

Kenyans Optimistic The Economy Will Improve In 2024



OPTIMISM FOR 2024: BY REGIONS, AGE GROUPS & GENDER

	Better Than 2023	Same As 2023	Worse Than 2023	I Don't Know
North Eastern	53%	19%	12%	17%
Central	35%	21%	20%	24%
Eastern	34%	22%	22%	22%
Nairobi	31%	19%	17%	33%
Rift Valley	30%	18%	18%	34%
Coast	26%	18%	25%	31%
Western	24%	19%	19%	38%
Nyanza	16%	20%	30%	34%
Total	30%	19%	21%	30%

		Better Than 2023	Same As 2023	Worse Than 2023	I Don't Know
Gender	Female	28%	19%	23%	30%
	Male	31%	20%	19%	30%
Age	18-26 Years	39%	21%	18%	22%
	27-35 Years	32%	19%	21%	27%
	36-45 Years	29%	20%	19%	33%
	46-55 Years	23%	19%	22%	35%
	Over 55 Years	28%	17%	27%	28%
	Total	30%	19%	21%	30%

Do you think 2024 will be better than, same or worse than 2023? N=1500



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News: Gov't To Reward Those Who Assist In Identifying Bandits And Recovery Of Livestock **P.13**

Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki has revealed that the government will be rewarding Kenyans who assist in identifying those engaging in banditry activities.

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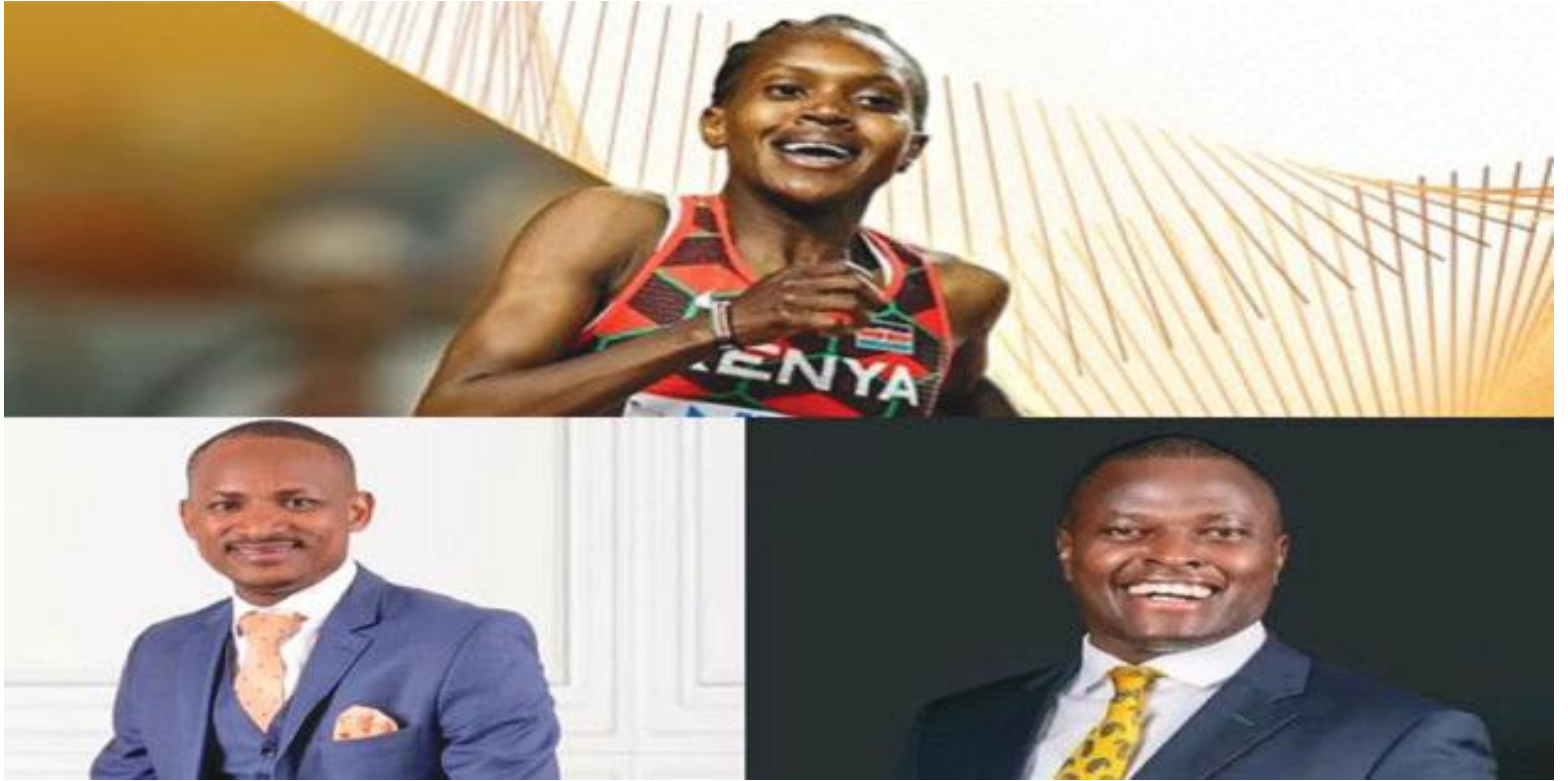
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Faith, Babu, Ndindi Top Kenya's 40 Under 40 List

By: DAVIS AYESGA



Faith Kipyegon, a global sporting icon headlines the top 40 under 40 list for the year 2023.

Worth Noting:

- As a renowned global sports figure, Kipyegon, 29, presently holds the world records for both the 1500 meters (3:50.07) and the mile (4:12.28), both established in 2023.
- Comprising individuals recognized as key influencers shaping the future of the nation, the top 40 under 40 list spans various fields.
- It includes politicians, musicians, business leaders, and tech entrepreneurs, reflecting a diverse range of expertise and contributions.

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The compilation by the Kenyan Report Editorial Team, a leading diaspora digital media outlet, acknowledged Kipyegon's exceptional achievements in the realm of athletics, surpassing her expectations.

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Dr. Jectone Oyoo, an entrepreneur involved in media, travel, and tech, and the owner of The Kenyan Report, described

the list as “the ultimate power team that is positively transforming the republic.”

According to Oyoo, the compilation resulted from a one-month-long open vote by Kenyans aged 20 and above.

"A total of 394 candidates appeared on the voting list. The process was organic with Kenyans sending in the names of their preferred candidates. Total votes garnered helped come up with the list with the top candidate having garnered the most votes," she said.

Dr. Oyoo, located in Dallas, Texas, is the mastermind behind Smart Data Learning, an entity specializing in data-handling training.

The organization has collaborated with the University of Nairobi to provide in-demand courses in data science, machine learning, and cybersecurity.

– **Other top 40 under 40 Kenyans** –
In the rankings resulting from a month-

long open vote by Kenyans aged 20 and above, politicians Embakasi East Mp Babu Owino (34), Ndindi Nyoro (38) of Kiharu MP, and Cleophas Malala (38), the Secretary General of the United Democratic Alliance Party (UDA), secured the second, third, and fourth positions, respectively.

Other politicians featured on the top 40 under 40 list include Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja, Kericho Senator Aaron Cheruiyot, Kiambu Senator Karungo wa Thangwa, and Nandi County Woman Representative Cynthia Rotich.

At the fifth position on the list is Onchari Oyieyo, 39, serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for African Progress (CAP), Kenya's foremost polling company.

Entrepreneur and politician Newton Khamasi, a trusted associate of Attorney General Justin Muturi, secured the sixth position on the list.

Notably, Khamasi recently divested himself of Icon Radio, a startup initiated shortly after his college days. He currently manages Guarantee Growth Limited and Haki Sacco.

Inclusion in the list extends to Digital Strategist and a close ally of President William Ruto, Dennis Itumbi (38), President Ruto's daughter Charlene (30), former President Uhuru Kenyatta's daughter Ngina (32), and media personality Victoria Rubadiri (37).

Among the notable musicians featured are Linet Munyali (Size 8) and Kevin Kioko, popularly known as Bahati.

Additionally, the list includes Timothy Ndegwa, a comedian recognized by the moniker "Njugush."



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Kenyan Savings and Credit Cooperative (WPS) has seen a significant increase in its core capital from Sh600 million 12 years ago to Sh1.7 billion. The organization, which has over 130,000 members, mainly consists of Coffee and Tea farmers in the Gusii region. CEO Isaac Omwenga said WPS is on the right track and plans to expand to other regions. To further grow, the organization encourages members to increase their savings as security for credit, rather than relying on guarantors. However, Omwenga criticized increasing default rates due to high living costs and low cash crop proceeds rates.



Nine more people have been arraigned in connection with corruption cases related to the construction of the Sh8.5 billion Ronald Ngala Utalii College in Vipingo, Kilifi County. This brings the number of accused persons charged in connection with the project to 12. Three others, including former Tourism Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala and former Principal Secretary in the ministry, Ms. Leah Gwiyo, denied charges of abuse of office and going against a Cabinet decision. The nine denied joint and separate charges before Malindi Chief Magistrate James Mwaniki, who released them on different bond terms depending on the charges against them. The magistrate deferred a ruling on an application seeking to gag the Office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) from sharing details of their investigations with the public through the media.

The magistrate released two former Chief Executive Officers of the Catering Tourism and Development Levy Trustees, Allan Chenane and Joseph Cherutoi, on a Sh2 million bond with a surety of a similar amount or a cash bail of Sh600,000 each. They were separately charged with willfully failing to comply with the Public Procurement and Disposal Act 2005 by approving payments of Sh159,361,444 and Sh524,532,920.05, respectively, in respect of Requests for Proposals for the design, documentation, and contract management of the proposed college.

Over 200 youth participated in a three-hour clean-up exercise in Nanyuki town to mark the end of the year 2023 and promote environmental awareness. The event aimed to address the problem of solid waste management in the county, which generates about 20,000 metric tonnes of waste monthly. Laikipia County has acknowledged the challenges of dealing with plastic waste. The environmental youth champions suggested that solid waste could be used creatively to generate income and address unemployment. John Maigwa, CEO of Ng'arisha Mtaa, emphasised the importance of a clean environment and creating opportunities for youth. Dickson Maina from the Dedan Kimathi Foundation called for the prudent use of plastic materials and the segregation of solid waste. Laikipia County Government Representative Chris Thumbi applauded the youth for setting good examples for other areas.



Nandi Senator Samsom Cherargei has praised the government's fertiliser subsidy for boosting food production and reducing living costs for farmers. He stated that maize farmers are expected to produce more this year, along with tea, coffee, and sugar cane farmers. Cherargei defended President William Ruto's administration from accusations that little has been achieved since Kenya Kwanza took over. He accused the opposition of refusing to accept government achievements, including affordable housing and prompt repayments of public loans. Cherargei also urged the Cabinet Secretary for Roads, Transport, and Public Works, Kipchumba Murkomen, to consider tarmacing the Kerenga Airstrip in Kericho to facilitate the transportation of agricultural produce to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and the international market, as it is within the largest tea zone in Kenya, with good coffee and horticultural production. Cherargei also appealed to the roads CS to task contractors to complete the 21-kilometre road network in Kericho town and redo areas that were not properly done.



Seven people died and 14 others were injured in an accident on the Nyeri-Nyahururu highway on Thursday evening. The accident involved a 14-seater Matatu, a personal car, and a motorbike. The personal car was trying to evade a pothole when it collided head-on with the matatu. The motorcycle trailing the personal car rammed into the personal car, causing serious injuries. The accident left seven people dead, while 14 were receiving treatment. Nyeri County Police Commander Benjamin Rotich urged motorists to be vigilant and observe road safety rules to avoid accidents. He also urged drivers to avoid speeding and reckless driving to reduce accidents during the holiday season. The police commander appealed to drivers to drive carefully during this festive season to avoid such accidents.





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CS Owalo's Super Cup Tournament To Promote Talent In Nyanza

By: Robert Ojwang'
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Worth Noting:

- Finalists Kisumu Combined and Homa Bay Combined were expected to lock horns at the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, Mamboleo.
- At the same time, Siaya Combined faced Migori Combined in the play-off for third place at the same venue.
- The winners will receive cash awards of Sh400,000 and Sh300,000 for positions one and two, respectively. The teams that will emerge in the third and fourth positions will take home Sh200,000 and Sh100,000, respectively.



Information, Communication, and Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo is keen to partner with sports stakeholders to revive the Nyanza region's lost glory in soccer.

Owalo affirmed that the Eliud Owalo Super Cup tournament, 2023, seeks to rekindle the sports spirit among the youth and bring back the lost glory of football in the lakeside region.

"Our history is awash with talented players at the grassroots, but they lack the requisite exposure and opportunity to explore their talents to their full potential," CS Owalo noted during the tournament's 2nd day of matches playoff held at the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, Mamboleo.

The inaugural competitions organized by the Eliud Owalo Foundation lined up four teams from Kisumu, Migori, Siaya, and Homa Bay counties to pro-

vide an opportunity to spot, nurture, and expose grassroots talent.

Homa Bay Combined was the first team to qualify for the finals of the Eliud Owalo Super Cup after thrashing Migori Combined 2-1 in the opening match played at Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay County on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Kisumu Combined FC edged Siaya Combined FC 3-0 to secure a ticket to the tournament's finals.

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Owalo stated that the Foundation has collaborated with legendary footballers including Tobias Ochola, aka 'Juakali,' – a former Gor Mahia and Harambee stars international defender, James Goro Oronge and Peter Dawo, former Gor Mahia strikers, as well as Gerald Omollo aka 'Chonjo,' who captained the Kisumu All-Stars in the 80s.

"The technical committee will scout for the best 22 players during the matches to constitute the Nyanza Combined team to play against Gor Mahia at Nyilima Grounds in Siaya County on Saturday," Owalo stated.

He urged residents to support the government's efforts to restore the

sporting spirit in the area by attending the matches to cheer up the teams and help position the region as a stronghold, especially in soccer games.

Dawo confirmed that the region is busting with untapped talents that stand a chance to be selected during the Eliud Owalo Super Cup tournament to join teams in Kenya's Premier League and the National Super League.

"We hope to return football to where it was in Nyanza. Currently, we only have one team from this region playing in the Kenya Premier League. With such initiatives, we anticipate seeing more teams joining the premier league," stated Dawo.

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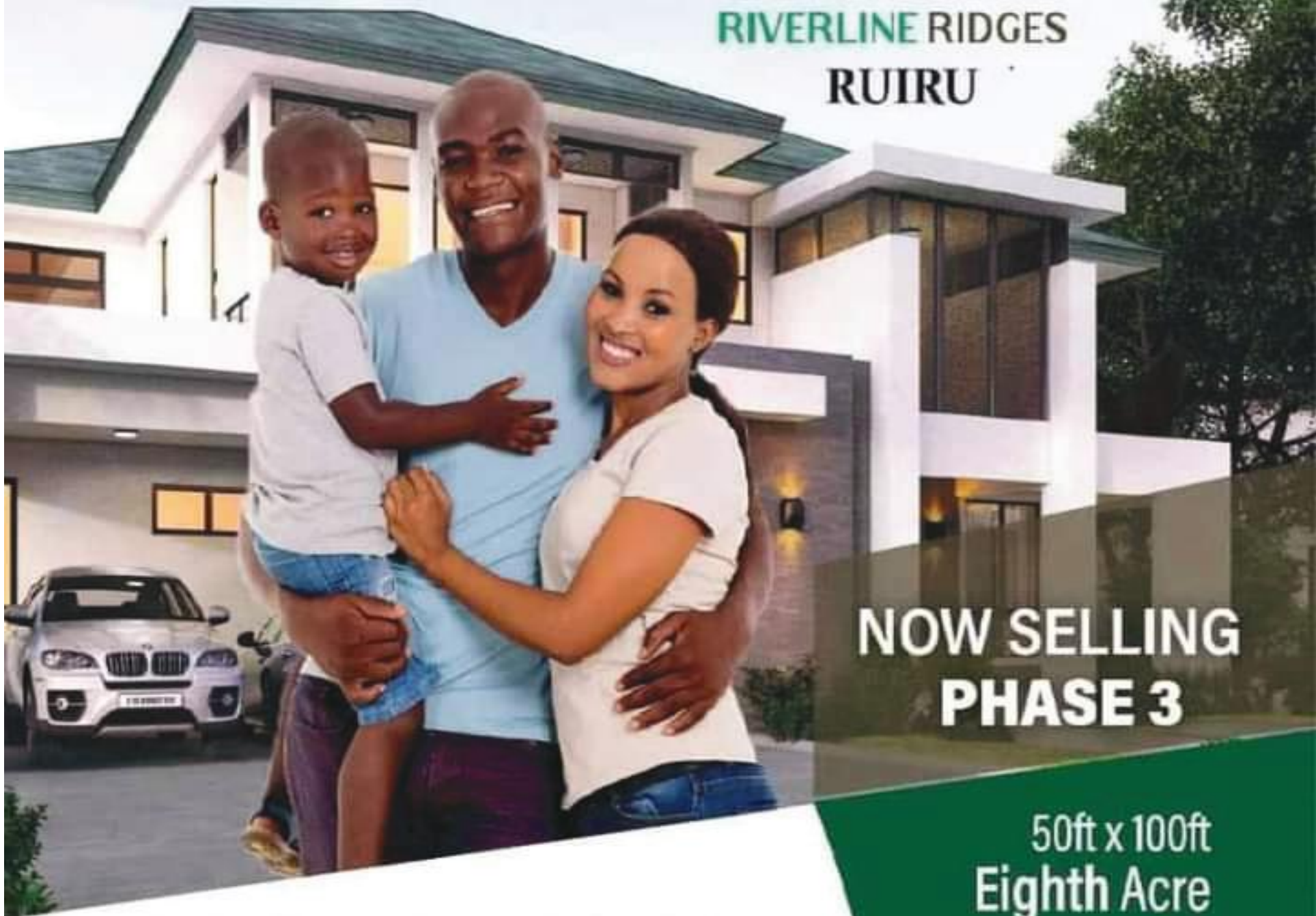
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Kenya Netball Federation Boss Lands Top Africa Netball Job

By: Francis Hwaga
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Kenya Netball Federation (KNF) Chairperson Immaculate Kabutha has been elected the Secretary General of Africa Netball to serve for a period of four years.

Speaking after the elections conducted during the Continental Netball governing body's Annual General Meeting held at a Gaborone hotel, Kabutha said that Kenya was now set to benefit from that position in developing the sport.

"We thank God for it because Kenya will now have a say in Africa netball matters and that our ideas of developing netball structures from the grass-roots all over the country will now see light of day," Kabutha said, adding that talks were underway with the Kenyan government for the purposes of having the right indoor sporting infrastructure across the country since

netball is an indoor sport.

The Kenya Netball Federation considers this year a great year, having successfully hosted the East Africa Club Netball Championships in Nairobi in May and also saw Kenya's Kabutha taking over the East Africa region's presidency from Uganda's Sarah Babirye Kito.

"Netball in Kenya is now set for new changes that will start with us leaders. This continental seat is important because Kenya has been missing out in most tournaments, hence affecting our rankings; something that is now set to change," quipped Millicent Busolo, the KNF Secretary General, who also attended Africa's AGM.

The 19-member AGM voted 17-2 in favour of Kabutha for the Secretary General seat.

South Africa's Cecilia Mulokwena retained her seat as President and Botswana's Malebo Ratladia as Vice President. Martha Lungu from Zambia retained her position as Africa Netball's Treasurer.



KNF President Immaculate Kabutha at East and Central Africa Netball championships, Nairobi June 2023.

How MCAs Have Spent Over KSh3 Billion In Travels Within 3 Months

By: Citizen Television

A New Report by Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang'o reveals Members of County Assembly (MCAs) have spent over Ksh.3 Billion in travels within 3 months

The report has put on the spot MCAs in the capital Nairobi for the highest appetite in local travel spending KSh94 million in just three months translating to KSh31 million every month on local travel alone.

The Nairobi County MCAs have also flushed KSh.8.9 million on the skies on foreign travel in just three months with the Controller of Budget noting that the foreign trips were never approved.

MCAs in Migori County are also an extravagant lot according to the report. In three months the lawmakers spent KSh81 million on local travel while another KSh2.7 million was spent in Tanzania, Uganda and Norway.

The coastal county of Mombasa has

not been left behind. Its MCAs spent more on foreign trips than on local travel.

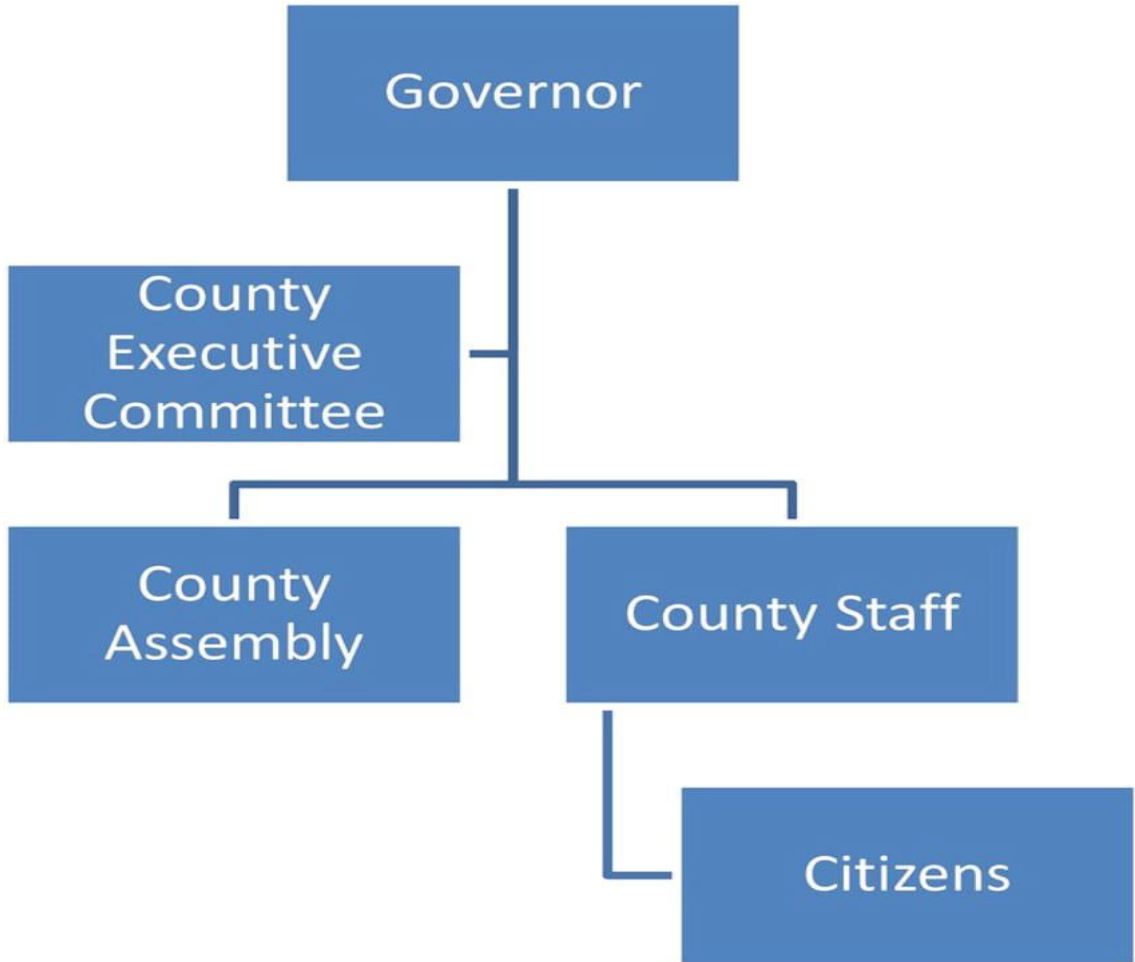
The MCAs pocketed KSh17 million for their stay in high-end destinations like Singapore, Turkey, Dubai and Switzerland.

Narok County MCAs are also notorious local travellers. The Controller of the Budget report indicates that the MCAs scooped KSh5.5 million for local travel within three months alone. The MCAs however did not travel abroad within that period.

Marsabit County MCAs also did not travel abroad during the same period but spent millions on local travel.

In Nyamira County Assembly, MCAs spent a total of KSh.32 million on travel while Nakuru County MCAs other than a KSh40.9 million perk on local travel, also gobbled KSh.9.7 million in Arusha Tanzania, Kampala Uganda and Indiana United States of America.

The controller of the budget now wants all county assemblies to first seek foreign travel clearance before embarking on the trips to save taxpayers billions of shillings.

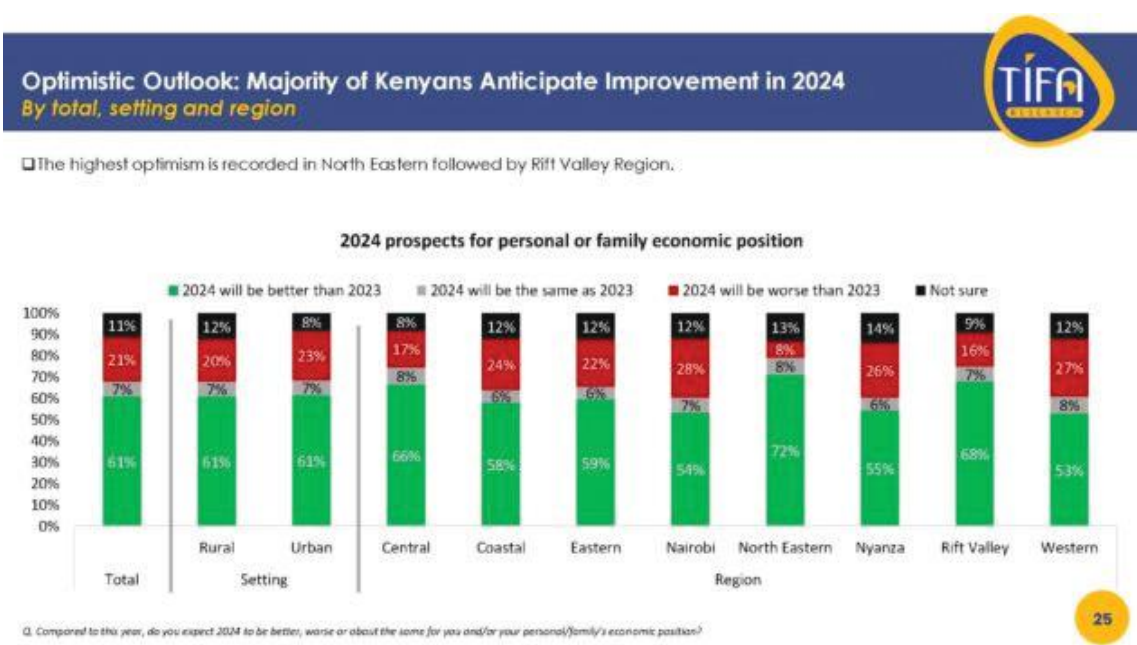


77 Per Cent Of Kenyans Optimistic The Economy Will Improve In 2024-Infotrak

By: Davis Ayega

Kenyans living in the northeastern part of the country have expressed the highest optimism that 2024 will usher in better prospects. According to research firm TIFA, 7 in 10 Kenyans in that area are anticipating an improvement of fortunes as compared to 2023 and 2022. Following closely, the Rift Valley region stands as the second most optimistic, with 68 percent believing in a positive turn for 2024. Maggie Ileri, the CEO of the firm, interpreted the optimism as a shared confidence in positive changes and advancements anticipated in the forthcoming years. “Policymakers and leaders may find value in understanding and aligning with the aspirations of the populace as they work towards shaping policies and initiatives for the nation,” she said. Overall, the survey conducted between November 25, 2023, and December 9, 2023, indicated that 61 percent of Kenyans are optimistic,

foreseeing improvements in 2024 compared to the year 2022. “This positive outlook among most Kenyan citizens signifies a hopeful perspective on the future. It reflects a collective belief in positive changes or advancements anticipated to unfold in the coming years,” Ileri said. The survey further revealed that 7 out of 10 Kenyans believe that 2023 presented more challenges than the previous year. Ileri disclosed that respondents generally characterized the state of affairs in 2023 as “worsening.” “Respondents expressed that the cost of living, economic conditions, employment prospects, and access to loans were worse than the previous year,” she said. The survey revealed significant dissatisfaction with the challenges of 2023, particularly in the regions of Nyanza at 76 percent and Nairobi at 74 percent. Out of the 1,587 respondents, 87 percent identified the cost of living as a major factor contributing to the perceived difficulties of the year. “This perception aligns with reality, evident in the noticeable price rise for essential household items, electricity,



2024 will usher in better fortunes according to Kenyans living in the northern part of the country.

fuel, and more,” Ileri said. Other factors contributing to the perceived difficulty of 2023, as listed by respondents, included economic concerns (81 percent), worries about employment opportunities (65 percent), challenges in accessing credit or loans (53 percent), and concerns about the political climate (47 percent). President William Ruto, sworn in on September 13, 2022, following his victory in the August presidential polls, pledged to improve Kenya’s prosperity and improve living conditions. While a significant number of Kenyans perceive him as having fallen short of his commitment, President Ruto asserts that his administration is steadfast in steering the country toward economic improvement and reducing the cost of living.

Kenyan Woman Arrested In India With Cocaine Valued At Ksh 280M

By: Claire Wanja

In a major drug bust at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMI) in Mumbai, India, a Kenyan woman was arrested on Thursday for her alleged involvement in smuggling cocaine valued at a staggering Ksh 280 million (Rs 14.90 crore). The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) reported that the arrest was made following intelligence-driven surveillance as the woman arrived on a flight from Nairobi. During a thorough examination of her luggage, authorities uncovered 1,490 grams of a suspicious white powdery substance, believed to be cocaine. According to DRI, the drugs were ingeniously concealed in two black-coloured polythene packets containing

a white powdery substance, inside a hair conditioner bottle and a body wash bottle. Under the stringent provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act 1985, the suspect has been taken into custody and remanded for further judicial proceedings. The DRI emphasized that the investigation is still ongoing, with efforts to unravel any potential links in the wider drug supply chain. The discovery sheds light on the complex and evolving nature of international drug trafficking operations, prompting authorities to remain vigilant in their efforts to combat such illicit activities. This arrest serves as a stark reminder of the collaborative efforts required on a global scale to curb the menace of drug smuggling, with agencies like the DRI playing a crucial role in safeguarding national and international security.



Pic/DRI

Housing Project: A Game Changer in Gichugu

By: Our Correspondent

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The Kenya Kwanza government's affordable housing project, launched by President William Ruto in Kianya-ga, Gichugu Constituency, Kirinyaga County, is expected to be completed within 11 months.

The project, which includes 110 units and costs Sh270 million, is expected to stimulate the area's economy and provide employment opportunities such as welding, plumbing, eatery joints, and jobs in construction materials sources.

It has been successful, with 95% of the workers being local and 5% being experts.

The contractor, Engineer Samuel Wambugu, has said that the project has been going smoothly without any challenges and that the locals have been cooperative.

He added that the project can hold quite a number of people at a specific time and hopes the government will

create another bigger project to accommodate more people.

Sourcing labour from residents has created good relationships with neighbours and provided indirect income for food and other service providers. A third of the labourers' workforce is female, allowing them to earn a living from the programme. Jane Garoko, an unskilled labourer, expressed gratitude to President Ruto for initiating the project and wishes for more programmes that provide jobs to other Kenyans. Charles Mwangi, a carpenter, has been busy throughout and has no time to engage in drug abuse since he got a job from the program.

Rose Wanjiku expressed hope that the government will extend the project in the future.



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As States Dump Trump From Primary Ballots - Can He Run In 2024?

By: AFP



Worth Noting:

- The US House of Representatives impeached the Republican tycoon for inciting insurrection after he called on his supporters to march on the US Capitol ahead of a deadly riot that delayed the certification of the 2020 election.
- A large, bipartisan majority of the Senate agreed with the lower chamber's finding, but the tally fell short of the two-thirds of members required for a conviction, which would have barred Trump from seeking office again.
- Federal prosecutors have since charged Trump with conspiracy over the violence, and he is scheduled for trial in March.
- Meanwhile, activists have brought court challenges nationwide to stop his name appearing on ballots for state primaries under the 14th Amendment, which bars people from office if they have taken an oath to defend the Constitution but subsequently "engage in insurrection."



Ex-president Donald Trump.

..... With multiple US states hearing challenges to Donald Trump's right to run in the 2024 election, his supporters claim his enemies are tearing up democracy to prevent his return to the White House.

Rulings in Colorado and Maine banning the ex-president from their primary nominating contests under the Constitution's "insurrection clause" set off a political earthquake that could upend the campaign.

But do they pose a genuine threat to Trump's presidential ambitions?

- Why Trump might be ineligible -

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- Where is Trump barred from running? -

On December 19, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that Trump was ineligible for the state's primary under the 14th Amendment's "insurrection clause."

Maine -- where the secretary of state, currently a Democrat, makes the initial eligibility determination -- followed suit on Thursday.

Related challenges have been filed nationwide, with decisions pending in 14 states, according to national security website Lawfare's online disqualification tracker.

- What happens next? -

Both states put their bans on hold while the legal process plays out -- meaning Trump will almost certainly appear on both ballots for their March 5 primaries. Grassroots Republicans have challenged the ruling in Colorado and the Trump campaign has indicated that it intends to appeal in both cases.

The Maine decision would go to the

state's Superior Court first, while Colorado's ruling has already been through the state system and would be elevated directly to the US Supreme Court.

- What can the US Supreme Court do? -

The strongly conservative-leaning high court -- which includes three Trump appointees -- can decline to review the Colorado case, meaning the Trump ban would stand.

In reality, most analysts believe that Maine joining with Colorado removes any doubt that the justices will act.

They would determine whether or not section three of the 14th Amendment -- the insurrection clause -- applies to a former president.

The court could also rule on whether the ban is automatic or would require an act of Congress, and whether the 2021 storming of the Capitol and Trump's role in it indeed qualify as insurrection.

- The effect of the bans -

Even if the Colorado and Maine bans stand, front-running Trump is expected to be able to secure the Republican nomination comfortably without those states, so his path to the White House would not necessarily be impeded.

But an adverse Supreme Court ruling that is binding on lower courts nationwide -- rather than a narrow procedural

ruling affecting only Colorado -- could torpedo the ex-president's primary challenge.

He would then have to decide whether to run for president as a third-party candidate.

But even if the high court doesn't weigh in on the state level rulings and the damage is limited to Colorado and Maine, the justices could leave the door open to challenges to Trump's eligibility for the general election.

So he could well find himself barred from challenging President Joe Biden in November, even if he wins the Republican nomination.

- Timetable -

The gears of the US justice system grind notoriously slowly -- particularly at the top.

The Supreme Court has not indicated whether it intends to take up the Colorado appeal, nor how long it would take to rule on Trump's eligibility if it did. Trump's opponents have stressed the importance of an urgent decision.

The court can act quickly when required: Its ruling ending Florida's vote count in the 2000 election -- handing victory to George W. Bush -- took less than a month.

High Court Issues Third Injunction Against New Fees By KWS For Ignoring Public Participation, Stakeholder Concerns

By: CAPITAL EDITORIAL DESK

The tourism and hospitality industry players along the Kenyan coast have secured another injunction from the High Court against new fees the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) for the third time.

This legal action challenges KWS' publication of the 2024 to 2025 Conservation Fees, citing a lack of proper public participation and other concerns.

On November 8, 2023, stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality sector filed High Court Constitutional case No. E007 of 2023, contesting the Conservation Fees published by KWS. They alleged that KWS had failed to conduct adequate public participation and cited other reasons for their challenge.

On December 11, 2023, the High Court in Malindi issued a temporary injunction, halting the implementation of the Conservation Fees for 2024



Watamu is one of Kenya's treasured beaches. /FILE..

and 2025, pending the hearing and determination of the main petition. The court scheduled the main petition for hearing on February 7, 2024.

However, on the same day, KWS, through the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, made minor adjustments to the Conservation Fees. These fees, which had been halted by the court, were then published as a schedule to

the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Access and Conservation) (Fees) Regulations, 2023 (Wildlife Regulations, 2023). This move appeared to be an attempt to circumvent the court order issued on December 11, 2023.

Despite the court order, KWS issued a circular to its field office in Watamu on December 27, 2023, instruct-

ing them to implement the fees under the Wildlife Regulations, 2023. This prompted the stakeholders to return to court on December 29, 2023, with a fresh application under a certificate of urgency.

Lady Justice Mugure Thande has now issued another order of injunction to prevent the implementation of the new fees contained in the Wildlife

Regulations, 2023. Stakeholders have expressed concerns about KWS's attitude and disregard for its obligation to conduct public participation when setting Conservation Fees. They also raised issues related to the impact of the new fees on businesses and the tourist experience at the Kenyan Coast.

Many of the proposed Conservation Fees are considered too high, potentially making the Kenyan Coast unaffordable for tourists. This could lead to tourists seeking alternative destinations in other countries. Some business owners have already begun closing their establishments in preparation to relocate to neighboring countries such as Tanzania and Zanzibar.

KWS argues in court documents that it spends more than 90% of the revenue generated from park entries and conservation activities on staff salaries and other recurring expenses. This, they claim, necessitates the imposition of higher fees.

Court Orders Release Of Ksh 400 Million To Rwandese Businessman Desire Muhiyunza

By: JOHN OSORO

Milimani Chief Magistrates' Court has issued an order allowing Rwandese businessman Desire Muhiyunza to access Ksh 400 million held at UBA bank.

Senior Principal Magistrate Dolphine Alego adopted a consent recorded by Desire's legal team, comprising Danstan Omari, Shadrak Wamboi, Ronald Momanyi, and Omaiyo Aranga, jointly with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, led by Prosecuting Counsel James Gachoka and Dorcas Rugut.

The trial magistrate emphasized that the decision made by Justice Mabeya on December 27, 2023, allowing the Rwandese businessman to access his funds is final and has not been appealed. There is no stay

on that judgment. The funds were initially frozen due to Criminal Investigations conducted by the DCI's office against Kirimi Koome, who has since been charged with conspiracy to defraud.

An attempt by Koome to delay the application seeking to unfreeze the account was declined by the trial magistrate. Koome, who appeared in person, informed the court that he had dismissed his legal team and required two weeks to engage the services of another lawyer.

The application to delay the release of the funds was strongly opposed by the prosecution and lawyers representing Desire. They stressed that the High Court's decision was final and unappealed.

Speaking to journalists outside the Milimani Law Court, Danstan Omari and his team of lawyers commended the DCI, DPP, and the Judiciary for swiftly protecting investors' interests. They also acknowledged the



Lawyer Danstan Omari and his colleagues outside Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi. /FILE.

media's crucial role in highlighting the case and providing positive coverage.

The lawyers expressed confidence that investors are now free to invest

in the country, thanks to the swift actions of the government's three branches.

As a result of the court's decision, Desire was given back control of his

company, Stayonline Limited, and Koome was ordered to cover the costs of the case.

Gov't To Reward Those Who Assist In Identifying Bandits And Recovery Of Livestock

By: Our Correspondent
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Worth Noting:

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- “Going forward, the government through the Interior Ministry will run a program to financially reward gallant officers and members of the public whose efforts will result in the arrest of the key planners, executors and enablers of banditry whose profiles will be published countrywide in the new year,” the CS who was accompanied by among others; Regional, County and local security heads, officers, area political leaders and members of the public revealed.



Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki (in Blue coat) at Posta area in Laikipia West Sub-County with other leaders admiring some of the livestock that were recovered.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki has revealed that the government will be rewarding Kenyans who assist in identifying those engaging in banditry activities.

Further, the CS disclosed, the State will also be rewarding those who assist in recovery of stolen Livestock.

The CS noted that cattle rustling in Northern part of the country as well as other areas have over the years become an organised criminal enterprise responsible for deaths, destitution and displacement.

“It’s impacts are severe. It deprives pastoral communities their economic mainstay and aggravates the conditions of poverty in the rangelands, fuelling communal grievances and revenge attacks,” he said at Posta area in Laikipia West Sub-County where he received livestock that were recovered after they were stolen recently.

“To dismantle the infrastructure of cattle rustlers and facilitators, the Government is sustaining the war on banditry and its perpetrators, enablers, benefactors and beneficiaries by making banditry a painful venture, ensuring recovery of stolen livestock and rewarding facilitators of recoveries,” he noted.

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On Thursday, Prof. Kindiki visited Achers Post area in Samburu County where he disclosed that to effectively degrade bandit networks, the ongoing Maliza Uhalifu Operation which commenced on 14th February 2023 was being extended into parts of Meru, Isiolo and Marsabit Counties.

He disclosed that new areas in the Northern Grazing Area in Meru

North, parts of Isiolo and Marsabit Counties and the remaining banditry hotspots in Samburu County will shortly come under curfew and emergency measures to facilitate the flushing out of bandits and recovery of stolen livestock.

Additional areas will be gazetted as ‘Disturbed and Dangerous ‘ as the Operation assumes its third phase.

He at the same sent messages of condolence and stands of solidarity with the families whose kin have been harmed and those of frontline security officers who have sacrificially fallen in the line of duty.

“Into 2024, the government remains glued to the vision of defeating banditry, destroying its evil infrastructure as well as building resilience of affected communities and mainstreaming them into National Development,” he noted.

During the tour, he held a strategic, review and forward planning engagement with security teams from Rift Valley and Eastern Regions, and Formation Field Commanders.

He also had occasion too to review operations at the Archer’s Post Multi-Agency vehicle check point which is making critical contributions to the fight against the flow of illicit arms, trafficking in persons and movement of narcotics and psychotropic substances along the Moyale-Isiolo-Nairobi Highway.



Cabinet Secretary for Interior Prof. Kithure Kindiki addressing Security officers at Archers Post, Samburu County on Thursday.

In The Summer.



In the summer, Munisa went to a 2-week camp. Her first week at camp was great. At the end of the 2nd week, she began to miss his mother and home. There were many students in the camp. The last day at the camp was planned to be spent in nature. Munisa did not want to go for a walk. She wanted to cry for some reason. Sometimes he says Munisa has a heart, sometimes she says don't go. When he didn't know what to do, a beautiful girl of 7-8 years who came to rest like Munisa suddenly came to her.

—Hello, sister, she said and sat down on Munisa's couch with her legs stretched out. Munisa did not want to talk to anyone. But for some reason, wanting to talk to her, she simply said:
— Hi
— Why are you upset? — said the little girl, and a warm conversation began.
— Just

— Did you hear that we are going to have a picnic?
— Yes, you will go. what is your name
— Gulinur. Don't you go for a walk?
— ...
— Please go, I'm scared myself.
— Oh, what about the others?
— No, they are not like my mother. And you look like my mother. Your name is also Munisa. My mother is also Munisa.
Munisa hugged Gulinur and
—You are a little angel,—she said.
Gulinur looked at Munisa and
—My mother is dead,—she said.
Munisa hugged Gulinur tightly. For some reason, she remembered her mother's rosy face.
The next day, Munisa went for a walk holding Gulinur's arm...

Mashhura Umaraliyeva Otajon qizi

The talented young poet Mashhura Umaraliyeva was born on February 25, 2007 in Yangiabad district of Jizzakh region. Currently, he is a 10th-grade student of the President School of Creativity named after Hamid Olimjon and Zulfia, Jizzakh city. Winner of many competitions. Samples of creations have been published in various magazines.

Honor The Teacher



Master Zia, manners and light,
The heart of the world is a book.
Read child, long live
A great teacher like your father,
A great teacher like your mother.

Learn the lesson diligently,
Think about it,

May you have passion?
A great teacher like your father,
A great teacher like your mother.

In science,
"Power is in knowledge and thought",
In search imagination,
A great teacher like your father,
A great teacher like your mother.

Dilnura G'ulomjonova was born on June 2006.2008. Pop district of Namangan region. Currently, studying in Is'hakxan Ibrat school. And she is learning 4 languages: russian, english, korean and german. In her leisure time she reads books and listens to music. Her the biggest aim in life is finding her place and being 1st point. In addition, she writes poems. One of her poem was published in "Shifakor va hayot" newspaper. Her future goal is studying abroad.

What Happened, Events In Attobus



By: Farzona Hoshimova

As always, we went to the driveway with my grandmother before 8:30 in the morning. This time the bus came quickly. As I said, every Wednesday we go to Far ona TV to be filmed. We got on the bus. We sat in the last seat. There were not many people. The bus would take approximately 45 minutes to reach the city. After 23 stops, the person started to fill up. A woman came out from the city hospital. I got up and gave way. Then I stood next to my grandmother. The woman greeted my grandmother warmly. At first I thought they were familiar. He began to tell my grandmother about his life.

"I have a son and a daughter. They divorced their father early. I became their father and mother. I work as a cleaner in this hospital. In my free time, I cook and sell. Lately, no one has put my cleanliness on my face. I was respected by all the employees, even our boss. They also gave

me money rewards many times. One day I was crossing the pedestrian crossing. It was the pedestrians' turn. I looked at a shiny black car coming towards me. There is a man inside. He didn't stop. He pushed me hard. He didn't stop and help. People around me helped me. A car owner took me to the hospital. I was treated for a long time. 2 people came and questioned me. Then they left. Not going far, one said to the other:

— Eee. He is a janitor. It does nothing. Time will pass. "Let's go," he said.

I have been working as a cleaner for 25 years. But no one had said that about me. I did not complain. The janitor is also a man. I was deeply touched by the man's cold words, "janitor". Thankfully, there are many good and conscientious people. They helped me a lot in my office. Our boss is a wonderful and sweet person. Despite being a young leader, everyone is kind. Thank God that there are such people. At that moment, the bus arrived at the station. My grandmother said goodbye to that woman. We got off the bus. I told my grandmother: I said, "Grandma, do you know this woman?"
— No. We are not friends. They said that she shared her pain with me. I didn't ask any more questions.

I was interested in the life of that woman and intended to write a story.
"We didn't buy it from her, grandma," I said.
— they said, we will definitely get it next time we meet.

The Winners Of The "Nodirai Davron" Contest Have Been Announced!



14 girls who won the 1st place in the regions fought for the victory in the final stage in three conditions, including "Let's write accidentally!", "Development based on values" and "Unexpected question". The performances of the participants were evaluated by the Selection Board, which consisted of the deputy chairmen of the Central and Regional Councils of the Party, the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis and the local Council of People's Deputies, the leaders of the "Women's Wing" of the party, representatives of partner organizations, as well as the employees of the Executive Committee of the Central Council of the Party.

According to the results of the competition:

1. Gulnoza Sapayeva - representative

of Khorezm region, teacher of "Avetsina international" school in Urganch
2. Alfiya Amangeldiyeva - the second place is the representative of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, a student of Nukus State Pedagogical Institute named after Ajiniyoz
3. Shakhribonu Okmamatova, representative of Tashkent city, student of World Economy and Diplomacy University, and Irada Bahronova, representative of Navoi region, student of Uzbek language and literature faculty of Navoi State Pedagogical Institute.

The major goal of planning this event is to make sure that girls are more involved in politics and society, and that their opinions are complex. It is to bring back our vanishing customs and values, to emphasize their significance even more, and to give the younger generation their initial insight into this. The outcome was.

The author : Student of Samarkand State Medical University first course Atajanova Ogultuvak

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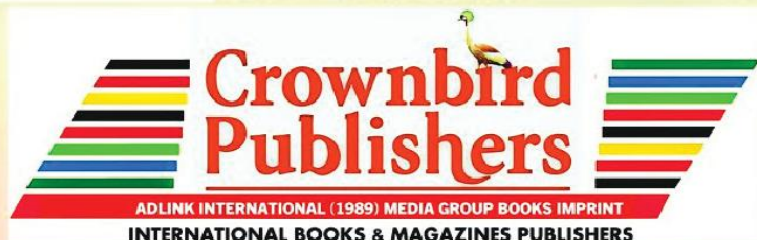
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Transforming Lives through Accessible Healthcare: M-Hai.co.ke Makes a Difference in Kenya

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Worth Noting:

- M-Hai.co.ke recognizes that access to essential drugs is a fundamental right, and barriers such as cost should not hinder individuals from obtaining the healthcare they need. Therefore, the organization is committed to making essential drugs accessible and affordable for all its members. By leveraging strategic partnerships and optimizing supply chains, M-Hai.co.ke aims to keep the cost of essential drugs reasonable without compromising on quality.
- The organization understands the financial constraints that individuals and families may face and is determined to play a role in alleviating these challenges. Through transparent pricing and cost-effective solutions, M-Hai.co.ke is working towards ensuring that healthcare remains within reach for everyone.

In a world where access to essential drugs is crucial for personal and family well-being, M-Hai.co.ke stands as a beacon of hope. With a mission dedicated to providing solutions for personal and family needs, coupled with the pursuit of happiness, M-Hai.co.ke has positioned itself as a trusted partner in the healthcare journey of its members. This article delves into the core values and commitments of M-Hai.co.ke, shedding light on the organization's dedication to quality, safety, and building strong relationships with its members.

Quality, Safety, and Member Satisfaction

At the heart of M-Hai.co.ke's mission is an unwavering commitment to quality and safety. The organization recognizes the importance of healthcare in enhancing the quality of life and ensuring the well-being of individuals and their families. To achieve this, M-Hai.co.ke places a strong emphasis on sourcing and providing high-quality essential drugs that meet stringent safety standards.

Members can rest assured that the products offered by M-Hai.co.ke undergo rigorous quality checks to ensure their efficacy and safety. This commitment to quality extends beyond the products themselves to the overall service provided. M-Hai.co.ke understands that an exceptional service experience is paramount in healthcare, and thus, it is dedicated to delivering services that exceed expectations.

Moreover, the satisfaction of its members is the primary focus for M-Hai.co.ke. The organization understands that healthcare needs are diverse and personal, requiring tailored solutions. Whether it's addressing specific health concerns or providing timely access to essential drugs, M-Hai.co.ke strives to meet the unique needs of each member.

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Building Strong Relationships

Beyond the transactional aspect of healthcare, M-Hai.co.ke places a significant emphasis on building strong and enduring relationships with its members. The healthcare journey is a personal one, and M-Hai.co.ke seeks to be a reliable and compassionate partner every step of the way.

By fostering open communication, actively seeking feedback, and addressing the evolving needs of its members, M-Hai.co.ke aims to create a community where individuals feel valued and supported in their healthcare decisions. This approach not only enhances the overall member experience but also contributes to the organization's continuous improvement and innovation.

M-Hai.co.ke's mission to provide access to essential drugs solutions for personal and family needs while prioritizing happiness is a testament to its commitment to the well-being of its members. Through a focus

on quality, safety, affordability, and building strong relationships, M-Hai.co.ke is not just a healthcare provider; it is a partner in the journey towards a healthier and happier life. As the organization continues to evolve and expand its services, it stands poised to make a lasting impact on the lives of its members, transforming healthcare accessibility and experiences for the better.



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CS Miano Reflection For Year 2023

By: John Kariuki
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Investment Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano is thankful for a fruitful year 2023. Though she started off the year in the docket of East Africa Community ASALs and Regional Development, she was eventually redeployed to handle the lucrative docket of Investment Trade and Industry by President William Samoei Ruto.

Here are some take home notes by the CS on how the year has been:

“During my tenure at the portfolio of East Africa Community ASALs and Regional Development, we accelerated relief food for vulnerable communities during the drought and I noted the resilience of the communities

We came with strategies on how to avoid future droughts. Was privileged to participate in four summits of Heads of State discussing Trade and Regional integration among oth-

er issues.

In the new docket of Investment Trade and Industry, I came in and I was invited for a meeting of the G7 Trade Ministers. Kenya was the only country that was invited in that high level summit and this gave me a very solid start.

Sitting at the table with international giants I was able to pick very important discussions. When given an opportunity to present, I highlighted that Kenya can be a very good hub for supply chains and I also made a pitch on what Kenya had to offer as well as engaging high level conversations with Japan, Canada.

I then went to represent His Excellency The President Dr William Ruto in Egypt for the Intra Africa Trade Fair that was another forum. We launched the Africa green industrialization initiative at Cop 28.

Immediately after that I went to India for Kenya India business community discussions and I made a presentation to back up what His Excellency The President had presented.

So we’ve quite a number of achievements chiefly among them being the



European Commission Chief Ursula von der Leyen is received by CS Rebecca Miano during her visit on December 18, 2023.

Kenyans Staring At Higher Interest On Loans In 2024

By: John Kariuki
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Kenyans will have to adjust their seat belts come January 2024 as a result of higher interest rates on loans that will be slapped by lenders.

This is after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Kenya increased the CBK rate to 12.5 per cent from 10.5 per cent.

“This will ensure that inflationary expectations remain anchored while setting inflation on a firm downward path towards the 5.0 percent mid-point of the target range,” CBK said.

Reacting on the same, the Founder and Managing Director of Jijenge Credit Limited Mr. Peter Macharia Kamau noted,

“The main reason why CBK is increasing interest rates is to reduce the current inflation rate from where it is

to the central bank preferred rate of 2.5%.”

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Managing Director of Jijenge Credit Limited Mr. Peter Macharia Kamau.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If Water Bothers You....Plant A Tree



Heavy rains have been pouring in most parts of the country and seemingly Tana River, Garisa, Wajir, Mandera, Kisumu and Siaya Counties are the most affected as per the reports which were let out by the Interior Cabinet Secretary Dr. Raymond Omollo.

Significantly, the rains caused major destructions in these counties. For instance, roads in some parts of Mandera, Wajir counties were markedly flooded that motorists and pedestrians found it difficult to navigate, 55 homes in Lafaley area of Wajir Tarbaj sub-county were also submerged and infrastructures destroyed.

Moreover, in Nyando and Kadibo parts of Kisumu county, heavy rains caused displacement of more than 4,000 households and maize, rice farms swept that no crop survived. Unlike Kisumu, Garisa, Wajir, Mandera counties which were enormous-

ly affected by the rains, counties like Nyeri, Samburu, Kericho remained untouched.

Why were these counties not affected? Or is it because they didn't experience any bit of the rains? I would say No, for according to the 2021 National Forest Resource Management (NFRA) report, Nyeri, Samburu, Kericho, Lamu counties had the highest percentage of the forest cover and seemingly the trees they had planted paid off greatly during the heavy rains.

Therefore, dear fellow Citizens I urge you to plant trees because these trees are the only natural friends that doesn't leave when we got problems. Instead of crying day in, day out to the government for help during such calamities, let's step in and take responsibility by planting trees for if we protect NATURE, we will SURVIVE.



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Increase Forest Cover, End Climate Change Crises

The country has been experiencing heavy rainfall in recent times, with several counties feeling the brunt of this weather pattern. According to reports released by Dr. Raymond Omollo, the Interior Cabinet Secretary, Tana River, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Kisumu, and Siaya Counties have been hit the hardest.

Sadly, these counties have had to bear significant destruction as a result of the incessant rains. For instance, certain parts of Wajir and Mandera Counties were so severely flooded that roads became impassable. In Lafaley area of Tarbaj sub-county in Wajir County alone, 55 homes were submerged while infrastructures were destroyed.

Similarly, Nyando and Kadibo regions of Kisumu County experienced heavy displacement as more than 4,000 households were affect-

ed. Additionally, maize and rice farms were swept away leaving no crops surviving.

Interestingly enough though are Nyeri, Samburu, Kericho counties which remained untouched despite the heavy downpour experienced in other areas. This begs the question; why didn't these counties experience any adverse effects? Was it because they did not receive any rainfall at all?

To answer this question we refer to the 2021 National Forest Resource Management (NFRA) report which cites Nyeri, Samburu, Kericho and Lamu counties as having the highest percentage of forest cover. It would appear that their tree planting initiatives paid off greatly during this period of intense rainfall.

It is therefore imperative that we take responsibility for our environ-



ment by planting trees since they are our natural friends who do not desert us during difficult times like these. Instead of solely relying on govern-

ment aid during such calamities let us protect nature so we can survive through them together.

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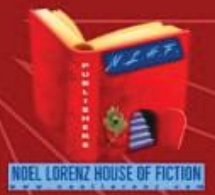
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My Loving Mother



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Worth Noting:

- Mothers always come to help even if they are not with us my mother is such a person that she can replace everyone but no one can replace her. If they told me to hug the world I would go and hug my mother. If I come into the world once I would like you to be my mother a thousand times more. I am proud to have a mother like you. You are the number 1 person for me.
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Oygul Qarshiyeva.

My mother is my greatest asset in the world. He supports me every step of the way. Encourages by my side day and night in any situation. My mother is the symbol of love and sincerity for me. She is ready to give us everything but she does not ask for anything in return.

When I'm afraid of the dark he becomes my light and saves me from that darkness. If I can't sleep at night he doesn't leave my side until I fall asleep. Most importantly my mother encourages me to be thorough in every way and to learn.

Every mother is a special person for her children. On my days of failure my mother always tells me to try again until you reach your goal you gain experience from the knowledge you have gained due to failure. My mother is the most beautiful woman in the world.

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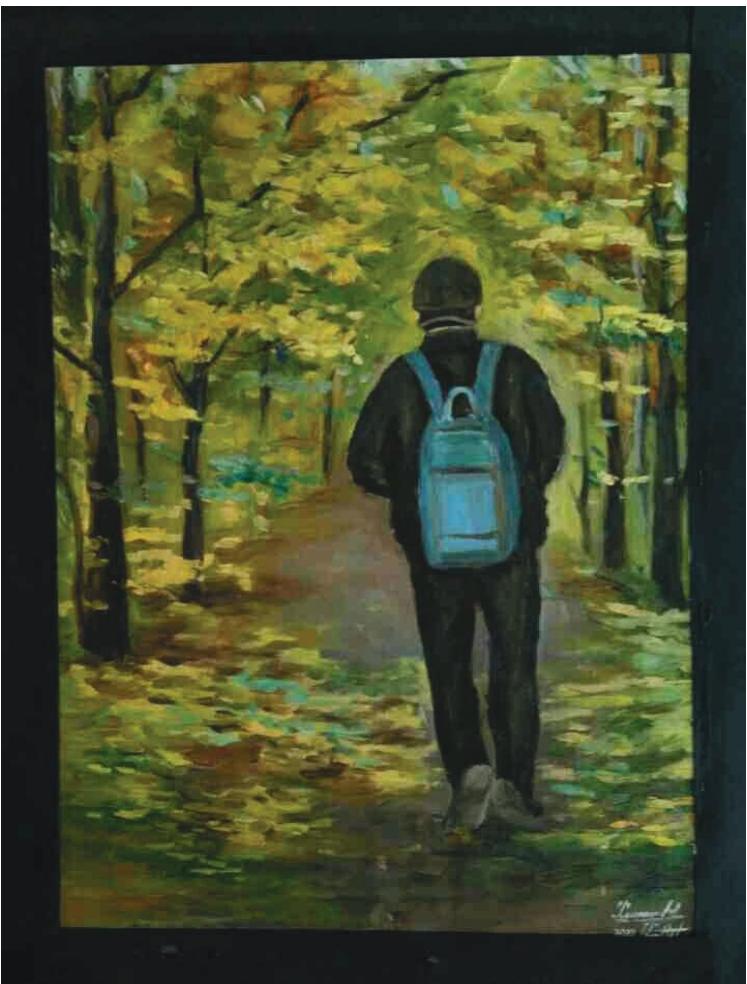
It is probably impossible to find a mother who does not love her child with all her heart. Even though my mother is not physically strong, she is able to overcome any obstacles for her life and family. Mothers heart and mothers love are waves like an incomparable ocean.

The first melody heard by the baby is the melody that sounds in the mother's heart with a soft voice. When we mention this holy word my loving mother who is the only one dear to me in the world is incarcerated before my eyes. My mother protects me when I stumble and gives her advice. My mother is the person I trust the most she always listens to me and supports me. They cheer me on when I succeed and support me when I fail. I love you very much, dear mother.

Ruzmetova Zuhra Vyacheslavovna November 30, 2006 I was born in the city of Urgench Khorezm region. There are 6 of us in the family my father, my mother, my brother, my twin and me. I am currently a student of the 11 th grade of school no 14 in Urgench city.

I am very interested in poetry. Currently I write poems and stories. My poems have been published in America, Great Britain, Uzbekistan,Turkey, Germany, Azerbaijan and other countries I attend the Barkamol avlod children's school of Urgench District studying the art of public speaking. Every week, I am a guest on Khorezm TV channel. I was awarded with a set of certificates and a badge in the biographical competition held by Uzbekistan and international organizations.

India Argentina and Georgia are members of international organizations. I am the holder of the badge "For International Services" by the bi wing poets' writers association. I have been taking pride of place in national and international public speaking competitions. I am the winner of competitions of more than 100 national and international organizations. I have many future dream goals.



Title of the work: 'Autumn dream'.



Title of the work: 'my childhood'.

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Sports >> *Carlo Ancelotti extended his contract with Real Madrid to June 2026 on Friday which would rule him out of becoming Brazil national coach.

Ancelotti Snubs Brazil, Commits To Real Madrid



Soccer Football - LaLiga - FC Barcelona v Real Madrid - Camp Nou, Barcelona, Spain - March 19, 2023 Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti before the match
REUTERS/Juan Medina.

Carlo Ancelotti extended his contract with Real Madrid to June 2026 on Friday which would rule him out of becoming Brazil national coach.

"Real Madrid and Carlo Ancelotti have reached agreement on the extension of his contract till June 30, 2026," Real said in a statement.

It had been reported in July this year that 64-year-old Ancelotti would become the first foreigner to coach Brazil in almost 60 years once he saw out his present Real contract next year.

The Brazil Football Confederation had named Fernando Diniz as the temporary manager before they anticipated Ancelotti taking control for the 2024 Copa America.

Ednaldo Rodriguez, the then

president of the CBF, held months of negotiations with Ancelotti, who had previously stated the Real job would be his last in football.

However, it appeared one of the most glamorous and challenging jobs in football had brought a change of mind.

"We went after him not only due to his record, but also because he is a decent person," Rodrigues told beIN Sports earlier this year. "Those who have worked with him say that he is open, cultured, and he appreciates Brazilian football."

However, under Diniz Brazil's woes on the pitch have continued and the team currently occupy the sixth and final regional qualifying spot for the 2026 World Cup.

The CBF did not wish to comment on the news about Ancelotti when contacted by AFP on Friday.

Ancelotti for his part never verbally confirmed that he had agreed to become Brazil coach.

"I am still here," he told the press on October 21.

"There are a lot of rumours, but I think everything will be clearer soon.

"Obviously as I have repeatedly said, I am very happy at Real Madrid.

"I am an egotist, of course," he added drily.

Compared to Brazil, Real's results this season have been largely positive -- they top La Liga and eased into the Champions League knockout rounds with six wins from six matches.

Ancelotti is regarded as one of the greatest coaches of all time.

He has won the Champions League four times - twice with AC Milan and twice with Real Madrid.

He has won domestic league titles with Real and Milan, in England with Chelsea, in Germany with Bayern Munich and in France with Paris Saint-Germain.

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Howe Has No Spending Guarantee Despite Newcastle Slump



Soccer Football - Champions League - Group F - AC Milan v Newcastle United - San Siro, Milan, Italy - September 19, 2023 Newcastle United manager Eddie Howe
REUTERS/Daniele Mascolo.

Eddie Howe has been given no guarantees that Newcastle's Saudi owners will allow him to solve the team's problems by splashing out on new players in the January transfer window. Howe's side are languishing in ninth place in the Premier League and have crashed out of the Champions League in a dismal end to 2023. The Magpies head to Premier League leaders Liverpool on New Year's Day having lost six of their last seven games in all competitions. The Newcastle hierarchy have in-

vested around £400 million (\$509 million) in the four transfer windows since they took control of the club. For the first time in Howe's reign, the 46-year-old admits he has not been told to expect a further cash injection in January. "No, we haven't had those assurances," Howe told reporters on Friday. "I think it's a difficult month, as we always say when January comes around. "I apologise if I sound like I'm saying the same things, but it is a very difficult month to bring in quality players.

"Financial Fair Play continues to play a part in our decision-making, so let's wait and see." Newcastle's woes have been compounded by a lengthy injury list and the likes of Harvey Barnes, Joe Willock, Jacob Murphy and Elliot Anderson can't return to fitness soon enough for Howe. But with Newcastle eight points behind the fourth place in which they finished last season, the pressure is starting to mount on Howe. The former Bournemouth boss's job appears safe, in the short term at least, and he insists he can cope

with the increased scrutiny. "I don't look at it like I'm in the spotlight now. I'm always in the spotlight and criticism is part of this job. It goes hand in hand with it," he said. "You say I haven't been criticised, but it just goes with the territory. I've learned to accept and understand that and - no disrespect - but to blank it out and make sure I help the players. That hasn't changed for me."

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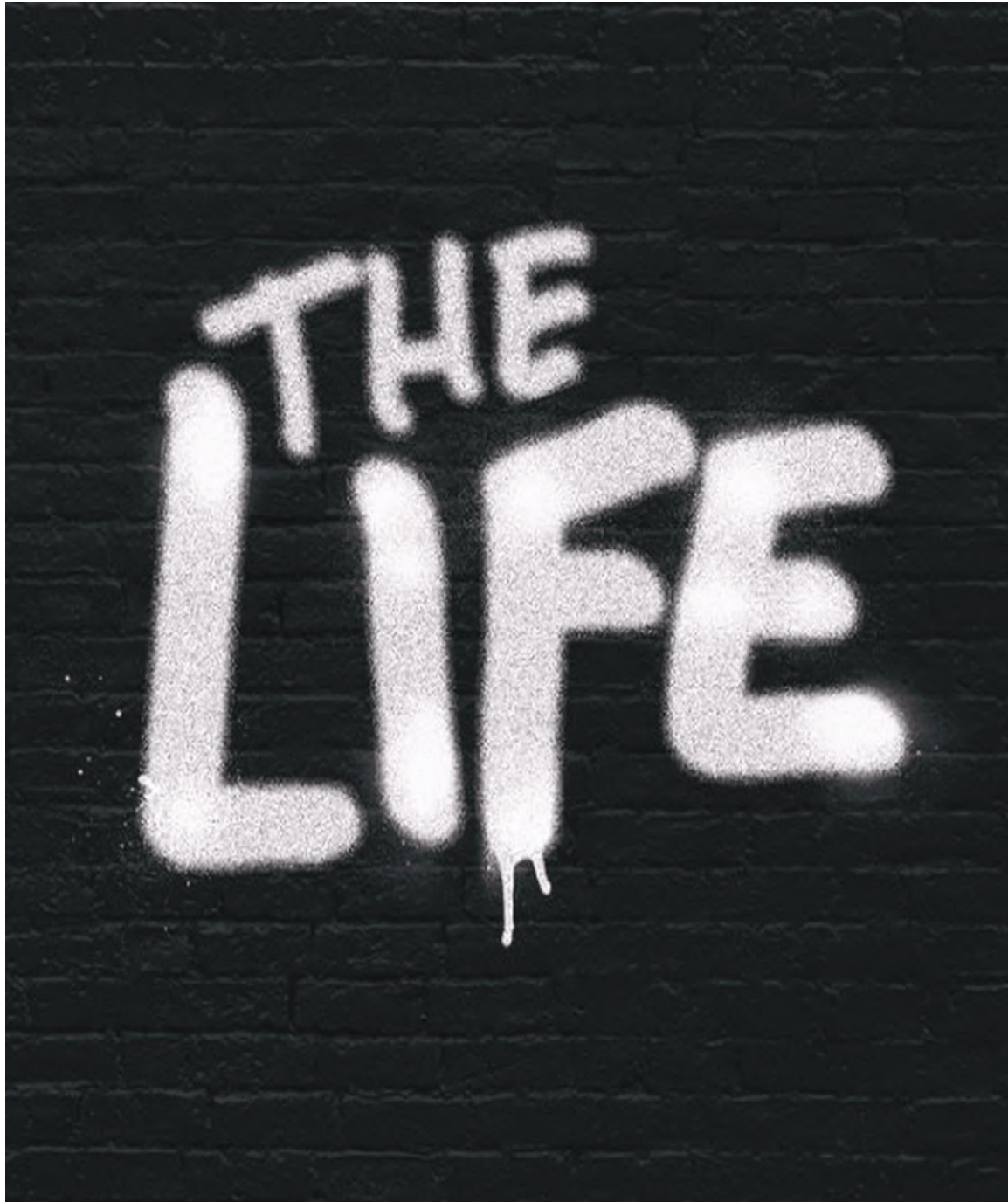
The Life Of The World And The Hereafter



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Worth Noting:

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- I had a hard time at first. I suffered. I moaned. But the only thing I can say now is "It's not good thing". That's all. I'm used to being friendless. After the scars they left on my heart. I was afraid to make friends with someone. The reason is that he dreams that he will leave me too. And I don't need a friend right now.



This life is not only happiness, only success and only sorrow, as you think. Life is sometimes sweet and sometimes better. One day we stand on our feet, one day we fall. And we have to admit this fact whether we want to or not.

Do not trust all the people around you in this life. Personally, I regretted getting attached to some people and telling them my secrets from thread to needle. These words are not about love at all. This is about my friends. 4.5 months ago, there was no one happier in this world

than me.

But what happened, our dreams flew to the sky and rained down. That is the dreams we made with the person we thought was our friend. It's my entire fault.

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My problem is, don't make friends with anyone from this world. Just treat everyone the same. Don't spill your secrets to everyone. For God is with those who persevere. Right now, my closest friends are Allah and my parents. My father and mother are my confidants, take care

of me, and they are my prayers. Until now, my parents have not fed me, clothed me, washed me and combed my hair. And I will definitely justify their trust. God willing. And my God answers me like this. "Be patient, I will give you more than that". Before patience, then happiness!

It is not worth imagining my life 2,3 years ago. I wonder how I lived that life. I was unhappy with everyone. I lived in a completely useless way of life. Now I can't imagine my days without Namaz. Alhamdulillah.

At that time. I thought. "If I leave this bright world without worshipping God even once". But now I am very grateful to my mother, who introduced me to God and taught me to worship God. I can't thank you enough. InshaAllah, let them live long.

Nowadays everyone wants heaven but they don't want to die. Why? Because people are afraid of death. However, they don't believe that there is life after death. It does not mean that the light has left the world. Real life begins after leaving this bright world. Now we are in the exam. Do you understand? We are in the exam. We run for the exam of this world. If we fail to study, we are very sad and tired of life. But think about it, have we prepared for the exam of the hereafter? No! Because we live in the present. We don't know what will happen in 5 minutes, but we dream for years. Think about it. You are gone in 5 minutes. Imagine.

What will change? Nothing! Nothing changes. Time does not stand still. The earth does not stop spinning either. As it is in your presence, so it is in your absence. I apologize for telling the truth to your face. But this is my duty. I need to remind you!

Dear reader, if you are reading me this story. I appreciate you. I am more than happy if you have any conclusion. But some people may not understand me and insult me. But this is the truth.

Thank you for your attention. Be okay with the time you spend. After all, everything has an answer in the hereafter!