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In a decisive move aimed at fortifying safety measures and bolstering the private security sector, the Private Security Regulatory Authority in Kenya has announced sweeping reforms mandating rigorous vetting, training, and licensing for various security personnel.

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President William Ruto laying the foundation of affordable housing in Nanyuki town yesterday. With him in the picture is among others, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua, Laikipia County Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri, Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri and Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome. Photo/courtesy

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Governor Kihika Unveils Gilgil’s Community-led Transformative Development Agenda

By: Suleiman Mbatiah



Worth Noting:

- “We are committed to upgrading Gilgil Hospital into a Level 5 facility, providing a comprehensive range of specialized medical care to enhance healthcare services,” she declared.
- According to the governor, the hospital will handle complex medical cases, thereby reducing the necessity for patient referrals to Nakuru Teaching and Referral Hospital.
- Furthermore, the governor disclosed that plans are at an advanced stage for the establishment of a Kenya Medical Training College on the hospital’s 60-acre underutilized land.



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public participation forum in Gilgil Municipality, where her government is seeking input to shape development plans that reflect the community’s needs and preferences.

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“In line with smart growth and resilient urban areas, we are set to launch the construction of 2,000 units under President Ruto’s affordable housing agenda,” she announced.

The housing project, she emphasized, is integral to Gilgil Municipality’s focus on integrated land development and the creation of a resilient urban area for its 200,000-plus residents.

On Saturday, President William Ruto is expected to commission some 605 low-cost units at the Bondeni Affordable Housing Project in Nakuru Town East sub-county.

The project is a joint venture between the State Department for Housing and Urban Development and Kings Sapphire Limited, a subsidiary of the Nakuru-based Royal Group Industries.

“We will continue to partner with the National Government in shaping not just projects but sustainable legacies by fostering an entire development ecosystem,” she affirmed.

Nakuru County Governor Susan Kihika has outlined an ambitious plan to transform underutilized land in Gilgil sub-county into functional and sustainable spaces for economic and social development. This initiative aligns with the governor’s emphasis on community involvement in key decision-making processes, aiming to foster a sense of ownership and inclusivity. Governor Kihika was speaking during a

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Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire has offered support to 97 doctors who went on strike, stating that her office is open to helping them meet their demands and work out a plan for long-term solutions. Services are still being provided, albeit at a slower pace than usual, and the county government has hired 21 stand-in doctors and clinical officers as a contingency. The doctors went on strike over issues such as lack of promotions, non-remittance of loans and statutory deductions, and not being allowed to go for further studies. Mbarire acknowledged that all the doctors' grievances were genuine and that some were work in progress, while others required careful planning to avoid paralysing other services. She cited the clearance of debts arising from unremitted statutory deductions, where she said that although she found her government owed Sh587 million when she took over office, they had cleared Sh300 million and were in the process of settling the balance. She also mentioned that the government needs some Sh400 million to effect delayed promotions, but expressed willingness to work out a plan with the doctors. Mbarire also mentioned that the county government has recruited nurses and support staff on contract, which was cheaper than recruiting on permanent terms.



The Department of Gender, Youth, and Social Service in Nyeri County has launched an induction training programme for newly recruited fire officers. Chief Officer, Social Services, Joe Gethi, presided over the training session at the Nyeri Fire Station. The department is collaborating with St. John's Ambulance to conduct training on Basic Fire Fighting, Equipment, Hydrants, First Aid, and Structural Building. Gethi urged the officers to perform their duties with commitment and diligence for efficient service delivery to the community. He reassured the department's commitment to capacity building, a conducive working environment, and the provision of necessary tools and equipment for the fire section. The training will run for three days.



Komu area Senior Chief Muchui Muiruri (left) and his Senior Assistant Chiefs, George Mbugua (2nd right) and James Nyoike (right) arrest two notorious bhang peddlers in Kibute estate yesterday. They were found in possession of 106 rolls of sativa cannabis that wasn't in medicinal form Peddlers are targeting youth and more so college students who reside in the vast estate Chief Muiruri said major swoops will be conducted to fight drug and substance abuse in the area. The chief noted that liquor operators were flouting the laid down regulations, a situation that will not be tolerated at all. Photo/James Wakahiu



Secondary schools in Thika are struggling to accommodate the influx of students as they prepare for Form One students. The government has provided support, including Sh32 billion in capitation fees, but principals feel overwhelmed as their facilities are overstretched. Chania Boys High School and Chania Girls High School are the most affected, struggling to accommodate almost 2000 students each. The government and area MP Alice Ng'ang'a have pumped in over Sh4 million for the construction of an administration block and library, as well as a well-wisher donating three semi-permanent structures. Thika Boys High School and Thika Girls Karibaribi have similar numbers of students, and principals are calling for the government to establish more schools to reduce pressures on the available ones. Despite the infrastructural challenges, students have excelled in last year's KCSE exams, with some scoring straight As.



Parents in Nyeri are facing harsh economic times as their children return to school. As schools reopened after a long holiday, many parents are citing hiked fares and increased prices on stationery, uniforms, and other essential goods as the biggest headaches they are facing. They believe that these added costs, combined with school fees, will drain their meagre savings and negatively impact other household expenses. The high cost of living has made money an elusive commodity, making it difficult for parents to balance school fees with other pressing needs. The high cost of fuel has also complicated Kenyans' lives, with fuel costs cutting down on take-away home trips. Bodaboda operators in Nyeri town are calling for the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) to lower fuel costs to ease pressure on the transport sector. Last year, EPRA announced a reduction in pump prices after months of rising fuel costs, offering relief to millions of Kenyans.

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New Year Gift: Kakuzi Unionisable Employees Bag A 16% Wage Increase In Updated Collective Bargaining Agreement

By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- While confirming the signing of the agreement, Kakuzi Managing Director Mr Chris Flowers said the firm would continue prioritising its human capital welfare by providing quality working conditions, rewards and benefits to enable its staff teams to attain their full potential.

- Kakuzi, he added, is pursuing several initiatives to enhance its continued commitment to its ESG principles. While we acknowledge that the business has to be sustainable to provide decent jobs, we also must recognise our broader responsibilities to lift others as we grow, Flowers said.



Kakuzi General Manager, Human Resources, Dr Wilson Odiyo (left) and Kenya Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (KPAWU) General Secretary Dr Francis Atwoli (right) signing the updated Kakuzi/KPAWU Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in Nakuru yesterday..

Unionisable workers at Kakuzi Plc, the listed agribusiness and superfoods producer, are set for a pleasant New Year salary rise gift following the signing of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Kenya Plantation and Agricultural Workers Union (KPAWU).

Following the signing of the new CBA, the more than 3,350 workers at Kakuzi's Makuyu operations site will enjoy a 16 per cent general wage increase over the next two years, effective January 2024.

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"Kakuzi PLC appreciates the support that Dr Atwoli and the KPAWU Leadership extended to complete the CBA negotiations successfully. As a responsible company, our employees' welfare is paramount, and this signing affirms our commitment to continue providing a safe workplace while maintaining good relationships between the company, employees and

the Union," Mr Flowers said.

The signing of the updated CBA follows a recent round of mutual negotiations between Kakuzi officials led by the firm's General Manager, Human Resources Dr Wilson Odiyo and KPAWU Officials led by General Secretary Dr Francis Atwoli and Deputy General Secretary Thomas Kipkemboi.

Speaking in Nakuru during the signing ceremony, Dr Atwoli, who is also the Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU-K) Secretary General, implored local enterprises to remain considerate of the plight of unionisable workers in light of the prevailing economic challenges. Remaining considerate, he noted, will include corporate commitments to clear CBA nego-

tiations in time as the Union continues to pursue a win-win strategy cognizant of the national and global economic challenges.

"I want to thank Kakuzi management for a positive response to KPAWU proposals and being considerate of the unionisable workers in a shared prosperity model," Dr Atwoli said. He added, "We wish Kakuzi well in its agribusiness endeavours and hope for sustained positive industrial relations as economic times improve."

Last month, Kakuzi released its fourth Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) report, 'For People with Purpose'.

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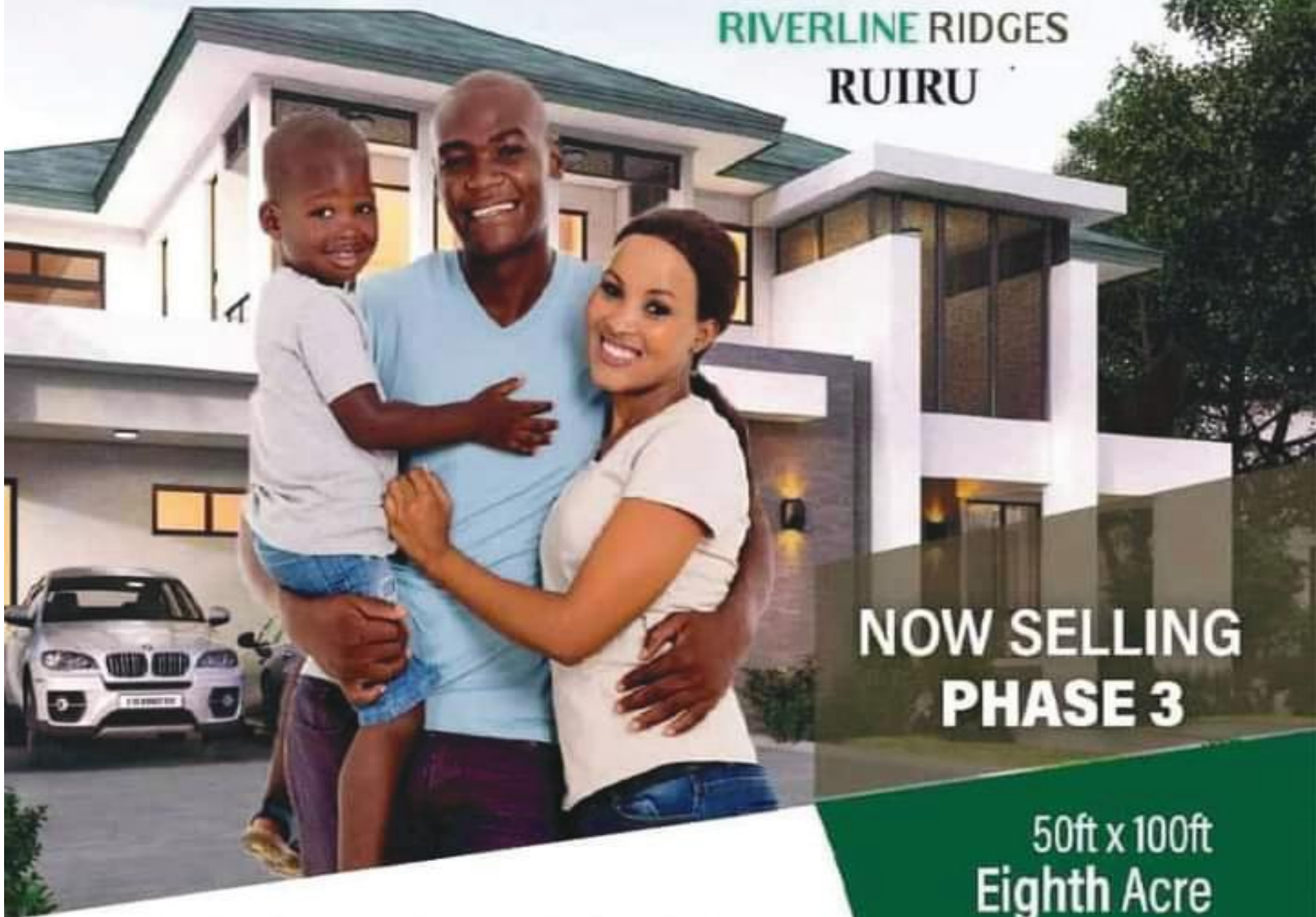
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Ruto Orders KCC To Pay Sh50 Per Litre Of Milk In A Bid To Enhance Earnings

By: Presidential Communication Service

President William Ruto has said the government is committed to reforming the dairy sector to boost farmers' earnings.

The President explained that the Government is spending Sh5 billion modernising New Kenya Co-operative Creameries (KCC) to enhance its efficiency to meet the needs of farmers.

He observed that the goal of bolstering KCC's processing capacity is to ensure it handles the entire volume of milk produced by farmers.

The President also directed KCC to begin paying milk farmers Sh50 a litre beginning March 1 and ensure the price never fluctuates.

"From July 1, farmers will be paid every 15 days. This is how we will eliminate milk hawking which arises when farmers are not paid for two to three months," he said.

He made the remarks on Wednesday during the commissioning of the upgraded New KCC in Nyahururu,

Laikipia County.

The President said India has committed to supporting agricultural transformation to the tune of KSh37 billion, out of which Sh5 billion will be used in the modernisation of KCC.

The President also observed that the Government will help farmers get quality animal breeds that do not consume a lot of feed to maximise profits.

He noted that the government will also enhance farmers' access to seasonal credit through the Agricultural Finance Corporation.

"The government has allocated AFC Sh10 billion for this purpose," he said.

Timely subsidy

At the same time, President Ruto assured farmers that they will get this season's fertiliser on time at a subsidised price of Sh2,500.

"Investing in agriculture is the best way to create wealth and expand opportunities for the people and reduce the cost of living and food," he said.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua said reforms in the agricultural sector have been successful, citing



President William Ruto has said the government is committed to reforming the dairy sector/PCS

improved earnings by tea, coffee and milk farmers.

"The last bonus has been the highest in the history of tea farming in this Republic," he said.

He condemned unscrupulous business people who have been making attempts to smuggle powdered milk

into the country.

"The security agencies have been directed to ensure that this doesn't happen. If you want to be in the milk business, buy farmers' milk," he said.

The meeting was also attended by Cooperatives and Micro and Small Enterprises Simon Chelugui, Defence

Principal Secretary Patrick Mariru, Laikipia Governor Joseph Irungu, Senator John Kinyua (Laikipia) and local MP Stephen Wachira (Laikipia West), among other officials.

Executive Asked To Stop Public Attacks On Judiciary

By: Jacob Kioria

A section of Law Society of Kenya members have urged the Executive to use available constitutional means to lodge complaints against members of the Judiciary who are accused of being corrupt.

Led by Omwanza Ombati who is eyeing the position of Law Society of Kenya (LSK) male representative to the Judicial Service Commission in the upcoming elections, the LSK members warned that continued attacks on the Judiciary risk eroding public confidence in the institution.

They faulted the executive for allegedly renegeing on its pledge to respect the independence of the Judiciary.

They spoke during Ombati's presentation of his nomination papers at the Law Society of Kenya offices.



Ruto Defends Attack On Corrupt Judicial Officers

The Head Of State Noted That Development In The Country Has Been Held Hostage By Three Things; Inefficient Leadership, Vested Interests And Corruption

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Worth Noting:

- “Affordable housing is a pillar towards the people of Kenya up to the grassroots through job creation in the construction sector and ultimately quality homes for improved living standards,” noted the second most powerful political leader in the country.
- Laikipia East member of parliament in whose constituency the 1000 houses are being constructed supported the president’s supported the Presidency sentiments saying it was time the Kenya Kwanza administration was given room to address their campaign pledges to citizens.
- Several other leaders who addressed the meeting also supported a call for Kenyans to give the government time to steer the country forward.



President William Ruto during the commissioning of modernised New KCC factory in Nyahururu. With him is among others; his deputy Rigathi Gachagua, Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui and the corporation officials led by the chairman David Maina Kamiru..

President William Ruto has defended his persistent attack on corrupt judicial officers issuing unjust orders hampering development programmes envisaged in the Kenya Kwanza manifesto. Speaking during the foundation stone laying ceremony for the affordable housing scheme in Nanyuki town, Laikipia County, the President reiterated that he was determined to weed out corruption in all three arms of government without exception. “Development in this country has been held back for the last sixty years by inefficient leadership, vested interests and corruption and am determined to overturn the trend,” vowed the president. He accused unscrupulous landlords who fear losing tenants to exploit when the rent-to-own programme succeeds of sponsoring the frivolous court injunctions. “Wale wanaenda kotini ni matajiri wanaoishi kwa manyumba kubwa kubwa, wanaendesha magari makubwa na hawajalala njaa”, noted Dr Ruto adding that completion of the houses in major towns like Nanyuki will raise their status to cities with abundant opportunists. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua who accompanied him urged the Head of State to remain steadfast, resolute and determined on delivery of his plan that he made to Kenyans. “Affordable housing is a pillar

towards the people of Kenya up to the grassroots through job creation in the construction sector and ultimately quality homes for improved living standards,” noted the second most powerful political leader in the country. Laikipia East member of parliament in whose constituency the 1000 houses are being constructed supported the president’s supported the Presidency sentiments saying it

was time the Kenya Kwanza administration was given room to address their campaign pledges to citizens. Several other leaders who addressed the meeting also supported a call for Kenyans to give the government time to steer the country forward. Others who spoke included area Governor Joshua Irungu, his deputy Reuben Kamuri, Senator John Kinyua, area Women Representative

Jane Kagiri, Laikipia West MP Dr Wachira Karani, Laikipia North MP Sarah Paulata Korere. From out the county, those who addressed the meeting were Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome, the Leader of Majority in the National Assembly and Kikuyu MP Kimani Ichungw’a, Kieni constituency MP Anthony Njoroge Wainaina and East Africa Legislative Assembly member Kanini Kega. Also present were Housing Principal Secretary Charles Hinga, his Defence counterpart Patrick Mariru, National Housing Corporation chairman Yusuf Chanzu and Tana Water Works Development Agency counterpart Wanyaga Gathaka. After launching the housing project, the President and his team officially commissioned of Ngobit-Withare-Lamuria-Ngobit Girls and Kihara Primary School roads. Later, he officially commissioned the modernised New KCC factory in Nyahururu town where he was hosted by the parastatal officials led by the chairman Maina Kamiru and Managing Director Nickson Sigei. Today, the President and his team are scheduled to commission the Ol-Kalou Water and Sewerage project. He will later officially lay a foundation stone for affordable housing Ol-Kalou town. He will also launch Boiman-Passenga-Sirunga-Gachwe-Kwa Mumbi roads within Gathanjani sub-county.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua having a word with East Africa Legislative Assembly MP Kanini Kega after commissioning of Ngobit-Withare-Lamuria Road yesterday. Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu and Kieni MP Njoroge Wainaina are also in the picture.

Adopt Milk Consumption Program In Schools To Increase Consumption - New KCC Boss

By: Our Reporter
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The government owned milk processor; New KCC wants the State to come up with a policy of feeding school going children with milk as a way of creating ready market for the product.

The corporation chairman David Maina Kamiru said adopting a school feeding programme for schools will be a sure way of increasing the commodity’s consumption which will eventually lead to increase in productivity among farmers as the move will ensure a huge market is readily available.

Speaking at the State agency’s Nya-hururu modernised factory, Kamiru called on the government to consider the proposal as a serious source of the market for milk.

Further, Kamiru said, dairy farmers should be sensitised on various ways of reducing the cost of milk production so that they could reap maximum benefits.

He noted that it was cheaper to feed

dairy cattle on hays as opposed to silage saying producing hay called for less resources as compared to silage, more so in semi-arid areas like Laikipia County where President William Ruto commissioned their new factory yesterday.

Kamiru further proposed for enactment of laws calling for speedy payment of fresh products like milk by various retailers.

“I would urge the Leader of Majority in Parliament who is here to consider enacting a law that will see to it that fresh products like milk are paid within 10 days of supply. This will ensure that we reduce the time that it takes from collecting milk to paying the farmers,” Kamiru said.

President Ruto was accompanied by among others his deputy Rigathi Gachagua, Cabinet Secretary for Cooperatives Simon Chelugui, Leaderbof Majority in the National Assembly Kimani Ichungw’a, the new KCC Nickson Sigei, Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu, his deputy Reuben Kamuri and scores of local leaders led by MPs Mwangi Kiunjuri, Wachira Karani, Sarah Korere, Jane Kagiri, Kanini Kega and John Kinyua.



New KCC chairman David Maina Kamiru.

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Ruto's Interventions Towards Creating Jobs Were Bearing Fruits



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President William Ruto.

Worth Noting:

- The President further recalled the advise he had received from some Kenyans. I had been told to set aside budget for bribing judges If I want to have a good working relationship with the judiciary. The previous government used to set aside this budget.
- For me, I have no such money. I cannot cave in to their blackmail and intimidation. This is not the first time that the judiciary is clashing with executive.
- The story was the same during the era of President Mwai Kibaki and his predecessor Uhuru Kenyatta. This brings me to the question. Will Dr Ruto succeed where Kibaki and Uhuru failed? Let us pray for him.

The promise of creating jobs for millions of 'hustlers' stood out as a key plank of Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate Dr William Ruto.

As he traversed the country, Dr Ruto assured Kenyans that, if elected, he would give priority to tackling the problem of unemployment.

Last year when he led the nation in celebrating 60th Jamhuri Day, President Ruto enumerated the strides he had made in these endeavors.

He listed the Hustler Fund, the rolling out of affordable housing and securing of thousands of jobs abroad.

The President have continued to walk the walk. Just a few days ago, he reignited his blistering attacks on judiciary. Some of the corrupt judges were working at the behest of the opposition leaders.

After receiving bribes, they issued court orders and rulings that were so biased, unfair and skewed. The decisions flew in the face of Constitution and other written laws.

The provisions of Article 43 of the Constitution are very clear. The law outlined social and economic rights for all Kenyans. Affordable and decent Shelter, access to quality and affordable healthcare stood out as key basic rights.

We know our political opponents were working day and night to derail and sabotage my administration's implementation plan. The corrupt judges were helping them.

We want to tell them they were wasting their time. Our plan is unstoppable. The train had already left the station and have no reverse gear.

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Back to Jamhuri Day, Dr Ruto stated. You have been seeing me making foreign trips. The problem of unemployment is one of the key issues taking me abroad.

The bilateral and multilateral negotiations had borne the fruits. I have secured thousands of jobs for Kenya.

Earlier in the week, the President who spoke during the passing out of 10,000 National General Service (NYS) graduates, listed 10 countries offering these opportunities including Germany, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Qatar. R

Reacting to this, I heard the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga faulting the President.

When the President tells us that he was looking for jobs outside the country, then there is something wrong with his administration.

He is supposed to create jobs within the country.

To me, this was just playing politics and peddling propaganda. Reason? President Ruto is already creating jobs locally. Raila's reactions also reeked of hypocrisy and malice. I'm sure he was aware that our economy cannot accommodate all job seekers.

When he served as a Prime Minister during the era of President Mwai Kibaki and later as co-principal of the handshake government led by President Uhuru Kenyatta, Kenyans used to leave the country to look for green pastures abroad.

The two governments were helping them to get these jobs. If he had a solution to ensure all jobless Kenyans got jobs locally, why did he fail to bring it on the table?

For President Ruto, the ongoing construction of affordable housing is at the core of generating jobs locally. His eyes are also trained in innovations and nurturing various talents. This is with a view of ensuring the youths are using the talents to eke a living.

He has since launched "Hera Talanta", talent money.

Recently, a three-judge bench delivered the much awaited ruling on a case challenging the housing levy a key pillar of the Finance Act of 2023.

Though the judges stated that the provisions of the constitution were not followed to the letter and spirit when

it was enacted, they declined to issue orders sought by petitioner to stop the government from collecting the levies.

We have listened to all the parties and considered their submissions. The lawyers representing the government have requested this bench to give them time to file the appeals before the Court of Appeal and then at the Supreme Court. We have given the state until January 10 to align the housing levy with relevant provisions of the constitution. The Appeal Court have since upheld the ruling of the High Court

Reacting to this, President William Ruto stated that we have read the judgement. We believe in the rule of law. So, my government will fully comply with the orders issued.

We will take the necessary steps to ensure this law is aligned. The housing plan is noble idea whose time has come. As I speak, It has created 120,000 jobs. The job opportunities are set to increase to 200,000 and 500,000 in coming days.

The mega project resonated very well with Ruto's concept of bottom up economic model. It is designed to address two main challenges: joblessness and lack of decent houses.

The President announced that 250,000 affordable housing units will be constructed in the first phase.

At one point during a visit to Busia county, he told the 'hustlers'.

The housing project is being opposed by those employed, who were receiving a monthly payslips, and their employers.

They do not want 1.5 per cent to be deducted from thier salaries.

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

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

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

When they oppose a deduction of 1.5 percent from thier payslips, what message are they sending?

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

For starters, the Affordable Housing Plan stood out as one of the key proposals contained in the Finance Bill 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

I disagree. The president has no legal mandate to pass this proposal into law.

Parliament exercises this power and it had already passed the Bill.

Before being tabled in parliament, the bill had been subjected to public participation. The views gathered and collated were factored. In exercise of power conferred on him, the President consequently signed the bill into law.

Raila and his brigade have been trying to incite Kenyans that this law is bad. Reason? It was passed by the house which is dominated by members of the ruling Kenya Kwanza alliance.

The constitution is very clear. Parliament is lawmaking body. Are you suggesting the members did not understand their job?

This is tantamount to insulting the intelligence of Kenyans. You are telling them they did not use their brains when they elected them.

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

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

The President was in fore front of drumming support for Finance Bill 2023. Did this amount to overstepping his legal mandate? No.

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

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

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

The Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga is opposed to it. His main bone of contention was the proposal to deduct 1.5 percent from the basic salaries of the workers. But a good number of Azimio MPs voted for the bill.

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

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

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

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Kenyan Education Fund Commissions 161 New Scholars Ahead Of Form One Intake

By: Simon Achola

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In a significant stride towards the barriers that keep millions of Kenyan children out of high school, the Kenyan Education Fund (KEF) on Wednesday announced the enrolment of 161 new students into its life-changing scholarship program. Speaking during the press interview County Director of Kenya Education Fund Mr. Francis Ngang said that “over 4,000 Kenyan Children have been supported by collective effort from different donors since 2001 and Kenya Education Fund (KEF) greatest area is in consolidating orphans and their well-being in providing life skills workshops”. For the past 19 years, Kenya Education Fund has been unwavering in its commitment to providing access to quality education for financially underprivileged youth, addressing the root causes of poverty, gender-based violence, and injustice. With 600

active students, the organization is taking a giant leap this January by extending full high school scholarships to a new cohort, covering four years of high school and one year of college bringing the total of active students to 761. Each of the 161 students will receive comprehensive support to ensure their academic success and holistic development. The scholarship package includes School Tuition, Room and board, uniforms and shoes, Textbooks, Scientific Calculator, Sanitary Pads, Exam Fees, and Participation in KEF Workshops. This scholarship goes beyond mere financial assistance; it is a beacon of hope for those who may otherwise be unable to pursue their education due to poverty, drought, lack of accessibility, or cultural practices. KEF successfully transitions 99% of its students from high school to university, which is actively breaking the cycle of poverty and fostering self-reliance. “Education is not just a ticket to a better life for these students; it is a



Mr. Francis Ngang is the County Director, Kenya Education Fund.

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catalyst for positive change within their communities,” said Monsheila, a representative of KEF. Over the years, KEF has empowered over 4,000 students, the majority of whom are now self-reliant contributors to their communities. The organization’s impact resonates

in the success stories of individuals who have overcome adversity, turning dreams into reality through education. As KEF continues to champion the cause of education for all, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender, the organization invites

fellow Kenyans to join the work by supporting underprivileged children around them. Together, we can create a more inclusive and empowered society through the gift of education.

Nine SGBV Centers Set To Be Launched In Nairobi

By: Gene Gituku

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Gender and Affirmative Action Principal Secretary Anne Wang’ombe says the government remains committed to addressing the bane of sexual and gender based violence in the country. According to Wang’ombe, her department is awaiting release of funds to National Government Affirmative Action Fund to allow for the implementation of programs and targeted interventions including training of gender officers for improved handling of cases and better service delivery. Speaking during a tour of nine SGBV centres that are set to be launched later this

year, Wang’ombe emphasized the need for targeted interventions and commended the government for its support in addressing the challenge of gender-based violence in the country. Nairobi County Woman Representative Esther Passaris, who is also the National Government Affirmative Action Fund patron, urged Treasury to release funds meant for the fund to help address the challenge of sexual and gender based violence within the city. Passaris said the successful construction of nine SGBV centers within the city, underscores the urgent need for financial support to establish safe spaces for survivors.



Food for Education Expands Mission to Feed 350,000 Children Daily as Schools Reopen

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As the new school term kicks off, Food for Education has announced the expansion of its school feeding program in five counties: Nairobi, Kiambu, Muranga, Mombasa, and Kisumu. This initiative aims to reach 350,000 children daily, doubling the organization’s impact from the previous year, when they served 165,000 children daily.

This expansion aligns with Food for Education’s commitment to creating healthier and more nourished children in underserved urban, peri-urban, and rural areas. The organization currently operates 53 semi-centralized kitchens, 15 decentralized kitchens, and 18 centralized kitchens, 8 of which were launched in Nairobi County this week through the Dish na County program.

“Centralized kitchens, a cornerstone

of this expansion, will play a pivotal role in scaling school feeding, enabling the provision of nutritious meals to more students efficiently than ever before,” said Wawira Njiru, Food for Education’s Founder and Executive Director

Furthermore, the program contributes to thriving local economies by creating nearly 3,000 jobs, demonstrating its multifaceted impact, addressing the crucial issue of childhood hunger, and fostering employment opportunities in the regions it serves.

Innovative technology is at the forefront of this initiative, introducing Tap2Eat, a digital mobile platform utilizing cutting-edge FinTech. This invention empowers public primary school children with seamless access to nutritious food. Parents can conveniently make micro-payments for subsidized school lunches using mobile money, a nearly 100% penetration system in Kenya. The payment is credited to a virtual wallet linked to an NFC-technology-enabled smart

wristband, enabling students to ‘tap to eat’ in under 5 seconds.

“This streamlined and efficient process ensures a quick and easy way for students to access meals and contributes to the overall success of Food for Education’s mission. We are excited about the positive impact this innovative approach will have on the well-being and educational journey of the children it serves,” said Wawira Njiru.

Since its inception, Food for Education has served 31 million meals. This year, due to its expansion into the five counties, Food for Education aims to serve over 60 million meals, accelerating its commitment to fostering optimal growth and development among the youth and creating a healthier and more nourished learning environment.

Food for Education remains steadfast in its mission to ensure that every child has access to nutritious meals, laying the foundation for a brighter and healthier future. Ultimately, the



organization is creating the blueprint for school feeding to ensure the sustainable scale of the program throughout Africa.

Rarieda MP Otiende Amollo Celebrates Impressive KCSE Results Of 4 Students He Sponsored

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Rarieda Member of Parliament Otiende Amollo is delighted after four students he sponsored through school posted impressive results in the recently released Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examinations (KCSE).

In a post shared via his official X account, formerly Twitter, the legislator celebrated the four students as he congratulated them for the impressive results.

The four included; Maria Clara, Kenya High (A-), Remmy Silver, St Mary’s School, Yala (A-), Precious Amondi, Rang’ala Girls, (B+), and Joseph Oloo, St Mary’s Yala, (C).



Rarieda MP Otiende Amollo Celebrates Impressive KCSE Results .

The outspoken leader adds to the list of guardians who celebrated impressive results from their students after Kakamega senator Boni Khalwale proudly showcased his daughter’s impressive performance

In his congratulatory message to his daughter, the senator acknowledged that his daughter, Gift Atubukha Khalwale, who was a student at St Brigids Kiminini Girls’ High School had scored a mean grade of B+.

Dr. Ekrah Ndung’u Receives Honour After Another

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The Chief Executive Officer of German Institute of Professional Studies Dr. Ekrah Ndung’u is counting the superfluous blessings that God has continued to shower her.

Dr. Ekrah Ndung’u represents resilience, industry, and intellect whilst observing tenets of integrity, transparency, trustworthiness and humility.

It’s for this reason that she on Wednesday 10th January received property ownership document from the Chief Executive Officer of The Optiven Group George Wachiuri.

Dr. Ekrah Ndungu had this to say, “Optiven staff is very kind, helpful and very energized. The German Institute of Professional Studies is proud to be associated to



Optiven GCEO George Wachiuri hands title deeds to Dr. Ekrah Ndung’u, CEO German Institute of professional studies

partner with Optiven in future to also train their diaspora department German language as they reach out to Kenyans living in Germany. Dr Ekrah Ndungu also encouraged her Alumni living in Germany to invest back home.”

Personal Development



By Jasmina Jamoldinova

Personal development is a lifelong process that leads to self-awareness, self-improvement and self-actualization. It is a way for people to assess their skills and qualities, consider their aims in life and set goals in order to realise and maximize their potential. Why is personal development important? How individuals manage their self-improvement?

Personal development refers to continuous process of improving oneself both professionally and personally. It involves setting goals, acquiring new skills developing strengths, and overcoming weaknesses. One essential aspect of personal development is setting goals. By clarifying what one wants to achieve in life in their upcoming future, humans are much more likely chart a path towards success. Goals and ambitions provide a sense of direction and motivation, giving individuals something to strive for. Whether it is excelling in a career improving relationships, or attaining physical fitness. Settings specific and achievable goals are crucial for personal development.

Another interesting point that ought to be included is Building confidence. This process helps for some to build confidence in their abilities. Ways to do self-development. To make better changes, you have to know yourself; you are supposed to understand your strengths and weaknesses in order to improve yourself. Afterwards, a clear and definite purpose in life will guide people's steps to become

a better person. Active learning: not only in school, learning should be actively done in everyday life. The most essential stuff is to remember is to never stop learning.

Furthermore, it is outstanding to read books and scientific articles, watch documentaries or listen to webinars about things you want to develop. By reading, some easily boardens their horizon, knowledge imagination and it helps to understand things, that are unknown to develop yourself. The more you know, the easier the change comes. Find a mentor. A mentor can be a friend who has bunch of knowledge of, or experience with, something that you do not, and from whom you want to learn. Do not be afraid to ask for help. You can also find someone more experienced, like a professional coach, which I highly recommend to anyone looking to develop their professional and personal life in line with their values and goals.

Reflection is a powerful tool; it gives you awareness of how you can improve your self-growth. Try to ask yourself everyday where you still need some work and how to complete it. You are able to write down all your thoughts and come back to it later. Someday, you will see how much progress you have made. You are your own judge. Don't lie to yourself. When you want to improve some stuff in yourself, it is always hard work. Breaking the habits we are accustomed to be a long process. Be kind to yourself and appreciate every little change, reward your every success. Fall in love with yourself....

Self-development is not easy. It doesn't happen overnight. It happens slowly and deliberately. You do not do it once and you are fixed. Self-development is a daily practise and lifestyle.

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Fun Games To Entertain Students



Abstract: In this article, students will be informed about interesting and effective lessons and interesting didactic games.

Key words: interesting games, interesting methods, didactic games.

Introduction: A collection of fun and effective games for school-age and school-going students. You should always use games to attract the attention of students. This article includes all kinds of educational games, games for kids or even for high school students, because it's easier to learn through fun games than just a boring lesson!

Main part:

Which game is played by most students? Kabaddi Which game are played by 30 students? Soccer

How can I have fun in class? Use games and quizzes

How many students should be in a class? About 20 General Fun Games to Play in the Classroom – Fun School Games

5 benefits of classroom games
Online Games – Climbing Time

ESL games – tell me five
Vocabulary Games – Find the hidden word

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Math Games – 101 and beyond

5 Benefits of Fun Games to Play in the Classroom Fun Games to Play in the Classroom Whether it's online or offline, it's important to have fun games in the classroom. Here are five reasons why you should incorporate games into your lessons more often:

Note: According to a study conducted by researchers at the University of Wisconsin, fun games at school are definitely more fun for students.

significantly increases attention. It's not hard to see if your students are interested in playing games in the classroom, because fun games in the classroom are often exciting and require a lot of attention to win. Motivation: ten More times than not,

students often look forward to a lesson or class if it includes a fun game. And if they feel motivated, they can overcome even the most difficult learning obstacles.

Cooperation: By participating in classroom games in pairs or teams, your students will eventually learn to cooperate with others and work together, because there is no right or wrong, only reaching the end of the route. there are possible targets.

Didactic games. 1 game "Continue"

Student 1 says a mathematical term, student 2 says another mathematical term for its last letter. the game continues until the number of students is over. For example: ayiana-ayqash-spherical-rhomb-five-condition-four-equal-gram-example-meter-Rene-fifty-cube-binary-math-ton-al-Khorazmi-yoH-lyambda-ariphnetics-algebra-axiom-algorithm-misery-etc.

2nd game "Choose your friend and solve the problem" All students are given cards. The cards are written with questions. But what to find is written on another card without writing.

The child must find the neighbor, i.e., the continuation of the condition of the problem, and 2 people should work on the problem in cooperation and hand it over to the teacher.

Summary

In fact, we know that any kind of games are interesting to children and they are more interested in the lesson and learn by listening carefully in the article that has been given in detail about them.

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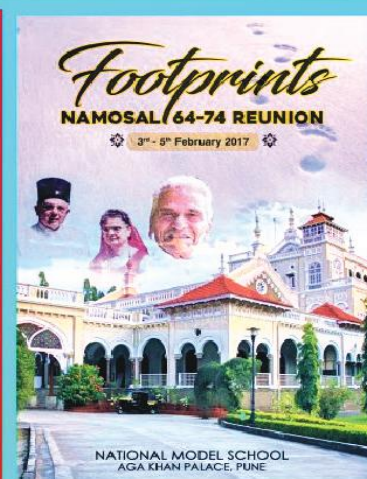
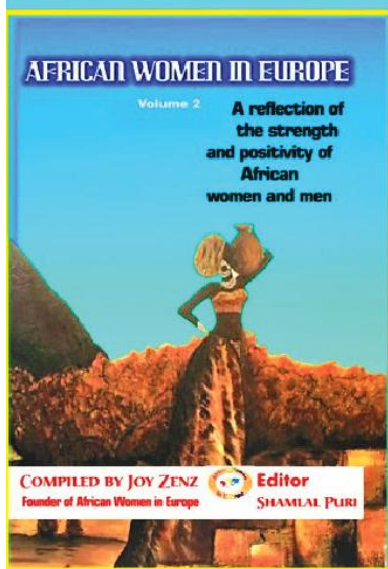
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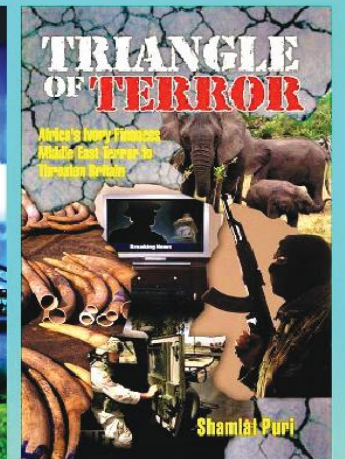
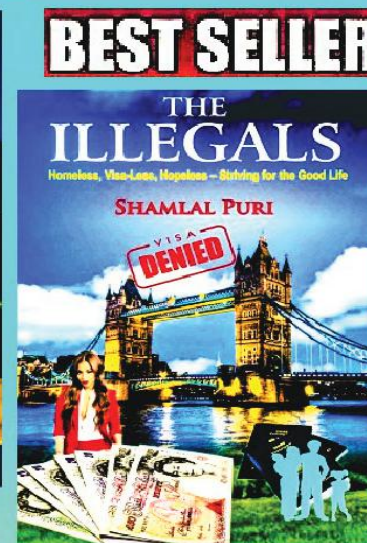
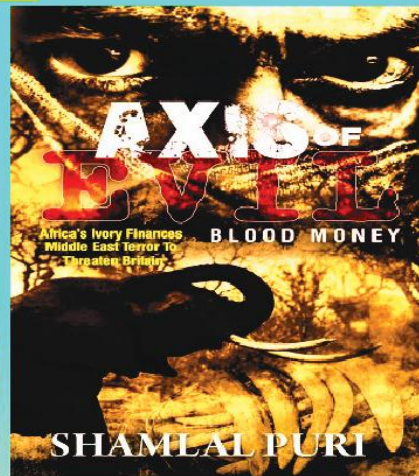
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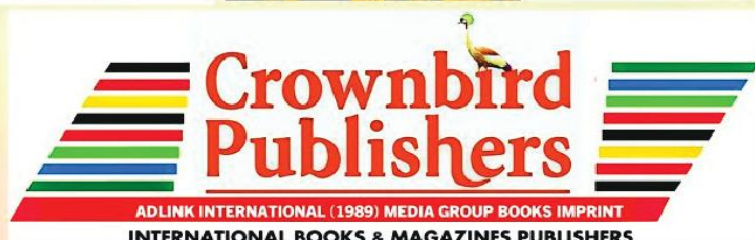
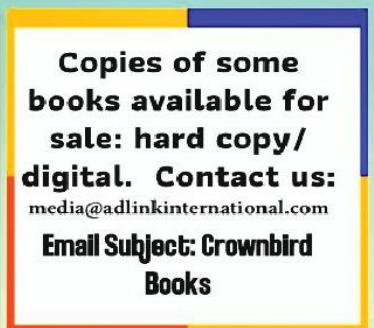
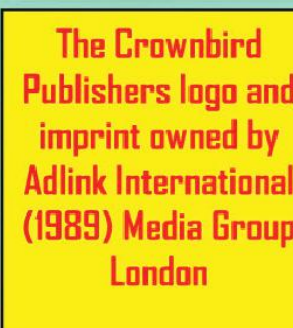
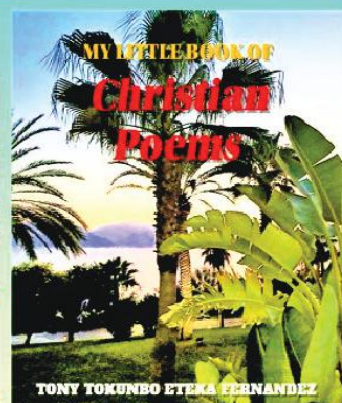
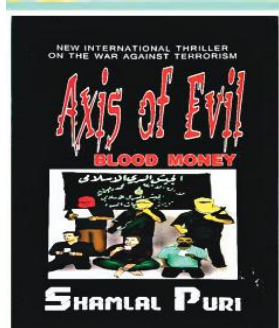
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Embracing The Power Of AI In Photography



By: Amine Djouahra

Worth Noting:

- **Colour and Image Enhancement** – AI-powered editing tools offer photographers the remarkable capability to enhance colours in photographs. With sophisticated algorithms, these tools detect colour imbalances and automatically adjust tones and hues, creating visually appealing images. Other intelligent features enhance various aspects of your photograph, from automatically removing unwanted elements like blemishes to sharpening details and even reducing image noise caused by low-light conditions.

- **Creative Assistance and Inspiration** – AI in photography is about more than mere automation and enhancement; it serves as a source of creative assistance. These algorithms can generate artistic styles, apply filters, and offer composition and cropping suggestions, inspiring photographers to explore new horizons of creativity.



From the emergence of text-based diffusion models that can bring images to life with just a description, to the remarkable capabilities of advanced artificial intelligence (AI) image generators, the boundaries of what we can achieve in photography are expanding like never before.

Just few years ago, a professional photographer would spend more time on the photo editing process than on the photoshoot itself. Hours and hours were spent behind a computer, ensuring that each image reflected the essence of what the photographer intended. The colours, the focus, the details – all these elements took time to perfect.

AI allows photographers to transform their photos with just a few adjustments, enhancing colours, recovering details, and creating vibrant images that truly capture the magic of the moment. Moreover, AI-powered editing tools excel in removing unwanted elements, sharpening details, and reducing image noise, making them invaluable aids in producing impeccable photographs. AI does much of the work before the editing process even starts, cutting down enormously on time and labour.

And it's not just for professionals. We've all been there – experiencing an amazing sunset or a bright, per-

fectly rounded full moon – and the photo we snap doesn't do any justice. Whatever your level, the AI incorporated into many modern cameras has been a game-changer, allowing even amateur photographers to produce professional-quality images.

As AI technology continues to evolve, we can expect even more exciting developments in the world of photography. These are some of the advancements we're already seeing: Intelligent Auto-Focus with Advanced Subject Tracking – Deep Learning Auto-Focus (AF) exemplifies how AI is revolutionising photography. Powered by machine-learning algorithms, it analyses images and predicts the optimal focus points. Whether capturing fast-paced sports events, wildlife in action, or vibrant street scenes, it locks onto subjects, ensuring sharp focus and the preservation of crucial moments. Eye and head detection AF allows photographers to capture sharp images of people, even in the most challenging conditions.

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- **Personalised and Adaptive Learning** – Another exceptional feature of AI is its capacity to learn and adapt based on user preferences and behaviour, improving its performance over time. AI algorithms can analyse a photographer's unique editing style, colour choices, and other preferences to provide personalised recommendations and automated adjustments, streamlining the creative process.

Despite valid concerns surrounding the emergence of AI-generated images and related processes, it's important to acknowledge the incredible opportunities that AI offers. Instead

of fearing the displacement of human photographers, we should embrace the possibilities of AI and find ways to complement human expertise with its capabilities. For instance, while AI algorithms can indeed produce high-quality images, they lack the distinctive perspective, creativity, and emotional depth that human photographers bring to their work. By combining the strengths of AI with human creativity and vision, we can achieve remarkable results.

The advent of AI presents opportunities for product and process development. It's essential to approach this technology with an open mind, appreciating its advantages while preserving the irreplaceable touch of human ingenuity in creative endeavours. By striking a harmonious balance between AI and human contributions, we can revolutionise the field of photography and beyond, enriching our lives with innovative and captivating creations.

By harnessing the potential of machine-learning algorithms, the world of photography is on an incredible journey toward even more advanced capabilities. We've barely scraped the surface of AI's potential when it comes to photography, and an exciting journey lies ahead!



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Kenya Implements Sweeping Security Reforms: Mandatory Licensing and Training for Security Personnel



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In a decisive move aimed at fortifying safety measures and bolstering the private security sector, the Private Security Regulatory Authority in Kenya has announced sweeping reforms mandating rigorous vetting, training, and licensing for various security personnel.

The Director General of the Private Security Regulatory Authority, in a firm address, underscored the criticality of this initiative, stating unequivocally that adherence to the law regarding security provisions is non-negotiable.

The mandate encompasses a comprehensive scope of security roles, including bouncers, bodyguards, event stewards, door supervisors, event security, VIP protection, close protection, and crowd control personnel. This directive necessitates



Fazul Mahamed Director General of the Private Security Regulatory Authority ..

immediate compliance, highlighting that these regulations are an integral part of the broader security reform agenda outlined by the Government.

The Director General emphasized the pivotal role these personnel play in maintaining order and safety within entertainment venues, recreational facilities, and sporting establishments. The regulations, rooted in the Private Security Regulation Act No. 13 of 2016, mandate stringent compliance with security vetting, training, and licensing protocols. Any deviation from these mandates would result in severe legal repercussions.

Furthermore, the Act enforces the requirement for specialized training within accredited institutions to equip security personnel with a diverse skill set, including conflict resolution strategies, search procedures, customer care, handling illegal substances, and emergency

planning.

Of paramount importance is the issuance of Guard Force Numbers (GFN) as an emblem of professional accreditation. These numbers, to be visibly worn by licensed bouncers, serve as a hallmark of adherence to the regulatory standards set by the Authority.

To bolster accountability, the directive stipulates that bouncers must operate under corporate entities, en-

suring standardized protocols, background checks, and training.

Non-compliance carries significant penalties. Individuals found operating without proper licensing or employed by unlicensed bouncers face substantial fines and potential imprisonment. Corporate entities similarly face hefty fines amounting to two million shillings for non-compliance.

The speech underscored the seriousness of the directives, notably referring to the impending charges against 21 bouncers in connection with an incident at the Kettle House Bar, warning that their offenses will be prosecuted under the Private Security Regulation Act in addition to other charges.

In summary, these stringent reforms signal a monumental step towards ensuring a safer and more secure environment within Kenya's entertainment, recreational, and sporting sectors. The Government's commitment to enforcing these regulations highlights the uncompromising stance on upholding security standards and fostering a more accountable private security industry.

Karua, Kalonzo Political Tiff Over Kamwene Caucus

By: Eric Biegen

Azimio la Umoja One Kenya coalition principals Martha Karua and Kalonzo Musyoka continue to differ over the Kamwene Leadership Forum.

The caucus, whose leadership includes Karua, Jubilee Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni, former governor Ndiritu Muriithi (Laikipia), former Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya, and university Lecturer Gitile Naituli, was formally unveiled in October 2023 to champion the interests of the Mt Kenya region.

Kalonzo believes the caucus, within the opposition, is ill-advised and wants its leaders to relinquish it.

"Kamwene is a terrible individualistic political policy. It is dead on arrival. I would advise my friends to

abandon it, and we should stick together," he said

Karua, in response, however, doesn't understand why the Wiper leader has a problem with the latest movement and wants him to come out clear on what his misgivings with Kamwene are.

"What about Kamwene scares my brother Kalonzo that he must drag it in every conversation he has?" she posed

Despite skepticism, Karua insists that their movement does not in any way affect their position and fidelity to the opposition umbrella as claimed by Kalonzo.

"It does not mean we are not in Azimio, if we weren't we would say it without beating around the bush. You saw us speak as Azimio, today we are here speaking as Kamwene, tomorrow I will speak as Narc-Kenya, all these are spaces we occupy," Karua said



Azimio la Umoja One Kenya coalition principals Martha Karua and Kalonzo Musyoka .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Is An Essay



By: **Samandar**

We answer the question of what is an essay as follows:
Essay-creative text. Essay-written on literary, philosophical, social, journalistic and other topics, problems system, a prose work that can be interpreted freely, not scientifically.
Where is the limit of friendship? (Our closest friends in life are our parents. But this is me I wrote my essay for the people in our daily lives.)
I get up every morning and go outside to do physical education. This morning while I was doing the exercises, my imagination was filled with the whiteness of the blossoming apricot tree
“I’m opening,” the red-colored bud caught my imagination. My two eyes are on it. Then the feeling of friendship immediately came to my mind.
A cat appeared in front of me.
“My friends who befriended me out of selfishness.” Then I looked around.
Everything is quiet as if pouring

water. Only two cats are arguing with each other on the roof even the worst dog in our street is still sound asleep.
I would not have been transferred to that oil from the beginning of the street.
I still have both eyes on that bud. What I saw in the bud was the feeling of friendship.
I asked different questions. I want to ask these questions to you too!
1. Who is a friend?
2. Is there a limit to friendship?
3. When does friendship end?
Everyone answers these questions differently. Who is a friend? my opinion on the question as follows: Friend-Allah9 is one of the greatest graces given to us.
To the value of a friend it is necessary to reach. Because a friend will always be our shoulder and confident. Even if you rely on it even if you are secretive, your friend will always support you. Find a friend in life that will last you a lifetime may he be your shoulder until the end, may he always support you. Even in

your joy,
May he be with you even in your troubled and difficult days. Always lend a helping hand to you and you be the same. Please help as much as you can. Always your friend support. If you stand with other people, praise your friend from the bottom of your heart put it, it does not fit in the worlds. He is so happy that there are no words to describe it.
Out of joy his eyes shine. His mood is always great. As much as you respect and value your friend, the rest also respect and appreciate even a little. We say a lot to each other.
That is why a friend is considered a “Treasure of Secrets”. Will not sell your secret to anyone. To your friend Rosa will be happy to give gifts on holidays. Don’t give gifts to your friend, though one mouth, one mouth only, say “You are the closest person in my life, my dear friend” it will be one of the greatest gifts in life for your friend. Sweet from your friends do not spare your words. As #Tahir_Malik said: “Politeness is the trees in the garden of friendship.”

A fountain of water of life.” Never use rude words towards your friend. None never laugh at your friend in front of anyone, do not hit the ground, do not turn your head straight to the ground.
There are few people who value friendship, but those who don’t appreciate it by giving up friendship will fall. Then you will lose your friend. Your heart will be broken all at once.
Treatment is very difficult. Many months and sometimes years will pass before it ends.
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Have Hope

By: Madiyorova Dilnoza Sevdiyorovna
*Sometimes our hearts are broken
Sometimes the heart is full of life
The beauties of the world inspire hope
Good days will surely come one day
A sunny day after a cloudy day
The age does not get rid of its warm touch
You can handle any situation
Good days will surely come one day
The cure is the wind of time
Luck is the fate of those who seek happiness
One day life will be yours*

*Good days will surely come one day
O man, my heart is full of grief
Hope you live happily ever after
Many are jealous of your luck
Good days will surely come one day*
My full name is Madiyorova Dilnoza. I’m fifteen I’m from uzbekistan and which is located yangiyol town. I was born and raised in Yangiyol. My hometown is Yangiyol. My hometown is marvelous gorgeous peaceful and people live in a peace without danger. It was heard of Toshkent in the history

but it’s modern. You can do a lot of treaking site seeing visit historical buildings and visit incredible landscapes etc. It’s perfect mixture of the ancient and modern world. I am study at school number 2 and al aziz academy and my english teachers full names are Makhmatjonov Rakhmatjon and Zulfiya Shukurova. They are my favourite teachers. I will do my best to live up to the knowledge and trust they have given me and I promise to go above and beyond their expectations. I have small family. They are my father my mother and my 2 brothers. My hobbies are reading motivation books and writing poetry listening to music

and learning foreign languages. My favourite season is spring. I am currently studying in 5 different areas These are English, mathematics, law, personal development and business. Currently, I am a coordinator and volunteer of Yangiyol District, and I am the winner of many international certificates. My poems were published 3 times in newspapers. I participated in more than 10 sharia competitions and won the first prize. Currently, because I know and study English well, our English teacher gave me the opportunity to teach English to my class now I teach my class and check their notebooks and give grades



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Malkia Strikers, Wafalme Ready To Conquer Zone V Volleyball Tourney



Malkia Strikers celebrate scoring a point against Serbia. (PHOTO/Courtesy).

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Speaking at Nyayo Gymnasium during the unveiling of the two teams' squads for the tournament on Wednesday, KVF president Charles Nyaberi said Malkia Strikers and their male counterparts Wafalme Stars have the quality to punch tickets for the March 8-23 African Games to be

held in Accra, Ghana.

"We go into the competition fully cognizant of the tough competition that awaits us. For men we have carried the Zone V ticket twice while our women's team are the defending champions. We have a very robust pair of teams and we're confident we'll win the qualifiers," said Nyaberi.

General Service Unit (GSU) head coach Gideon Tarus will lead Wafalme Stars assisted by Kenya Prisons' Dennis Mokua and Elisha Aliwa of KDF.

Wafalme head coach Gideon Tarus said he was keen to return the

team to the event after a 13-year hiatus adding Egypt and Rwanda are the sides which have posed a challenge for his side.

"The morale is high in the camp, we've had challenges in the reception and at defence but we've made a significant improvement. We're going to win," noted Tarus.

KCB head coach Japheth Munala will be making a return as the head coach of Malkia Strikers and will work alongside Josp Barasa of Kenya Prisons and former setter Janet Wanja.

Munala said they will be using

the competition as part of their preparations for the Olympic Games to be held this summer in Paris, France.

The two teams will be trimmed down to 14 for men and 12 for women next Wednesday before jetting out for Cairo on January 20.

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Sports >>> *Disgraced former international Marc Overmars's one-year fixed ban from working in Dutch football for sending sexually explicit pictures and videos to women staff has been extended worldwide by FIFA, the Dutch football federation said yesterday.

Overmars's Dutch Ban Over Sexually Explicit Messages Extended Worldwide



Antwerp's new director of football Marc Overmars, speaks during a press conference of Belgian soccer club Royal Antwerp FC, in Antwerp on March 21, 2022. Disgraced former international Marc Overmars's one-year fixed ban from working in Dutch football for sending sexually explicit pictures and videos to women staff has been extended worldwide by FIFA, the Dutch football federation said on January 10, 2024. (Photo by TOM GOYVAERTS / BELGA / AFP) / BELGIUM OUT

Disgraced former international Marc Overmars's one-year fixed ban from working in Dutch football for sending sexually explicit pictures and videos to women staff has been extended worldwide by FIFA, the Dutch football federation said yesterday.

The ex-Netherlands winger resigned as Ajax's director of football in February 2022 after admitting sending a "series of

inappropriate messages" to female colleagues, saying he was "ashamed" of his behaviour.

A month later, he got a "second chance" at Royal Antwerp, appointed as technical director for the Belgian club.

The Dutch Sports Tribunal (ISR) ruled Overmars should be prohibited from "exercising any function" with an organisation affiliated with the Dutch FA for

two years, one of which was suspended.

But that suspension has now been widened.

The federation said it was obliged "to share this ban with FIFA's disciplinary committee".

"They then decide if this ban must also be imposed globally," the federation told AFP.

"The disciplinary committee decided to widen the ban."

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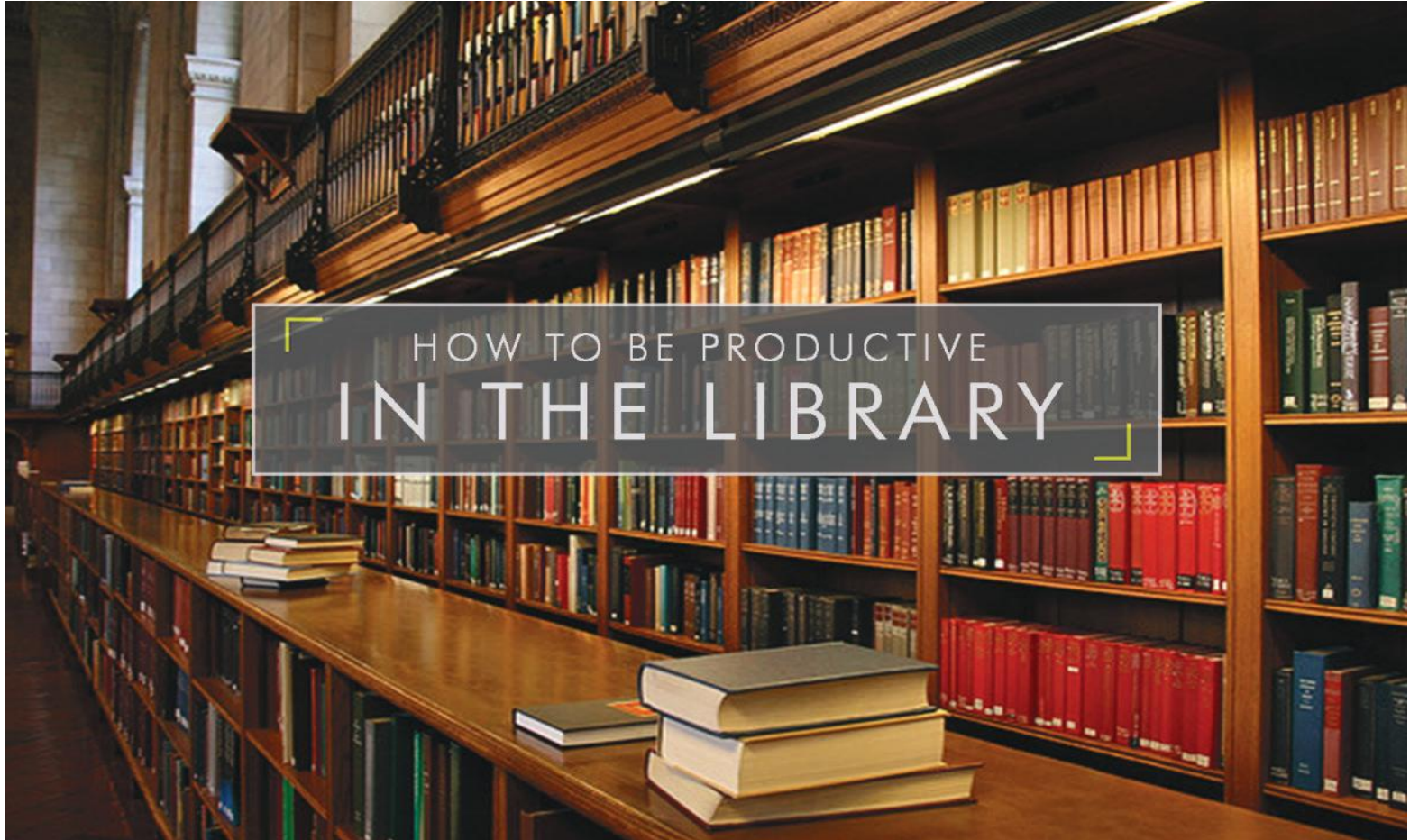
In The Library...



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Worth Noting:

- At such times, in order not to get bored, together with my brother and sisters, we played all kinds of riddles, quick pronunciation, word games for memory exercise, and the most interesting were the books that my mother read to us.
- My mother was a college teacher and used to bring books of different genres from the library. Just like yesterday, I remember the sandals with hot coals taken from the stove every night, and after dinner, we lined up on the edge of the hot sandals like swallows' nests, and my mother, who sat closer in the candlelight, often had a detective fiction book in her hands, and glasses on her eyes, which were necessary for reading a book or doing paperwork.



Books... It's interesting that I can pick up a pen without finding the right words to describe it! Without finding answers to the questions I ask myself, I turn to the bookshelves and readers of different ages. Why? Why in the library? Like other readers, choose a book and write something inside of me without flipping through the pages, definitely write about it, put your thoughts on paper! It seems that I will not be satisfied if I do not write about the book, the library and the attention to book reading that inspired me to follow that voice.

My mom! My thoughts were filled with childhood memories. Long winter nights and houses without lights! I spent my childhood in the village, and one of the main problems of the villagers was the problem of electricity.

The environment back then was not the well-off developing environment it is today. The lights were often turned off, and the houses were lit by candles, kerosene lamps and various electric lamps. On the other hand,

when the lights go out, time seems to pass.

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On the days when they brought a new book from the library, they would gather us all at the edge of the sandal and start reading the events of this time saying that they brought an even more interesting book. My sister and I used to make noise imitating

my mother's shadows falling on the wall in the half-holiday light of the candle, because we were a bit more manly, and my sister would fight because we didn't understand because we didn't hear or understand.

I remember once, as usual, after dinner, my mother started reading a new book that she brought from the library. The title of the book was 'Rabid Spirit' and it was a novel. The events in the book were so mysterious and scary for me that vivid images began to appear in front of my eyes when I realized that they were real. And my mother, like the four of them, acted as if they were voicing movies and films, making the scary scenes even more intense. My father's words to go out to the kitchen and make tea are more than that.

In this case, especially after dark, the scary scenes of the book about ghosts did not leave my mind. That's how the events of each book happened in our lives, we lived inside the work in harmony with life and imagination, we laughed and cried

together with the characters. An interesting fact that still amazes me is that my mother used to finish books of 200-250 pages in two or three days. As I grow older, I understand that it is difficult for me to finish the works of an average page in two or three days. In fact, if I read faster, I have finished many books in a week, because I was distracted by work and studies.

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