurement, and early deaths.

The spouse of the Deputy President, Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, who champions for a sober nation free from alcohol, drugs, and substance abuse emphasized this sobriety message as Kenyans enter the two-week period of festivities marking Merry Christmas and New Year.

“I am sending you this message because I know very many people have been maimed, and others will not enjoy Christmas because a few days ago, they had an accident. And most of these accidents are caused by drunk driving. I pray that today, as I speak to you as a mother in this nation, my children, as you drive, drive sober, and ensure that your

children and family are safe,” said Pastor Dorcas.

She also pointed out the critical role of fathers in giving direction to the society and families as providers, protectors and role models.

“Fathers, you will be carrying your families in those cars, and you must be careful the way you behave this Christmas. Let us not lose lives for nothing when we are able to be able to control ourselves,” she said, adding, “With the celebrations in the air, I want you to celebrate, and celebrate alive.”

Noting her robust campaign for the boy child that involved visiting the drug dens of Mombasa, and implementing drug rehabilitation programs in Nyeri, Bomet, Kiambu, and Chuka, Pastor Dorcas sympathized with thousands who had destroyed their destiny from overindulgence in alcohol and other drugs.

“Destinies can be destroyed by just drinking. I have been with very many people in the drug dens of Mombasa, others in Chuka, Nyeri, Kiambu and Bomet, and all I ask during this festive

season is that let us not be intoxicated by the alcohol, wines and spirits, and other substances,” said Pastor Dorcas.

She called on Kenyans to embrace the spirit of love, and sharing with their families and the less fortunate during the festivities. Days ago, Pastor Dorcas visited the Mother Teresa Children’s Home in Langata, where she donated some foodstuffs for the girls with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

Pastor Dorcas Rigathi speaks at the Karen Residence, Nairobi. Photo/OSDP/ Dan Mugo

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Making Insurance Affordable

By: John Kariuki
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For many years, insurance in Kenya was thought of as a farfetched venture. Most Kenyans shunned from buying insurance and only a small fraction of the elite gave it a deeper thought.

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Mr Macharia says this has come as a welcome gesture more so to millions of Kenyans who get their daily bread from the informal sector.

He called upon Kenyans to exercise caution this festive season when at times we witness several accidents.

Ezekiel Macharia CEO Kenbright Insurance.

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Creating Christmas Comfort at Kamiti Youth Correctional Training Centre



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Amidst the spirit of the festive season, Kamiti Youth Correctional Training Centre in partnership with the Kenyan Government yesterday radiated a heartwarming ambiance of celebration and camaraderie. Despite the confines of correctional life, the facility is transformed into a haven of joy and hope during this Christmas period.

The dedicated staff at Kamiti have yesterday orchestrated a series of events and activities, aimed at nurturing a sense of belonging and fostering a festive atmosphere for the

young individuals within its walls. From cheerful decorations adorning the halls to engaging workshops and artistic endeavors, the Centre is abuzz with holiday spirit.

In the warmth of the holiday season, amidst these walls, we kindle the flames of hope, offering the gift of compassion and guidance, fostering a haven of joy and transformation within Kamiti Youth Correctional Training Centre.” - PS Omollo stated

Moreover, various initiatives have been implemented to ensure the youths experience the joy of the season. Special meals had been prepared, reminiscent of traditional Christmas feasts, to offer a taste of home and togetherness. Additionally, the community has generously contributed gifts and donations, providing moments of delight and warmth for the young residents.

Waneni Kireri the head of the state of correctional services in Kenya addressing media next to her PS Raymond Omollo at Kamiti Youth Correctional Training Centre



Dr. Ekra Ndung’u: Inspiring Women in Leadership

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Dr. Ekrah Ndungu has been inspiring women and young girls in leadership sphere she is the CEO of the German Institute of Professional Studies, based in Nairobi, Kenya. She is also an Educational consultant (TVET Expert); corporate trainer; an Advisor, a career coach and Mentor; an Inspirational & motivational speaker in Africa. She is a certified Emotional Intelligence Coach & Women Empowerment coach from Transformational Leadership Academy, USA and is a certified Life Coach, besides being a careers, confidence, and women empowerment Coach.... Serves as Chairperson Welfare Committee of Chief executive officers Association (Association of Christian CEOs in Kenya), she’s also the National Chairperson Kenya National Association of private Colleges(KENAPCO) the umbrella body of all private

colleges in Kenya.

Apart from being the guest speaker during the continental Awards where many companies from across Africa were recognized.....

Dr Ekrah was also on Friday even feted yet again by Pacesetter s Award, in an auspicious ceremony that went down at Serena Hotel in Tanzania.

The humble, God fearing, inspirational, motivational, kindhearted Dr Ekrah had this to say. ‘We do not need to import people come solve our challenges in Africa, our entrepreneurs will solve that. Africa needs economic freedom which is every single entrepreneurs business to do in their own small way. It’s the right season for us to start export expatriates to the world to solve their labor challenges, for it is a challenge not to have a young generation. We pride of a youthful generation which we should also shape to be innovative. And true to those sentiments she’s guided many young people over the years on bettering their live by moving & working in Germany

Dr. Ekra Ndung’u receiving an award.



O Child, Look Around



O child, look around
We live in a peaceful world
You have no worries in the world
Even then, look and complain!

Let me tell you a story
This is not a myth, listen to my music

Brave Avlonj from Tashkent
Marifatparvar was a man, you remember
Behbudi, the father of Jadids
His books are left without him

They said, read only, we will give a label
Don't you need knowledge?
Allow me, boss

A farmer, not a craftsman, but a scientist

This is our country of the past
He gave his life to save, after all
Think about the great nation
The end for the blackened nation

Do you think Joe should have been bailed
out?

My ancestors could not stand slavery
Heaven, your name is great
The children of my country are my
grandfathers

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GLAZOUNOV" International Music
Competition held in FRANCE.
In 2014, I won the 1st place in the cello
category in the internal competition "The
best performed etude" held at the R.G'lyer
music school in Tashkent.
In 2016, I won the 1st-2nd place in the
chamber music works "MOKHIRONA
IJROCHISI" held at the R.G'lyer Music
Lyceum in Tashkent.
In 2017, I was awarded the 3rd level
Diploma in the Field of "Cello and Double
Bass" named after "ILYOS IBROKHIMOV"
in the city of Tashkent.
In 2023, I will work in a new direction,
art-digital.
Currently, I am studying at Bengala art
International art-digital school.

My Father



You are the most charitable father in the
world,
You say that you are my life and my world.
Father, you are always my friend,
You are my rock of support, Father.

After all, the world is dark to me without
you.
The world is dark without you.
This world is not yours, Father.
In the most beautiful world, my country is
my father.

My father who always remembers my step,
My hope is my father.
You are still the best,
My soulless world is with you, Father.

MY
mom

The most respected person in the world,
This is my mother.
The kindest person in the world,
This is my mother.

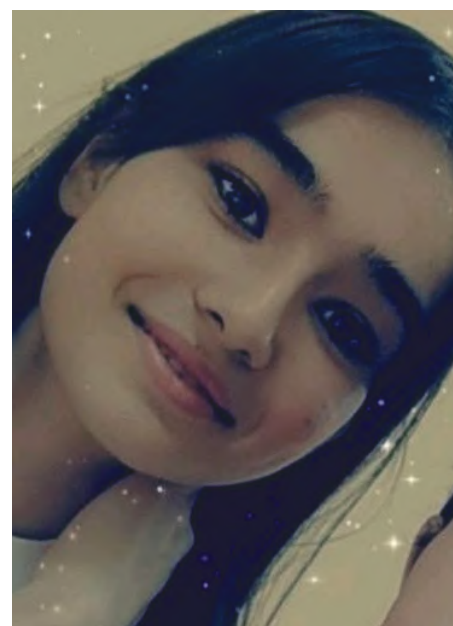
Heaven is under my feet,
My mother is an angel.
My spring with mint and tulips,
This is my mother.

A pencil is not enough to describe the
mother.

The pencil cries to describe the mother.
My heavenly person this is my mother,
Respectable, dear this is my mother.

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The Poxxes Of Life



Life is an endless ocean at the bottom
of the sea, and its participants are each
person himself. The world is a bottomless
space and a destination.
Every person in this space wants to go
to the endless ocean but on the other
hand, those at the destination want to
go to the bottom of the sea, that is, to

the cliff.
The real law of this life is very difficult
to understand. Only the patient can
understand and endure it. Does the sea
only help people to forget their pains or
does it remind them of all their pains
and sorrows? Sometimes people ask
themselves if they are living or if they
say that are living or if they say that
they are living dead.
Life is so hard to live!!!

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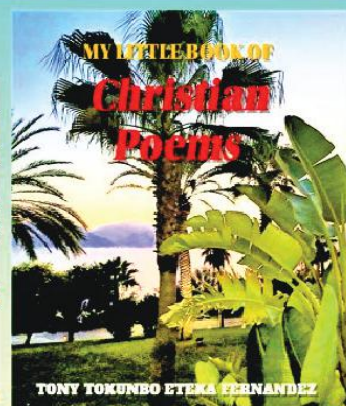
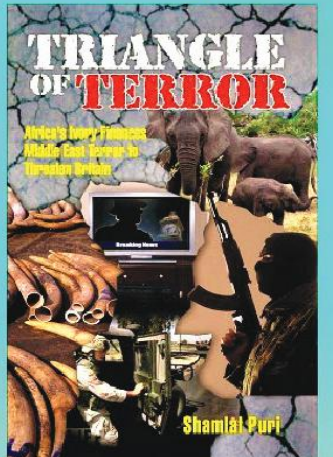
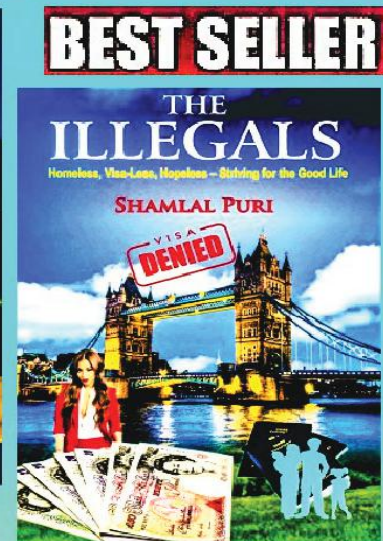
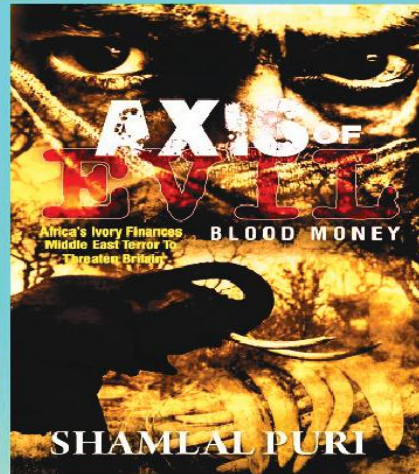
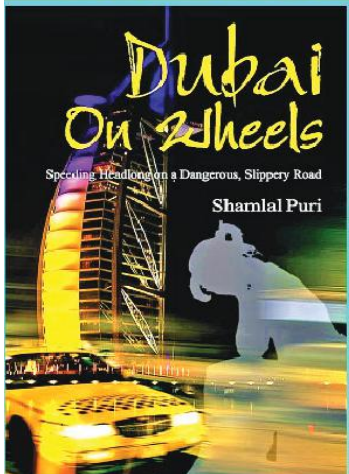
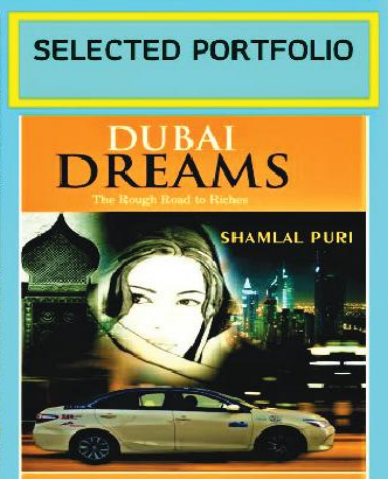
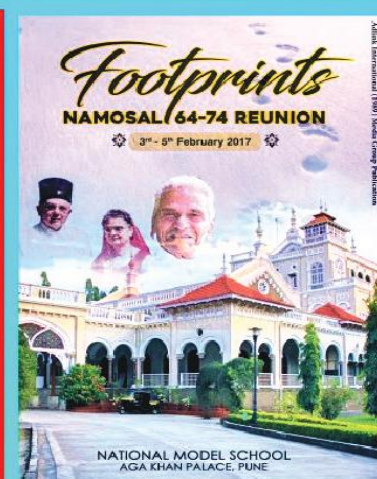
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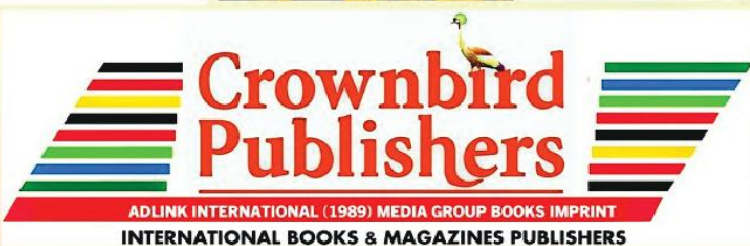
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Investor Calls For Transparency Over Proposed State Assets Privatization

By: Capital Correspondent

Leading hospitality industry mogul Nazir Jinnah says selling of critical state assets as proposed by the Government needs careful consideration before it is done.

He has expressed concern that the country risks losing identity by disposing off some assets like the iconic Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) to private owners.

“While this might bear positive fruits, we must be careful and take a lot into consideration,” he said.

While a High Court sitting in Nairobi has blocked the state from selling 11 parastatals in a suit by opposition leader Raila Odinga, President William Ruto is determined to privatize them, “in a bid to save up to Sh70 billion of the Sh250 billion being spent on running the firms.”

In an interview on Tuesday, Jinnah wondered if the due diligence has been followed, in a bid to address the pertinent issues raised by Kenyans and key state stakeholders.

As it is, he lamented that it is not clear how the state intends to privatize the earmarked parastatals and who the potential beneficiaries are, among other long list of concerns.

He cautioned against hasty actions that could compromise the country’s economic stability and international standing, urging a more thoughtful approach to safeguard Kenya’s reputation.

Acknowledging the potential benefits of private-public investment opportunities, Jinnah advocated for engaging qualified investors capable of creating employment opportunities and fostering strategic partnerships beneficial to the nation.

He emphasized the delicate balance between progress and caution in navigating the complex landscape of asset disposal.

In a passionate call to action, Jinnah urged the government to act swiftly in recreating Nairobi’s business fabric.

He stressed the importance of revitalizing key assets, such as the KICC, and reopening prominent hotels Hilton and the Intercontinental, to re-establish Nairobi as a vibrant hub for international conferences and business activities.

“Ideally, KICC is an asset worth Sh30 billion. Nominally, it should make up to Sh3 billion in a financial year. But it is only managing Sh29 million or at times Sh40 million. Is this financially realistic?,” President Ruto posed during a recent joint me-



Leading hospitality industry mogul Nazir Jinnah

dia interview.

The President was concerned that Kenyans were overtaxed, yet there existed enormous potential to sweat the country’s assets to ease the burden of tax.

“This is the reason; I am suggesting that we sweat our assets to make more money and dividends to help ease the burden of taxation on Kenyans,” he said.

The President said that during the recent Africa Climate Summit held at KICC in Nairobi, he had to spend Sh1.8 billion to make the facility reflect its iconic image to host an international conference of that mag-

nitude.

Kenya last privatized a state-owned company in 2008 with an initial public offering (IPO) for 25% of the shares in telecommunications firm Safaricom.

The country revised its privatization law last month to remove “unnecessary bureaucracies” according to President Ruto, who said the government’s new drive would boost Africa’s pipeline of company floatation.

The eleven identities for the planned divesture include profit making Kenya Literature Bureau (KLB), Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Kenya Seed Company Lim-

ited, Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) and New Kenya Co-operative Creameries (N-KCC).

Also in the list for sale include loss making National Oil Company of Kenya (NOCK), Numerical Machining Complex, Kenya Vehicle Manufacturers Limited, Rivatex East Africa Limited.

Others are those operating in mature sectors and they include Western Kenya Rice Mills Ltd and Mwea Rice Mills.

Worth Noting:

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Kenya Should Advance Sustainability Before E-Mobility Transition



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Charging Electric Cars.

Additionally, respiratory harm such as worsened asthma, worsened chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, inflammation, and potential cancer are also concerns. Fossil fuel emissions have also been linked to autism spectrum disorder and low birth weight of infants. It is particularly concerning for infants, children, and teens as they are more susceptible to these health risks due to their physiology, growth, and higher breathing rates. The best solution to reduce these emissions entirely is to transition to an electric vehicle powered by clean renewable energy. This can be achieved by utilizing international battery, hybrid, and fuel cell electric vehicle symposium-based emissions. Taking action now can positively impact not only our own health but also the health of future generations.

Despite the noble objective of making electric vehicles readily available to the masses, there are still a number of obstacles that must be overcome before this goal can be fully realized. One of the most pressing issues is the lack of charging infrastructure, which limits the number of places where electric vehicles can be charged and makes it difficult for people to travel long distances without running out of power. Another challenge is the inadequate state of many of our roads, which can be inaccessible or poorly maintained and may not be able to accommodate electric vehicles. To ensure that the transition to electric vehicles is successful, it is essential that we improve our infrastructure and make electric power available to all. It is also important that electric vehicles are affordable and provide satisfactory performance, so that everyone can enjoy the benefits of this transition.

To further the cause of sustainable transportation through the widespread adoption of electric vehicles, it is crucial for the country to monitor and regulate the availability of key raw materials such as Nickel and Lithium. To achieve this, one effective strategy could be to limit the export of these materials and import only what is necessary for electric vehicle production within the country. By retaining the industry within our borders, we can not only bolster the economy by creating new job opportunities but also reap various other benefits. This could include reduced dependence on foreign suppliers, improved quality control, and increased research and development activities within the local industry.

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Worth Noting:

- When we burn gasoline, we release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. This greenhouse gas is a significant contributor to climate change, which has numerous negative consequences for the environment.
- To determine the cost of these consequences, experts use a metric called the Social Cost of Carbon. This metric includes the economic, ecological, health, and physical impacts of climate change, such as reduced agricultural productivity, negative health effects, property damage from floods, and changes in energy costs.
- However, despite its comprehensive approach, this metric is still not entirely accurate. Some of the damages caused by climate change are challenging to measure and identify precisely, indicating that the Social Cost of Carbon may underestimate the true cost of carbon emissions.

The history of transportation has come a long way since the invention of the two-wheeled cart, which dates back to 3500 B.C.E. The evolution of transportation continued with the invention of bicycles in the 1800s, which led to the development of modern transportation, such as the Segway, a self-balancing, battery-powered device. In the late 1800s, the first gas-powered vehicle was created, marking a significant milestone in transportation history. Since then, technological advancements have continued to pave the way for the transition from fossil-fueled vehicles to modern electric transportation. It's exciting to witness the innovative strides in technology that are revolutionizing the transportation industry.

The world of Electromobility encompasses a range of vehicles, including electric cars, e-bikes, pedelecs motorbikes, e-buses, and e-trucks. What unites them is the fact that they are powered by electricity, often drawing their power from the grid and storing energy on board. Sustainability is a key factor in the development and implementation of e-mobility solutions. It is critical to assess whether a mode of transportation is environmentally, socially, and economically efficient. By promoting sustainable transportation, we can help protect and preserve our natural environment, fostering a greater appreciation for the world around us and empowering us to make a positive difference for future generations to come.

Extensive research and evidence collected from various continents have shown significant progress in the field of e-mobility, paving the way towards a cleaner and greener world. This has led to a growing awareness of the need for positive actions and inno-

vative solutions in everyday life, in order to make sustainable living and working the new norm. Greener and Cleaner is a noble initiative aimed at inspiring and equipping individuals and organizations with the necessary resources and skills to create social change and combat the pressing climate crisis. Furthermore, a Just Transition is a paramount consideration to ensure that the benefits of climate action are maximized while effectively managing any challenges that may arise. This will require effective social dialogue and respect for the principles and rights of all impacted groups, including labourers.

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The transition to an electricity-powered transportation sector for economic development has both advantages and disadvantages, as with any change. One of the most significant benefits of adopting electric vehicles is their potential to save money on maintenance and operation costs.

Compared to conventional gasoline and diesel vehicles, electric vehicles require less maintenance, which can translate to lower costs for individuals or businesses. This, in turn, can free up more funds to invest in the local economy rather than on expenses such as gasoline, oil changes, or transmission fluid. However, the adoption of electric vehicles may also lead to job losses in the oil industry, gas stations, and the auto maintenance and mechanic industry. As electric vehicles require less maintenance and repairs, there may be a reduced need for traditional auto mechanics and technicians. Additionally, the oil industry and gas stations may face a decrease in demand for their products if electric vehicles become more widespread.

Despite these potential drawbacks, the adoption of electric vehicles can also create new job opportunities in the auto industry. Direct jobs may include those in manufacturing, research and development, and battery manufacturing. Meanwhile, indirect jobs can be created in the installation and maintenance of electric vehicle supply equipment. The transition to an electricity-powered transportation sector has both benefits and costs. While it may lead to job losses in some industries, it can also create new opportunities and save individuals and businesses money on maintenance and operation costs.

Exposure to fine particle pollution is an issue that cannot be overlooked. It is primarily found in vehicle tailpipe emissions and can have severe, life-threatening health impacts. Both short-term and long-term exposure to this pollution can cause early death and significant cardiovascular harm such as heart attacks, strokes, heart disease, and congestive heart failure.

The Transformative Power of Girls' Education

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Introduction

In today's dynamic world, the significance of girls' education cannot be overstated. It is a catalyst for societal progress, economic development, and gender equality. Empowering girls through education has a profound impact on individual lives and the broader community.

Knowledge as a Tool for Empowerment

Education equips girls with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions about their health, careers, and relationships. It fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, enabling girls to navigate life's complexities with confidence and resilience.

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Access to education breaks the cycle of poverty by providing girls with the tools to secure better employment opportunities and higher wages. This economic empowerment not only elevates the status of individual

families but also contributes to the overall prosperity of society.

Nurturing Future Leaders

Investing in girls' education nurtures the next generation of leaders. Educated girls are more likely to engage in civic and community activities, driving positive social change and contributing to the advancement of their communities.

Health and Well-being

Education plays a pivotal role in improving health outcomes for girls and their families. Educated girls are more likely to seek healthcare services, make informed choices about their well-being, and advocate for better health practices within their communities.

Dismantling Gender Inequality

By promoting girls' education, we challenge entrenched gender norms and stereotypes. It lays the foundation for a more equitable society, where girls have equal opportunities to thrive and contribute to the advancement of their communities.

Conclusion

The transformative power of girls'

education is undeniable. It transcends individual prosperity and resonates across communities and nations. By prioritizing and investing in girls' education, we pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all.

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President Ruto, Rachel Host Christmas Party For Children At State House

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President William Ruto and First Lady Rachel Ruto hosted a Children's Christmas Party at State House on yesterday.

Ruto said Christmas is a time to come together to commemorate the birth of Christ.

"This is a season of celebration, generosity and kindness as we build our family, friendship and community bonds," said Ruto.



Athletes Bag Medals, Cash Prizes At Inaugural Mwale City Marathon

By: Capital Correspondent



The Marathon will be held annually and is aiming to be the first label marathon in the history of Kenya/Mwale City.

Worth Noting:

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- "The multiplex sports arena will host all sports including soccer, rugby, basketball, Tennis, hockey, volleyball, American football and swimming," MMTC said in a statement.
- Other activities like concerts, forums, Virtual reality, and additional revenue generators will be hosted for maximum utilization of the arena.
- A talent innovation school will train, nurture and educate thousands of youth in sports, and enable them to compete internationally.

More than 50 medals were won in five different race categories at the inaugural Mwale Medical and Technology City (MMTC) marathon which attracted thousands of athletes and spectators from Kenya and globally.

The marathon that was held at the MMTC in Butere Sub-County, Kakamega County.

"More than 50 medals and cash prizes were awarded in five race categories that were held during the event.

"The event attracted global elite athletes in the categories of 42 km, 21 km, 10km, 5km and 1600 meters," MMTC said in a press statement.

The marathon, which was the first to be held in the 14 County Lake region economic bloc (LREB) with 16 million Kenyans, was intended to raise funds to support the low income families to afford healthcare premiums of Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF).

The Marathon will be held annually and is aiming to be the first label marathon in the history of Kenya and surpass the elite platinum label marathons like Boston and New York by 2026.

MMTC this year unveiled final renderings of a world-class multiplex sports arena in its Airport District.

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Irene Cherop and Eliud Mayo won the women and men 42km respectively .

Maiyo clocked 2:24.20 while Cherop finished in 2:46.23 under hot sunny conditions and a challenging hilly race. " It is full of hills and slopes but my training came in handy" said Maiyo.

Cherop who was running her second race after unsuccessful Nairobi Marathon emerged victorious.

"I have never run on a hard course like this but we had to endure the challenges and come out victorious," she said.

Viola Chemos came in second behind Cherop at 2:49:23 with Rael Kiara com-

pleting the podium. Cash prizes were awarded to top 10 winners for both men and women.

In 42 km men, Dennis Yator from Iten clocked second behind Maiyo at 2:24.29 and Moses Kigen from Kapsabet finished third with 2:24.21.

In 21 km Viola Jepng'eno and Josephat Kimutai topped the podium.

Iten based Kimutai won the gold medal with 1:02.58 followed by Ezra Tanui who clocked 1:03.29 and Edward Koonyo was third in 1:03.39.

Viola Jepng'eno won a gold medal at 1:12.54, followed by Vivian Cherutich who won a silver at 1:12.57 and Christine Njoki took home a bronze medal at 1:13.31

Valencia said that she will shift her focus to 10km in Valencia next month where she will represent Kenya.

Tegla Lokrare and Brian Kibor won the 10km race with 37:07.5 and 31:10.9 respectively.

Fridah Chebet was second with 40.33.2 followed by Esther Sichei in third with 43.23.6. Miriam Tanui was fourth at 47:04.7 and Teresa Nabulindo closed the top five at 48:35.3.

Zacharia Krop emerged second in 10 km men at 31.20.3 and Dominic Kurgat finished third at 31:32.2. Fourth and fifth were taken by Desmond Chepkorir and Patrick Kipkirui respectively.

In 5 km run/walk event, Robert Lubanga and Charles Mayenga of Imanga secondary school at MMTC topped the podium. And Elkanah Langat finished top in the 1600 meter run.

The races traversed through MMTC's five districts including the airport district , which challenged the athletes with its hills.

Other districts include the Industrial district with a solar power plant, the Grid district with residential homes and the Golf district which runs for 9km along the Golf and Church roads.

The main commercial district is the Plaza district which has Hamptons hospital, innovation park, shopping, dining and Plaza residences.

All races except the 1600 meter race started and finished at the Plaza district. The 1600 meter race started in the Grid district and ended at the Plaza district.

The hamptons hospital opened in 2019 and treats Kenyans and medical tourists. Kakamega County residents with SHIF/ NHIF cards are treated without paying extra co-payment charges.

MMTC is a community-owned sustainable metropolis centered around the Hamptons Hospital.

It is the brainchild of the Kenyan tycoon Julius Mwale . It is located in Butere Sub County of Kakamega County in Kenya.

Free Expression In Foreign Languages



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Abstract: the causes of speaking difficulties are discussed in this paper. They are given priority when it comes to finding solutions that are currently beneficial to them.

Keywords: problem, solution, anxiety, joy, and reason.

Enter today, one of the requirements to live peacefully in life is to learn several foreign languages in addition to one's mother tongue and be able to use it in writing. Many young people are attempting to learn foreign languages to meet this requirement. To achieve this, many steps are currently underway. For example, a course that teaches foreign languages to young people with the help of knowledgeable, experienced teachers centers was launched. For young people with no financial or other means, free foreign language classes have been offered. With the initiatives of the president of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirmonovich Mirziyoyev, such wide opportunities are being offered to young people to further develop our country.

This had a positive effect on our society. Many young people are now enjoying this opportunity to learn many languages by using it wisely. Nowadays, there are people in Uzbekistan who can speak in 12 languages. This is a very encouraging result, and it is one of the reasons why our country is prospering.

Because they know each other through their languages, make friends, and live harmoniously. Peace reigns where there is harmony and harmony. For a person, learning foreign languages is very beneficial. Learning foreign languages helps to communicate with others, to find creative solutions to problems, to strengthen relationships, to improve concentration, and to be happy.

It is a factor that plays a vital role in life, physical and spiritual growth, transforming thought to a positive direction, extending the world of imagination and understanding the whole universe. A person's spiritual aspirations will be enhanced as a result of this feature, as well as physical.

For example, it is important and beneficial to your health, but it is also beneficial from a psychological standpoint because it is possible to change the course if you do not speak your native language but are available in foreign languages by



learning and using it in your life. Scientists have shown that knowing a language helps to comprehend the world. In every way, learning a language is beneficial to a person.

However, these opportunities are being misused ineffectively, or if they wish, there are people who do not take them. There are known and unknown reasons for this, and we decided to investigate some of them and find a solution to them.

The main point have you noticed that language learners are good at comprehending a language's syntax, and that they also perform well on tests of those language levels. When it comes to communication, it's the opposite.

People are unable to speak the language they are learning for a variety of reasons. The climate is one of them. People in the environment do not communicate in the language they are learning. This can also be a big hurdle for someone to get used to a new language. If you don't know, the grammar of your mother tongue is perfect.

If you don't, you won't be able to talk freely. May you achieve this result by utilizing the natural environment in a meaningful way? That is, the people around you speak the same language, and you've heard these conversations over and over again, memorized them, and now you can use them in your speech. Vocabulary is another factor.

People who are learning a foreign language get tired of using only the same words in a conversation, and for others it can become tedious. You don't know a lot of words in your mother tongue, but you don't know much in that language. Because you hear these terms every day and use them in your speech because you know your mind. This happens every day. The human brain is mainly divided into short-term and long-term memory.

If you hear a new term today and mem-

orize it by clarifying its meaning, it will be stored in a temporary memory. Since it is repeated every day and will be preserved, you can translate this term into long-term memory by using it in conversation every day. It is also noted that using our newly learned words in conversation is one of the problems with this. Fear is the next and most pressing problem. This disorder is mainly a mental disorder.

Because this sensation is most apparent at a young age. At a young age, this sensation begins to emerge. For example, if a young child makes a mistake because he doesn't know, his parents blame him or people around him laugh at him, which makes him feel ashamed. Why is it that child who avoids making mistakes?

Because he doesn't want to feel shame among people again. A person who learns a new language, like a young child, does not want to be ashamed if he makes a mistake among people who understand the language well.

Our fear of making mistakes keeps us from progressing. Another problem is the wrong way of learning. This is a dangerous condition that can be seen in some people who practice in the field. The teaching method, the tutor, or the student as a whole can be cited as the reason for this. These aspects should be given particular attention.

Let us now turn our attention to its solutions. There are various approaches to this problem, but we will today discuss the most effective ones. First and foremost, it is necessary to face fear. Grammar rules that because human words were learned when he was afraid or excited, he would lose his memory and be unable to use important information.

Have you noticed that when you talk to your coworkers in your native language, you have no anxiety or excitement? Before speaking to others and accepting them as partners, use a different lan-

guage. your anxiety will vanish after a long time if you speak like a friend. Even if you speak in large groups later on, you will not have fear. Learn to listen and speak more in your language is the next step.

Although this approach may seem daunting, you can tie it to your own interests to make it easier. If you are interested in sports, read or listen to sports news in the language you are learning, and then tell your companion who is reading the news you read or listened to as much as you can.

If you talk like you would a friend, after some time your fear will go away. Later, you will not feel fear even if you talk in large circles. The next solution is learning listen and speaks more in your language. This method may seem difficult, however to make it easier, you can link the method to your interests. That is if you are interested in sports, read or listen to sports news in the language you are learning, and then tell your friend who is learning the language you are learning the news you read or listened to as much as you can.

If they are also interested in sports, take part in a debate with them. As much as possible, take in the information you are receiving in the language you are learning, this will greatly help your brain adapt to that language. Another solution is to listen to more conversations in that language, and practice it yourself.

If there is an opportunity where you live, take part in communication classes in that language. It helps to speak, to increase knowledge, and to expand the world view. Every minute should be used effectively. Another solution is to imitate someone who speaks that language well. It is better to find such people mainly on social networks. A person who has a high level of knowledge of the language you are learning, because when you watch videos of that person,

you imitate that person. That is why its level should be high. The most effective solutions it is the mothers. There are several that help solve these problems there are applications. Learning a language through these apps, and speaking in it, is a lot

It gets easier. These are: duo lingo, hello English, fluent, and hello talk. Many people have tried these programs and they have reported promising results. Summary: there are many benefits to learning a language, and anyone would be able to speak at least three languages if they knew it. However, in language learning, there is no age limit.

This is one of the positive changes in society. Anyone acquires a lot of knowledge and can apply it to their lives by learning a language and conversing in it. Understanding the world is essential, and those who understand the language can quickly achieve such perfection. Of course, these tips will help you resolve the obstacles that prevent you from speaking a foreign language. Learning a language has many benefits.

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Until now, she has actively participated in language competitions. She has won many honors and certificates. In particular, she successfully completed the 2nd season of the "Shine with Shokhida" project. A girl who is interested in learning foreign languages, is a fan of modern technologies, and strives for advancement.

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The National Olympic Committee of Kenya [NOC-K] said that the 16-year-old qualified based on her International Ski Federation (FIS) ranking of the women's Youth Olympic Games quota allocation lists as of 18 December 2023.

Through her qualification, Tshanda is poised to make history as the first African and Kenyan female cross-country skier

to qualify for the Winter Youth Olympic Games. Born in Italy and holding dual Kenyan and Italian citizenship, Ashley chose to represent Kenya internationally.

She is guided by some of the best ski coaches in Italy, where she attends a sports school, Bachmann Sport College -Tarvisio, under coach Francesco Silverio. It is here that she has honed her skiing skills and achieved notable successes at various competitions.

NOC-K acting as the National Ski Federation played a pivotal role in Ashley's journey. Following a recommendation by

NOC-K, Ashley, along with Issa Laborde, an Alpine Skier, this year underwent an intensive 14-day training camp in South Korea under the PyeongChang 2018 Legacy Foundation. NOC-K has also given financial and administrative support to participate in FIS races to get ranking points that earned her a qualification place.

Secretary General Francis Mutuku emphasized NOC-K's unwavering commitment to supporting athletes abroad, "We find great inspiration in witnessing athletes residing abroad who are eager to proudly hoist the Kenyan flag. Their enthusiasm un-

derscores our collective passion for representation, highlighting the significance our national colors hold for them."

Ashley's achievements include multiple victories in cross-country ski titles, regional and national championships, and notable participation in international ski competitions.

NOC-K continues to diversify its support for Kenyan athletes globally, ensuring that no deserving athlete is left behind in the Movement.

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Mbuthia Backs Kenya To Shine In CAVB Zone V Beach Volleyball Tourney



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Kenya is hosting the Confederation of African Volleyball (CAVB) Zone Five qualifiers, the second time since 2005, and Mbuthia is backing the country's women and men teams to go all the way at the event which will also serve as the qualifiers to next year's African Games.

"We're in a better position to perform well after a three-week camp at the venue of the event. We lobbied heavily to host this championship and I urge our teams to go all the way as we start the Paris Games ticket hunting mission," Mbuthia told Citizen Digital.

The women's team is eyeing a back-to-back Olympic Games participation after making debut in Tokyo 2020 Games while the men's side, under the tutelage of Patrick Owino, will be making another stab at hunting the elusive ticket.

The podium finishers of the re-

gional beach volleyball championship will then qualify to next year's CAVB Continental Cup whose winners will bag the single slot reserved for Africa in the Paris Olympic Games.

"Our opponents have really prepared well and we expect a tough challenge especially from Rwanda and Egypt. However, we've a strong side blended with experienced and youthful players and they're up to the task," he added.

Hosts Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Egypt will participate in the event that serves off on Wednesday.

Seasoned Gaudencia Makokha is partnering with Yvonne Wavinya in the women's team that also has new-call ups Mercy Iminza and Sharleen Sembel.

The pair of Elphas Makuto of Kenya Prisons and Jairus Bett headline the men's side that also has Brian Melly and Edward Kibet.

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Volta Fashion Week 2023 - Attivi Sarah Mawunyo



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Worth Noting:

- I started my career by participating in two pageants called Miss Godigbe and Miss Volta region in my community and region.(Volta region). From there, I joined Glam Model Agency. Went for cut walk practice with other models and guess what? I took part in the Volta Fashion Week held earlier this year February.
- African fashion is incredibly diverse and rich, reflecting a tapestry of cultures, traditions, and contemporary influences. The vibrant colors, bold patterns, and innovative designs, make African fashion distinctive and globally appreciated. It inspiring to see how designers across the continent celebrate heritage by pushing boundaries, and contributing to a global dialogue on style and identity.



Attivi Sarah Mawunyo .

1. Who are you?
Ans. I am Attivi Sarah Mawunyo also known as AKUGOLD I am 26 years and and a fashion model.

2. Where are you from?
Ans. I am from Aflao in the Volta region. (Ghana)

3. Where did your journey began with your craft?
Ans. As a child, I had dreamt of winning pageant so I started watch-

ing fashion shows and imitating models. Professionally, my career started when I featured in pageant organized in Aflao last year.

4. Anyone to give credit to?
Ans. I give credit to my dad and mom for supporting my decision to be a model. They are my real life super heroes.

5. Highlight of your career?

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for them. I have also been nominated as STAR ANGLOPHONE FEMALE MODEL OF THE YEAR in this forthcoming Volta Fashion Week and I hope to win the award. Thank you.

6. Fashion is diverse and growing what's your take on African Fashion?

Ans. African fashion is incredibly diverse and rich, reflecting a tapestry of cultures, traditions, and contemporary influences. The vibrant colors, bold patterns, and innovative designs, make African fashion distinctive and globally appreciated. It inspiring to see how designers across the continent celebrate heritage by pushing boundaries, and contributing to a global dialogue on style and identity.

7. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Ans. I see myself featuring in miss universe.

8. How did you hear about Volta fashion week?

Ans.: Like I said earlier, I'm part of the Glam models in the Glam Model Agency and the agency is the organizer of the Volta Fashion Week so, it gave me an automatic entry and awareness about the fashion.

9. Are you coming to the event?

Ans. Absolutely, I will be there.

10. Do you think you are the best in your craft?

Ans. I am the best in my unique way.

11. How can one contact you?(social media handles)

Facebook: Aku Gold
 IG: Akugold_themodel
 TikTok: Akugold223

12. Your last word..!

I hope and pray to achieve my dream of featuring and winning miss Universe Crown one day