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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and Tanzania's January Makamba

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Be Ready, We Are Going To Work! Pastor Dorcas Tells Embu Clergy

By:OSDP

Worth Noting:

- The APECK Chair in Embu area, Apostle Patrick Gitundu said the country was facing a crisis with men lost in addictions, and even in the church, the ratio of men to women was quite huge, with men being very few.
- The leaders from Embu County made a commitment to support the boy child and widows program for the benefit of the people.
- County MP Njoki confessed to suffering the setbacks of having a parent who was predisposed to alcoholism.



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi with other leaders being shown some of products..

Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has asked church leaders to be in the frontline in the rescue of those lost in alcohol, drug and substance abuse in Embu County and her environs.

Speaking during a meeting of pastors and church leaders of more than 250, Pastor Dorcas decried the years of alcoholism and drug abuse in the different communities of Kenya, challenging the church leaders to stand up against the vice.

“The economic drivers of our nation and the world are in the gutter. Let us make them into men who are worthy, fathers, and missionaries. It is possible to transform the lives of the people if your are determined,” said Pastor Dorcas.

Present were Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire, Senator Alexander Muhinja, County MP Pamela Njoki, Runyenjes MP Eric Karemba, Association of Pentecostal and Evangelical Clergy of Kenya (APECK) members, and other leaders.

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predisposed to alcoholism.

“My father was an absentee father because of alcohol, and I vowed never to take alcohol. My father died when he had not stopped taking alcohol,” said MP Njoki.

The County MP promised to collaborate with the spouse of the Deputy President in actualizing the programs in Embu County. “Include me in your programs,” said MP Njoki.

MP Karemba said, “I love what you’ve (Pastor Dorcas) come to do here in Embu. You are doing not what many people are doing by seeking to transform the boy child. Our community is desirous of big things not realising we are losing a generation to alcohol, and I have seen them

just sitting idle even in my constituency.”

The spouse of the MP, Martha Muchangi, who was also present said, “What you are doing, to touch the hearts of the boy child is great. May you have the grace to move everywhere across the nation.”

And the spouse of Mbeere South MP, Catherine Nephah Muriuki, said, “As the spouses of MPs in Embu County, we shall support you to make this program move forward.”

After the meeting, Pastor Dorcas proceeded to a medical camp where men in addictions were being screened for rehabilitation including dental, optical and overall health checkups at the Embu Moi Stadium.

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The Kenya Commercial Bank Foundation has sponsored 13 bright students for the Secondary school education. Yesterday, Nyeri County governor Mutahi Kahiga received a delegation from the Foundation who dispatched cheques to the beneficiaries. The full scholarship opportunities include tuition fees, learning materials, transport, and shopping. The governor noted that through the Public-Public-Private partnership, his administration is committed to collaborating with KCB Bank through initiatives under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) which include education scholarships among others. The Foundation also provides psycho-social support through mentorship opportunities in high school, apprenticeship, and University / tertiary education levels. The scholarship programme targets 1,000 beneficiaries across all 47 counties with 10 per cent of them being PWDs. So far various organizations have helped about 200 needy students this year in Nyeri County.



Othaya constituency MP Wambugu Wainaina alias Mount Kenya yesterday held a consultative meeting with the Principals from all day Public Secondary Schools in the area where they deliberated on matters concerning improvement of education across Othaya Constituency. As he affirmed his commitment to continue supporting education, the MP announced that all day secondary school students will pay only KSh1,000 per term. He further disclosed that Kagumo, Karuthi, Irindi, Kairuthi and Gitundu Secondary schools will admit form one students without seeking anything in fees for the first term. Those who have already paid their fees will have pushed to cater for the next term's fee. The program is being supported by the area NG-CDF.

Narok County Commissioner Isaac Masinde has urged landlords in Narok town to keep a record of tenants to combat insecurity. The initiative, initiated following the murder of surveyor Lawrence Nkamasiai, aims to identify notorious criminals living in the town. Masinde has also held meetings with boda boda operators to be vigilant against hiding criminals. He also warned residents against spreading unconfirmed news on social media, warning those who spread fake news of arrest and prosecution in court. He urges anyone with information of insecurity to report to the police or Masinde's office for necessary action.



The Kenyan Ministry of Labour and Social Protection is working on operationalizing the Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism (ADR) in labour relations to reduce court cases. Cabinet Secretary Florence Chepng'etich Bore called for collaboration between the ministry and the Employment and Labour Relations Court (ELRC) to develop rules and regulations for ADR. The training of judges of the ELRC in Naivasha aims to equip judges with knowledge on International Labour standards applicable to labour migration, improving national legal instruments and Bilateral Labour Agreements. The training will equip judges to appreciate the International Labour Standards' contribution to social justice and promote decent work in Kenya. Kenya has ratified 52 ILO Conventions, with 39 already in force. The ministry is also pursuing stakeholder consultation for ratifying more ILO conventions.



Principal Secretary in the State Department for Information Technology and Digital Economy, Engineer John Tanui, addressing traders at the Wakulima Market in Nakuru during the launch of Government initiated free Wi-Fi at the market. The government has embraced a multi-faceted approach to revamp the country's digital economy, through massive investments in infrastructure and policies.



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Rogue Officers In Foreign National's Kidnapping Arraigned

By: Our Correspondent

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Worth Noting:

- In the incident that has unearthed an international criminal ring whose targets are well-picked after a background check on their financial muscles, the victim, a Chinese national was waylaid on his way to work, where two cars blocked his vehicle before the suspects cuffed him and sped off towards Machakos direction.
- After hours of disappearance, concerned friends reported to the DCI of the businessman who never arrived at his workplace as expected, where detectives forensically traced him to Mua Hills in Machakos.



Three police officers suspected of involvement in a foreign national's kidnapping at Mlolongo in Machakos County last week were yesterday arraigned at Mavoko Law Courts.

The three suspects; PC Fredrick Mwongela Mwololo, PC Samuel Mwiti and PC Kimwele Musyoki all attached to the General Service Unit were arrested in Nairobi a week after the incident, before their arraignment at the Machakos court where detectives sought custodial orders to finalize investigations as manhunt for the kidnapping mastermind gains momentum.

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But even as a team was being deployed to the area in search of him, the panic-stricken victim resurfaced at Athi River and narrated his ordeal in the hands of the kidnappers who also violently robbed him.

Detectives established that five men including a Chinese national who is suspected to be the mastermind, a taxi driver and the three police officers had executed the kidnapping, and upon arriving at the Mua Hills, the mastermind called the victim's family back

in China demanding for an unestablished amount of ransom which was wired to a bank account in China.

After money was deposited, the gang's accomplices in China confirmed that the family had complied, and the victim was released.

Swinging into action, DCI's Crime Research and Intelligence detectives initiated a systematic probe into the abduction right from Mombasa road, where two vehicles, a Taxi and another car were picked as vehicles of interest.

Last Friday, the taxi was traced to Rongai and the owner arrested. He however informed the police that on the day in question, a friend of his had borrowed his car while he took his kids to school on the reporting day.

Investigations revealed that the named suspect who is still at large was

a former staff the victim's company, and had been in constant communication with the arrested officers.

Indeed, forensic analysis placed the four at the scene of crime.

Further investigations has also led to the recovery of the other vehicle which has been detained at Mlolongo Police Station.

As search for the master planner in the kidnapping of fellow Chinese national continues, Interpol operations have also been launched to pursue the gang's accomplices in China.

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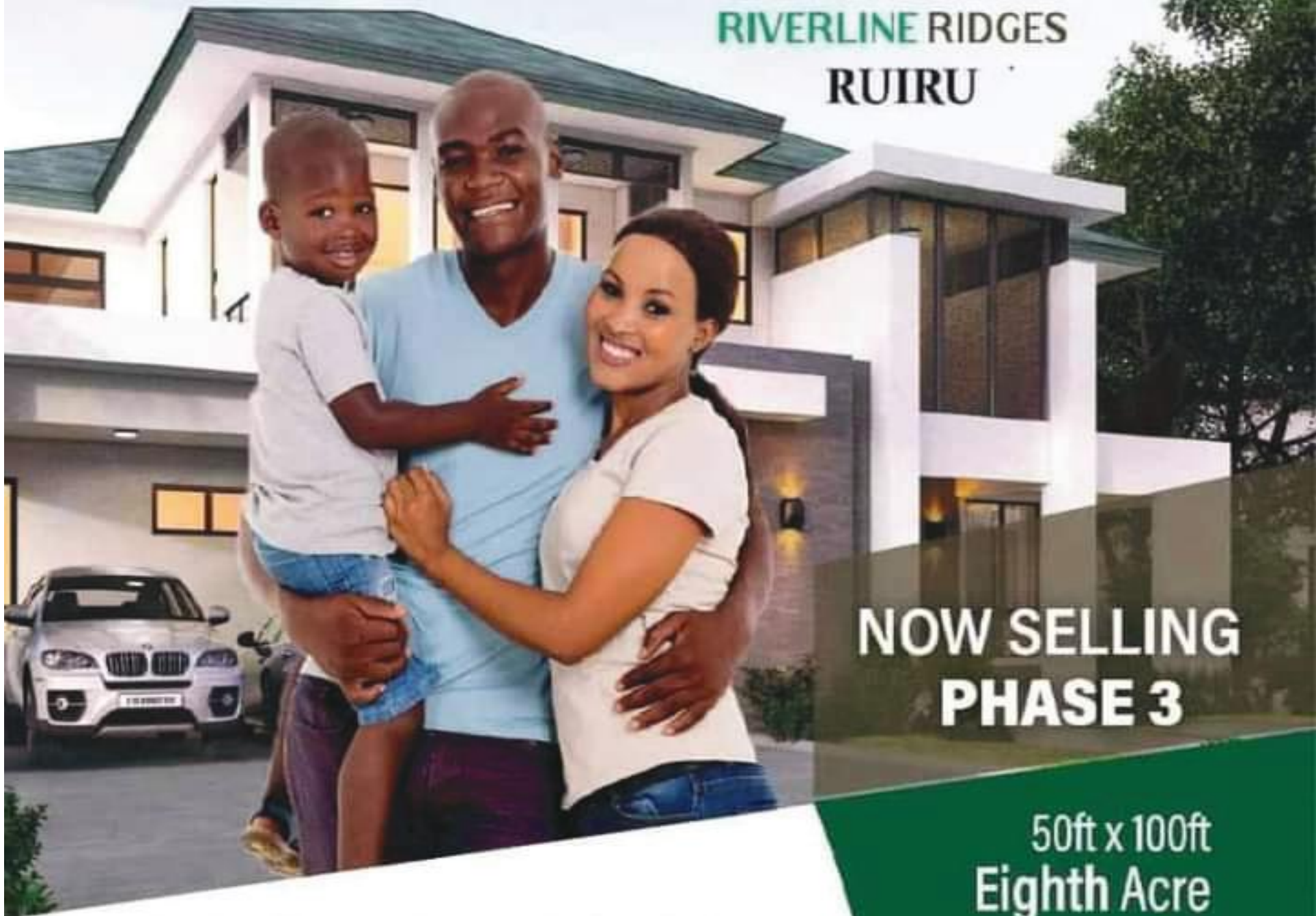
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Catholic Priest Gave A Minor Sh30 After Defiling Her, Court Told

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token.
The minor recounted how the priest, Michael Mburu lured her to secluded place, prepared a ‘bed’ using an empty sack, told her to lie on it and defiled her.
“I was in the school compound when an elder girl sent me to bring her a thorn from a nearby garden within the school when I saw brother Mburu, he told me that there was something he wanted to show me when I went near him he took a sack and spread it on the ground, he told me to lie by side he put his private part to my private part,” the minor told an attentive court in her sworn evidence.
Senior Principal Magistrate Faith Munyi heard that after the incident, the accused told her to go and not to tell anyone as he handed over Sh30 to her, which she said was in 20 and 10 coins.
The minor added that the accused

person who in Catholic church serves as a priest in the rank of a ‘Brother’ told her “to buy a pencil and something else which I wish”.
The minor told the court that on her way to the shop, she met with a woman called Mama Freshia, who saw her straining while walking and asked her what was wrong.
She told her of what the accused had done and that she was feeling pain.
She added, “I was taken to the hospital at Endarasha and the doctor gave me medicine and later I was taken to the police station”.
Through her evidence-in-chief where she was led by Patrick Onjolo who is leading the prosecution, the girl disclosed that she had earlier before the incident seen the accused once in her school compound, adding that the day he defiled her was her second encounter with him.
Asked whether the person who defiled her was in the courtroom, she positively identified the accused by pointing him as sat in the suspects’ bench.
The 73-year-old priest is being accused of defiling and indecently as-



The suspect Michael Mburu in court..

saulting the minor in May last year at a school in Endarasha area, Kieni Constituency of Nyeri County.
The suspect’s lawyer Gitonga Muth-ee while cross-examining her sought to know how she identified her defil-

er and she repeated that she had earlier seen him in her school adding that the incident occurred moments after lunch break.
The lawyer further asked the minor what the accused did to her, which she replied, “he did bad manners to

my private parts”.
After a spirited plea by the defence lawyer, the court released the accused on a bond of Sh500,000.
The case will continue on February 8.

Governor Kihika Unveils Robust Security Plan For Healthcare Institutions

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The County Government of Nakuru is working on an array of security measures to enhance the safety of healthcare professionals and patients alike in all its health facilities.
This follows an incident where the body of medical intern, Dr Laban Langa’t was found dumped outside the Margaret Kenyatta Mother-Baby Wing on Saturday morning.
Governor Susan Kihika, while recognizing the vulnerability of healthcare settings, said her administration was reevaluating and enhancing its overall security protocols.
She was speaking after a meeting with the Kenya Medical, Pharmacists and Dentist Union (KMPDU) and the leadership of the Nakuru Teaching and Referral Hospital.
“I assure you of my commitment to full investigations about the death



Nakuru medics during the protest.

and justice for the late Dr Laban Lang’at,” she stated while delivering her condolence message.
She revealed that the County would invest in the installation of advanced surveillance systems, access control measures, and panic alarm systems in major hospitals.

Additionally, she said, all hospitals shall conduct thorough risk assessments to identify potential vulnerabilities and implement targeted interventions.
“In the meantime, we will not entertain laxity by the security teams and we want to know what has been born

out of investigations in the last few days,” she stated.
Already, plans are underway to procure the services of an established private security firm to oversee safety operations in the largest hospital in the South Rift region.
KMPDU South Rift representative, Dr Ian Bet assured healthcare practitioners of their safety and thanked the Governor for her commitment to push for speedy investigations.
“Your safety is our priority, and we are actively working with the Governor towards creating a safer and more secure healthcare environment for all,” said Dr Ian.
Dr Korir Rotich, a representative of interns at the Nakuru Teaching and Referral Hospital said that the County had already implemented some of their suggestions.
He revealed that the County has increased call rooms from three to eight at the Margaret Kenyatta Mother-Baby Unit for the current 20 interns, saying they were more than enough.

Typically, call rooms are areas within a hospital where healthcare professionals, such as doctors, residents, or nurses, can rest, sleep, or take a break during their on-call shifts.
The burial will take place on Saturday, January 27. The Governor and the County Government of Nakuru have pledged to support the family in preparations for the late intern’s burial.
Government Pathologist, Dr Titus Ngulungu, who conducted the autopsy on Sunday, said that Lang’at, 26, died due to lack of oxygen after his neck was compressed or strangled.
Langat’s mother, Ms Sarah Rono has expressed sadness saying her son’s promising career was cut short, “Our hearts will not rest and we will no longer be the same again.”
The late Dr Lang’at graduated from Egerton University in 2023 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and was due to finish his internship in June this year.

Kenya, Tanzania Commit To Fostering Regional Integration, Cross-Border Diplomacy

By: Eric Biegon

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Kenya and Tanzania. “Kenya and Tanzania enjoy long-standing historical ties with close cooperation in key sectors of economic and cultural advancements. Being one of our key trading partners within the region, this collaboration extends beyond EAC and Africa as Kenya is known to have continuously improved its on foreign relations and diplomatic engagements globally,” said Mudavadi. The meeting comes a day after the aviation restrictions controversy between Kenya and Tanzania was resolved. This followed diplomatic engagements between Mudavadi and Makamba, with aid from the Transport Ministries of both countries. Mudavadi says collaborative efforts should achieve key resolutions to emerging diplomatic spats. These efforts should be encouraged within the East African Community region. He said the EAC mission aims at widening and deepening economic, political, social, and cultural integration. The goal is to improve people’s quality of life through increased competitiveness, value-added production,

trade, and investments. “We are like conjoined twins and when one of us is hurt, we both feel the pain. We must be cognizant of the fact that within the contemporary globalized environment, there are emerging challenges some of which have deep diplomatic ramifications. But how we address the situation at hand and work collectively towards getting common solutions to the problems is what will move the integration forward and help our people,” Makamba explained. The two leaders indicated that the two countries have also agreed to give their respective support toward efforts to restore peace and normalcy in the conflict-hit Eastern DRC. The region has continuously witnessed fragile calm and threats to humanity. The conflict in Somalia is escalating from the territorial stand-off with Somaliland. The Ministers said they will seek more interventions to restore peace in the Horn of Africa.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi and Tanzania’s January Makamba

Five Ex-Isiolo County Gov’t Officials Arrested Over Sh58.6M Procurement Fraud

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Detectives from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) have arrested five suspects linked to a KSh58.6 million procurement scandal in Isiolo County. The five are among a group of 13 suspects being probed by the anti-graft agency in connection to the scandal involving the illegal awarding of a KSh58,560,000 tender to Drescoll Limited for the supply and delivery of a fire engine to Isiolo County in the Financial Year 2018/2019. The suspects who will be arraigned in court today are; Peter Ngechu Muhuha (Former Chief Officer, Finance), Adano Salad Kadubo (Former Chief Officer, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development), Abdinassir Ali (Former Head of Treasury), and Accountants Jibril Hassan and Augustine Kariuki Gatebu.

Four of the suspects are currently being processed at EACC pending their court appearance, while Kadubo is being held at the anti-graft watchdog’s Integrity Centre Police Station. “EACC investigations established that the suspects engaged in a flawed procurement process designed to fraudulently award a tender for the supply and delivery of a fire engine to Drescoll Limited worth KSh58,560,000,” EACC CEO Twalib Mbarak said in a statement to newsrooms. “The said contractor is at the centre of a related investigation in Marsabit County Government involving a KSh62,000,000 tender for similar supply and delivery of a fire engine.” Following the completion of investigations into the allegations, EACC recommended to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) to file charges against the 13 suspects. The charges include offences relat-



ing to non-compliance with procurement process laws, illegal acquisition of public property, and abuse of office. The remaining eight suspects have since been ordered to report to EACC’s Isiolo regional office for questioning.

They include: Yusuf Mohammed Galgalo (Former Chief Officer, Finance), Qanchora Roba (Former Chief Finance Officer), Dr. Salad Kikuyu Sorite (Former Head of Supply Chain Management) and Linus Gichunge Thurania (Former County Legal Advisor).

The others are: John Thurania Nkuraru (Supply Chain Management Assistant), Ali Godana Wako (Former Town Administrator, Isiolo County), Kennedy Mocharia Murimi (Transport Officer) and Bashir Hassan Abey Mamo (Director Drescoll Limited).

Dominion



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In the verse we referred to before (Genesis 1:26), it says, "...and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." First, in refuting the "evolutionists," God would not have given dominion of His beautiful planet earth to some semi-human primate. He entrusted it to a genius. He gave it to His greatest creation—man.

Within the word "dominion," we have the root meaning "dominate." Dominion does not actually mean ownership, for God retains the ownership of the earth. But man, in essence, controlled it. He ruled it, and for all practical purposes it was his. Adam could do as he wished with the earth. God made this clear to him. And therein entered Satan.

Before Satan entered the picture, the planet earth was a world without sin. It was a world without judgment, sickness, disease, or bondage. There was no taint of sorrow or heartache. Death and war didn't exist. The world was ruled in love, honesty, sincerity, and integrity—under God. This was God's environment. And because it was, God would come down and talk with Adam in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). God told Adam he could partake of any tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said, "for in the day you eat this you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). But Adam and Eve did partake of the fruit of that tree, and Adam and Eve did die.

They did not die immediately in the physical sense. That was some time in coming. But they suffered separation from God immediately, which was the "death" God was talking about. It would ultimately bring all types of death into the world.

NB: ADAM GAVE THE WORLD TO SATAN; In essence, what Adam did was this: he traded lords. God the Father, in all goodness, mercy, compassion, humility, and meekness, was no longer God of this world. Now Satan would become god of this world.



Adam had every right to do what he did. The world was his by commandment of God and he had dominion over it. If he did as God directed, it would be a paradise forever. But, if he disobeyed God—and he did—Satan would become the lord of the earth.

One may ask, "Why would Adam do such a thing? Why didn't God stop him?" Man has the power of choice. He can make any decision he wants to make, even though it may do him harm, and those around him. That is what Adam did. He had the right to make the decision he made,

even though it was a decision which would bring utter chaos. He traded the world, and all that was in it, for the knowledge of good and evil. It was the MOST EXPENSIVE TRADE any human ever made. Still, millions are making the same trade today. They are trading their eternal souls (which will never die) for the baubles, trinkets, and gadgets of this present world. Truly, they are of no value whatsoever (II Corinthians 4:18).

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Evangelist Eric Musa:

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Talk of Ruto Sponsoring Ndindi To Take The Mount Kenya Kingpin Was Hollow And Baseless



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Worth Noting:

- Sometimes back Kakamega senator Bonny Khalwale had made similar claims. This happened during Dr Ruto's visit to the region.
- He alleged that President Ruto had held a closed door meeting with the leaders of Mulembe nation at Kakamega State Lodge. We managed to convince him to support the candidature of ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi in 2032.
- Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua is not suitable for the position of the President. We want to tell him to forget it. President Ruto will pass the baton to Mudavadi, Khalwale added.
- But in a swift rejoinder, Dr Ruto dismissed and denounced his remarks. It is premature and too early to talk about 2032 succession. We are here to launch and commission development projects. This is in line with promises we made during the campaigns.



Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro .

I have been following the supremacy battle for Mount Kenya kingpin with keen interest.

For now, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro were the leading contenders.

The campaign took a new turn a few days ago when Ndindi hosted more than 20 Kenya Kwanza members of parliament drawn from different parts of the country in his Kiharu constituency.

The MPs showered him with accolades. Ndindi's track record on matters of development, peace and unity speaks for itself.

Former Secretary General of KNUT and ODM nominated MP Wilson Sossian set the ball rolling. He noted that Ndindi was a presidential material.

I want to assure you the people of Muranga that Ndindi was poised to succeed President Ruto in 2032 when he completes his second term in office. You can take this to the bank.

Soon after this event, a section of the politicians started peddling unfounded rumors that President William Ruto was sponsoring Ndindi's campaigns. They would not produce an iota of evidence to support their claims.

This is not the first time that the name of the head of state would drag into premature 2032 succession politics.

Sometimes back Kakamega senator Bonny Khalwale had made similar claims. This happened during Dr Ruto's visit to the region.

He alleged that President Ruto had held a closed door meeting with the leaders of Mulembe nation at Kakamega State Lodge. We managed to convince him to support the candidature of ANC leader

Musalia Mudavadi in 2032.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua is not suitable for the position of the President. We want to tell him to forget it. President Ruto will pass the baton to Mudavadi, Khalwale added.

But in a swift rejoinder, Dr Ruto dismissed and denounced his remarks. It is premature and too early to talk about 2032 succession. We are here to launch and commission development projects. This is in line with promises we made during the campaigns.

I'm not holding brief for the President but I'm persuaded to believe that his position is the same. This is regard to Ndindi's political game plan for the Mount Kenya region.

Though Gachagua is arguably the senior-most leader, the recent developments have shown that his popularity was dwindling.

Ndindi's political star was on the other hand rising very fast.

I have been listening to the views of the Kikuyus living in Githurai and in my rural area.

Well, DP Gachagua curves a niche of being a truthful and a God-fearing man. So, with due respect, I want to let him know this.

Majority of them do not believe in him. To drive the point home, they would revisit his previous utterances and history. You heard him likening Kenya to Shareholding Company. This was a reckless statement. They would also fault him for picking a war with Nairobi governor Johnson Sakaja. His statement was divisive, callous and designed to put the Kikuyus into a collision course with rest of the Kenyan communities.

This is because Nairobi is the home to all the 45 communities of Kenya.

Others would allege that Gachagua was only considering his home county of Nyeri for state appointments.

Some would recall the alleged 'ills' associated with him when he served as a 'special' District Officer (DO) during the era of President Daniel Arap Moi.

It is also worth noting that Gachagua was not the preferred choice of the majority of the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) leaders from the Mountain for the position of the running mate. The final decision however lied with presidential candidate William Ruto. He settled on him.

Given this scenario, one would have expected Gachagua to immediately start healing the wounds after being sworn in as DP. It is widely believed that one year down the line he has failed to do this.

The Kikuyus opposed to him would aver that Kiharu MP Ndindi is the most suitable candidate to lead the Mountain.

Apart from being youthful and well educated, he is a development conscious leader and a unifier.

Besides, he has never been implicated in corruption or any other wrong-doing. Ndindi's track record of development in Kiharu is there for all to see.

The MPs and other elected leaders are travelling there for bench-marking.

The other day a renowned opinion poll firm rated him as the best performer in the country. This is on matters of development.

Matters of education are close to his heart. Ndindi have done a lot in terms of building new state-of-art classrooms

and renovating the old ones.

He has also been spending part of money he receives from National Exchequer to build TVET colleges.

National Government-Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) is one of the kitties.

He moved a step further when he initiated a school feeding programme for the students in all day secondary schools in Kiharu constituency.

Dozens of MPs from across the country who attended this event showered him with praises.

Ndindi has demonstrated he is a servant of the people.

This places him as the best-suited to take up the mantle of Mount Kenya kingpin. We are definitely going to drum up support for him so that he can clinch the seat, most of the speakers stated.

Ndindi steered clear of this topic.

He did this a few days ago when he hosted a similar event. This time Ndindi, who was being flanked by 15 members of parliament, commissioned a new programme.

In this, the NG-CDF funds will cater for the school fees of the students in day schools in Kiharu. The parents will only pay Sh1,000 per term.

Again, speaker after speaker showered him with accolades.

Those who had attended the earlier events stated: We told you that Honorable Ndindi Nyoro is a good, caring and down to earth leader.

As a pioneer, we have been inviting him to come to our regions to help us rollout similar projects. He is still ahead of us.

What lesson do we learn here? He is larger than life. Besides steering Mount Kenya to success and prosperity, he has the qualities of a national leader. You never know, he may succeed President William Ruto when he completes his two terms of 10 years in 2032.

At this juncture, allow me to say this. The opinion of the Mount Kenya residents particularly the Kikuyus is divided.

There are those who believe that former President Uhuru Kenyatta is still holding the mantle of kingpin.

For others, Uhuru is no longer a king. His tenure came to an end when he retired as the President.

They would also aver that he failed to champion their interest when he was at the helm. So, he cannot turn around and cast the image of holier-than-thou.

So, if he fall prey to those misleading him, we will once again shame him.

But supporters of Uhuru would argue that Ndindi and Gachagua will not go anywhere without his backing. They should look for Uhuru. The one who gets his nod will become the kingpin. But majority of them would prefer Ndindi to take up the mantle.

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Embu County To Spend Sh3 Million For Boy Child Programs

By: OSDP

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The boy child program seeking the rehabilitation of those lost in alcohol, drugs and substance abuse continues to garner support from both the public and private sector from different parts of the country.

Yesterday, the program received the latest support from the County Government of Embu, a commitment made by Governor Cecily Mbarire during the free-medical camp for screening those in addictions at the Embu Moi Stadium.

“Sh3 million of Embu County supplementary budget will go towards operationalizing the rehabilitation centre, so that those from this medical camp who are ready to start rehabilitation can do so with immediate effect, and once rehabilitated, they can go for skilling at a TVET,” said Mbarire.

Mbarire said the youth should stop leading a life of ‘kutoa lock’ all the

time.

She also appreciated having seen first-hand how the screening for de-addiction was carried out.

The governor appreciated the programs of the boy child being brought to Embu County, saying the rehabilitation and training programs would transform the lives of the youth.

Last year, the boy child programs also received a Sh3million cheque from the Kenya Pipeline Company Foundation.

In addition, different county governments have committed to implementing the boy child programs in their areas. Already, the programs have taken off in Mombasa, Bomet, Nyeri, Nairobi, and Kiambu counties.

Machakos Governor Wavinya Ndeti committed to establishing a rehabilitation centre for supporting the boy child programs.

Also, 18 County First Ladies held a meeting with Pastor Dorcas to discuss implementation of the programs for the vulnerable in their counties.

They included chair of the County



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire (red coat), and Dr. Grace Kibathi (white lab coat), during the Embu Medical Camp at the Embu Stadium, Embu Town that Pastor Dorcas launched yesterday for screening those in addictions in readiness for rehabilitation, and also other medical services that included eye and dental checkups. Photo/OSDP

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First Ladies Association (CFLA) Allamitu Jattani (Marsabit), Emily Nyaribo (Nyamira), Bishop Saline Barchok (Bomet), Dr.Emily Chesire (Baringo), Madina Ali Issack (Mandera), Habiba Galgalo (Isiolo), Lilian Ekamais (Turkana), and Anne Wamatangi (Kiambu), Mary Kanga-ta (Muranga), Anita Mutula (Makueni), Beverlyne Lelelit (Samburu), Salina Samoei Bii (Uasin Gishu), and Dr Margaret Makelo (Bungoma), Scovia Kachapin(West Pokot), Fionnah Kiprotich (Elgeyo Marakwet), Grace Wakahora (Laikipia), and Agnes Ochillo (Migori).

Family in Kisii Seeks Justice After Kin Allegedly Neglected and Pleads to Death in Local Hospitals

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In a tragic incident in Kisii, the Matundura family is grieving the loss of 36-year-old Geoffrey Matundura, who succumbed to injuries sustained in a road accident amidst allegations of negligence by Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH) and Nyacheki Sub County Hospital.

Matundura was involved in a road accident on January 3rd along Nyacheki-Nyangusu highway in Bobasi constituency while riding his motorbike home.

His family claims that he suffered leg injuries and was initially taken to Nyacheki Sub County Hospital, where he allegedly received no attention. Subsequently, he was rushed to KTRH.

During Matundura’s burial cere-



Juliet Bosibori, a widow, tenderly holds a cherished photo of her late husband during the solemn burial ceremony in Bokinami Village, Kisii County. A poignant moment of love and remembrance. Photo | Elizabeth Angira

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mony in Bokinami village in Baasi Bogetaorio, the family expressed distress over the circumstances of

negligence.

Tiberius Abaya, Matundura’s brother, recounted the ordeal, stating that Matundura passed away at the KTRH emergency section after prolonged neglect.

The postmortem report indicated two leg fractures and internal bleeding as the cause of death, highlighting the lack of timely medical attention at the referral hospital.

Abaya urged that his brother’s tragic experience should be the last case of negligence at KTRH

Matundura’s wife, Juliet Bosibori, emphasized that her husband’s injuries were not fatal, expressing regret that timely medical care could have saved him.

Now left without the family’s breadwinner, Bosibori appealed for assistance to sponsor their daughter’s education at Nyabururu Girls National School, citing the burden of caring for their three children.

She called upon the government of Kisii to conduct impromptu visits to health facilities to understand the challenges patients face in the hands of healthcare providers who are supposed to save lives.

David Ogega, a church elder, seized the opportunity to call upon Governor Simba Arati to make surprise visits to local hospitals, assess conditions, and address the alleged suffering of patients due to healthcare workers’ negligence.

Ogega highlighted the pain of losing a patient to hospital negligence in the current era and urged the governor to align his speeches with the actual state of healthcare facilities, taking necessary actions to improve the system.

Kenya - Egypt Trade Mission

Improved Road & Railway Infrastructure Can Boost Intra-African Trade

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Improving transport infrastructure between Cairo and Johannesburg will greatly improve trade within the African continent. This is according to Egypt's Ambassador to Kenya H.E Wael Nasr Eldin Attiya who says the road infrastructure within the continent is seventy percent complete with various countries such as Egypt hav-

ing completed their sections will see increased volumes of trade. "We are sure that trade within our two countries and the continent in general will improve once the ongoing infrastructure projects are complete. By this we mean both road and railway as crucial in facilitating movement of goods, we have problems in countries that have conflict but once these issues are solved we believe it will be complete in no time," says Egypt's Ambassador to Kenya H.E Wael Nasr Eldin Attiya.



Speaking during the sidelines of the Kenya – Egypt trade mission in Nairobi Wael adds that countries must also work to eliminate various non-tariff and tariff barriers as they continue to stifle trade within the continent. The Ambassador adds that the port of Mombasa continues to be a pivotal point in facilitating trade between Egypt and Kenya with the proximity between the two countries also working to the advantage of exporters and importers. Further, he adds that the imbalance in trade between Kenya and Egypt is due to Mombasa being as

a gateway to East and Central Africa. Wael says trade volumes between the two countries continues to increase thanks to improved relations. "Transport by ship from Cairo to Mombasa currently takes about 14 days which is quite fast thus we are encouraging companies from both Kenya and Egypt to explore this route as we wait for the completion of other logistics infrastructure," He added. The ambassador has also lauded the entry of the Egyptian bank into the Kenyan market saying it will enable trade between business people from

both countries. Speaking at the same event CIB Kenya CEO Daphne Maina said the bank will enable facilitate trade between the two COMESA nations The Kenya-Egypt trade mission is organized by the Egyptian Food Export Council and features a series of productive visits by Egyptian companies to wholesale market areas and key supermarket chains in Nairobi. The Kenyan companies will also have an opportunity to have B2B meetings with the 26 companies during the two-day event.

Cabinet Approves Policy On Recognition Of Prior Learning

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In keeping with the Administration's Bottom Up-Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), Cabinet considered and approved the Policy on Recognition of Prior Learning in Kenya. The approval by Cabinet was the last milestone in a process that commenced in the year 2020. By dint of the decision by Cabinet, there is now a functional and credible system for recognition of knowledge, skills, and competencies that have been acquired through practical work but which are not supported by corresponding academic or institutional qualifications. Therefore the prior learning policy is the bridge to facilitate transition from informality to formality as well as facilitating multi entry/exit between the education system and the labour market. This seminal move is anticipated to open up a bountiful



Alice Kande, Acting DG, KNQA

frontier of new opportunities for the millions of Hustlers who are the lifeblood of the Kenyan economy. Late last year a parliamentary committee urged the Ministry of Education to accelerate the implementation of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy, which aims

to acknowledge skilled workers in the informal sector who lack formal academic documents. Members of the National Assembly's Education Committee, chaired by Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet), noted that many young people in the country possess valuable skills through both formal and informal ways but lack certification to put them into practice. "We have very good mechanics, plumbers, masons, and other artisan workers without academic documents. These people need to be recognized and certified to practice as per the RPL policy guidelines. What is taking so long?" posed Hon Melly. The Committee chairperson, who spoke during a meeting with Dr. Esther Muoria, the Principal Secretary for the State Department for Technical, Vocational Education, and Training, emphasized that language scores or academic certificates should not be barriers to recognizing skilled individuals in the Juakali sector. Addressing the concerns, Acting

Director-General of KNQA, Alice Kande, who was part of the officials accompanying the Principal Secretary, explained that the RPL policy has been tested in selected institutions and will soon be expanded. Kande stated, "We have thousands of skilled workers who do not have certified certificates, but under the new policy, their skills will be recognized and issued with certificates after a short training," she said , revealing that 92 per cent of youths in the country have unrecognised competencies acquired through formal and informal means. Ms Kande explained that the validation of the revised draft policy reflects the government's commitment to excellence and societal improvement. "The policy aims to include in the national qualifications database the skills and competencies that have not been formally acknowledged, assessed, and certified."

Father



The snow that landed because of me
Your hair is covered.
Take your consent, Father,
Open your arms to prayer.

If your hair turns white,
After all, how can I stand?
It's all yours
How to extend my debt.

Umbrella on our head

Keep going, Father.
Fortunately for us
Be safe, Father.

Mom
He is sad for me,
My mother is my heaven.
My love, my care,
My mother is my country.

Joy and happiness
I wish you mother.
The most beautiful flowers,
Let me take it, mom.

My heavenly basil, my mother,
Mother is the amulet of my heart.
I wish your life
Sultan of my heart, mother.

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That's It



In a gentle wind that pleases the heart,
On a summer evening with a full moon.
Hearts in love are full of happiness,
When the light of the moon is mixed with a candle.

The northern rains are especially bright,
As if the nightingales are dancing in love.
Two hearts, two hearts, two hearts,

It's not a dream, it's a dream.

A fisherman catches fish on the beach,
The lover was standing in front of him.
The whole world wants to listen in silence,
Excitement in the heart, joy in the hand...

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My Lyceum Is My Future Foundation!



By: Xakimjonova Hilolaxon Rustamjonovna

Every place where a person receives education and upbringing from childhood has an important place in his life. First, kindergarten, then school or lyceum and higher educational institutions make every person a mature person. The service of early educational institutions is great in raising the perfect generation. In today's topic, I will tell you about my dear high school, which left a mark on my life with indelible memories.

Fergana branch of Tashkent University of Information Technologies named after Muhammad Al-Khorazmi is an academic lyceum. Until 2017, it operates under the name of academic lyceum under Fergana State University, and from 2017 until now, it operates under the name of academic lyceum of Fergana branch of Tashkent University of Information Technologies. Academic Lyceum currently has 3 departments and 3 educational areas.

These are: 1. Exact sciences (technique) educational direction.
2. Exact sciences (economics) educational direction.
3. Field of study of foreign philology.

Lyceum director Ilhom Komilovich Mamajonov has done many things to develop the academic lyceum and improve the quality of education. I studied here in 2020-2022. In those years, the number of lyceum education courses was not 3, but 4. The fourth field of study was natural sciences, and I studied in this field. I should also mention that we were the last group to study natural sciences. From 2022, admission to this field of education is completely closed. Two years of our lives were spent in this place. We studied here, we ate here, we slept here. They created all the conditions for us. It was like our second home. Along with quality education, students were provided with a dormitory and 3 hot meals. Between those years, we spent more time at the lyceum than at home.

There have been good days and bad days. We learned to make independent decisions. The two years of my life at the lyceum completely changed my worldview, now I began to look at life with different eyes.

Every passionate teacher of the School of Science has a place in our memory and heart. Our beloved group leader Zilola Shermatova and Zulfiya Bozorova are our teachers who worked hard for us. We bow to them until our heads touch the ground. Every day, every minute spent at the Lyceum is precious to me. As we graduated from high school on June 4, 2022, every high school student seemed to have lost something precious. Even though it's been a long time since we graduated from high school, we have a very good relationship with our classmates, and we even went to this school together many times to remember sweet memories and to hear from our teachers. We were the last group of natural sciences 520. At present, the word "group 520" brings to mind bad memories and some good memories, but I know that the 520 group has left an indelible mark on the memories of the academic high school. After all, we graduated from lyceum as the last generation of science majors.

The memories we had there were so beautiful and memorable that each one of us was forever imprinted in our hearts. It is not uncommon for tears to come to one's eyes even when recalling memories. I am very grateful to TATU Fergana branch, academic lyceum, management of the lyceum, and every teacher who taught me, who literally changed my life, strengthened my step towards a big life, gave me sweet memories and placed in my heart. I know that our lyceum will help many young people like us to find their way in life and pave the way to take the right first step.

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Diagnosing Education



In this thesis, diagnosis and control of education, as well as quality control issues are covered. The stages of diagnosis of education are shown. Key words: education, control, diagnosis, educational control tests and motivation issues.

Teaching young people to learn independently is the most important

thing today one of the urgent tasks. That is why President I.A. Karimov In his speech at the IX session of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan "Only A truly enlightened person appreciates the value of a person, the value of the nation, in a word to realize one's identity, to live in a free and independent society of our independent society Selflessly in order to take a worthy and prestigious place in the world community can fight"

It should be noted here that today spiritual and intellectual stimulation

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National assembly commences public hearings on Affordable Housing Bill

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Worth Noting:

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One of the team during yesterday's session..

A Joint-Sitting of the National Assembly yesterday commenced public hearings on the Affordable Housing Bill.

The members who were conducting the exercise in two teams received views from the public in Narok and Embu Counties simultaneously.

The teams which comprises lawmakers from the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and that on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, have lined up public meetings across nineteen counties. Today's hearings are scheduled to take place in Kisii and Kirinyaga counties simultaneously.

In Embu, the chairperson of the Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works Committee, Johana Ng'eno (Emurua Dikirr) led the exercise.

Other members present were Mugambi Ridikiri, John Mukunji, Caleb Mutiso, Joshua Kimilu, Daniel Manduku, Jane Kagiri, Ronald Karauri and Pamela Njoki.

The Deputy Governor Embu County, Justus Mugo led the residents in shar-

ing their views on the proposed law.

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Towards this end, the committee secretariat distributed factsheets on the Bill and a copy of the Bill.

Among the issues raised by the public included the high cost of the required deposit, the fate of those who have contributed towards another related housing program dubbed 'Boma Yetu', the identification of the land

where the affordable housing project would be undertaken and the framework of allocation to ensure the program majorly benefits the locals all the way from inception to allocation of houses.

They also called on the government to conduct a comprehensive social-cultural and economic impact assessment to determine the framework for effective implementation of the program.

While assuring the public that their sentiments would count in the making of the law, Kimani told the participants that the committee would look into their suggestion that a single allocation be made per Kenya Revenue Authority Personal Identification Number (KRA PIN Number).

"We have heard you on the issue of house allocation. As you have expressed, we will look into the Bill to ensure that People with Disabilities are considered in the program and that only one house is allocated per KRA PIN", he undertook.

Accompanying Kuria Kimani were

Joseph Makilap (Baringo North), Paul Biego (Chesumei), Julius Ruto (Kesses), George Sunkuya (Kajiado West), David Mboni (Kitui Rural) and Narok County MPs, Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West) Agnes Par-eyio (Narok North) Rebecca Tonkei (Narok County MP)

The Bill is geared towards creating a comprehensive framework for the affordable Housing Program in line with a court decision on the matter which gave an observation that the House Levy contained in the Finance Act, 2023 was devoid of such a framework.

In particular, the Bill seeks to establish the Affordable Housing Fund to ensure access to affordable housing and fulfill the right to suitable housing as stated in Article 43(1)(b) of the Constitution

The public participation exercise is in line with Article 118 of the Constitution which mandates and obligates Parliament to facilitate public Participation and involvement in its legislative business.



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President William Ruto Bashes The Opposition For Opposing His Talks With The Judiciary



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Worth Noting:

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President William Ruto, Mps Dr. Robert Pukose, Ferdinand Wanyonyi and the contractor during the launch of the Kiptogot-Kolongolo Water Supply Project in Endebess Constituency on Wednesday photo by Sefu Sabila.

President William Ruto has criticized the leaders of the opposition wing following the move to oppose negotiations between him and the judiciary to resolve the existing hostility between the department and the government.

Speaking during the launch of Kiptogot-Kolongolo Water Supply Project in Endebess Constituency Transnzoia county on Wednesday, the President criticized Azimio leader Raila Odinga and other opposition leaders for opposing talks between him and Chief Justice Martha Koome. The president was in accompaniment of the County governor George Nitembeya, area Mps Dr. Robert Pukose, Kwanza Ferdinand Wanyonyi, Kiminini MP Maurice Bissau and health CS Susan Nakhumicha among other county officials and leaders from Trans Nzoia.

The President saying he is ready to negotiate with the department to face the controversy between the government and the judiciary in the country, terming opposition move as shameful and selfish. The president further criticizing judges for running out to leaders after scandals for protection and immunity, which the president has in recent days condemned saying, his administration will not condone corrupt judges.

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The fights between the president and the judiciary that started early this year, after the president called out the judiciary on sabotaging his development agenda. The president accused judges for being corrupt, and frustrating the Kenya Kwanza government agendas.

On Sunday, the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua said he will lead in providing evidence against judges accused of corruption. The Deputy

President said that the judge involved in his case about the source of his wealth.

The projects including the affordable housing project and the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF). The president had cited massive corruption in the current National Insurance Health Fund (NHIF). According to President William Ruto, the new SHIF will bridge the gap for access to health services for all Kenyans, calling out the court to stop the suspension of its implementation.

The President further highlighting also, said that the case filed in court against the SHIF health insurance plan has greatly affected the health sector in the country, criticizing his opponents for undermining the plan which would greatly benefit the citizens.

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“I have so many disagreements with so many people. All these people have come together and gone to court to stop the new SHIF, so that they can continue to steal the money from NHIF. This bill was passed by Parliament by your Members of Parliament; these people should let us deliver to the people the manifesto you voted for. We cannot allow few individuals who have bribed the courts and paying lawyers.” The president lamented.

In November last year, the court suspended the implementation of the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), after case filed by The Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentist Union (KMPDU). KMPDU had argued that the government has gone ahead with the implementation of the social health insurance act without engaging stakeholders to resolve the contentious issues. The doctors’ union took issue with section 26(5) of the SHIF Act which provides that;

“Any person who is registerable as a member in this act shall produce proof of compliance with the provisions of this Act on registration and contribution as a precondition of accessing public services from the national government, county government or national and county government entities.”

Last week Wednesday the government through its lawyer Fred Ngatia, asked the court to stop the suspension, as patients are suffering after the suspension of the NHIF scheme pre-authorization. The high court is set to give a ruling on the implementation of SHIF on Friday 19th this week.



President William Ruto with western leaders photo by Sefu Sabila.

Gloom Looming

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Worth Noting:

- What could be going so wrong? What could be taking place in the facets of the “undergrounds” of statecraft that must be discussed via a face to face and one on one meet up?
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It’s no doubt that the man with the hardest Job in Kenya, East Africa or even Africa is none other that the chief hustler President William Samoei Arap Ruto.

The current times are laced with undertones of very serious and catastrophic activities, internally and externally

Let’s begin with the external factors, the visit by the top CIA official, the diplomatic punch tussle with neighbouring Tanzania and Uganda.

A visit by CIA is not out of or meant to be a courtesy call and “as pundits put it” meant to be a tea and cookie session but spells out a looming gloom over the chief hustlers’ administration. This must be a visit to get clarity and assurances from the top intelligence man of the world. Such a visit either calls for beefing up of local intelligencia, and or dissemination of classified intel “President Eyes Only” type of intel.

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M7 has decided to seek the East African Court for intervention on the oil purchase model that seems not to augur well with Kampala. Uganda has applied for its national oil company UNOC to be allowed to trade in the Kenyan oil space.

Closer home and internally, things seem to be going bananas if not equally else. Politics is lurking. So thick are the clouds of Siasa that kamukunjis at the grassroot levels are taking shape and constant battering of contesting opinions is evidently an attraction.

The regional alignments going on will not allow for the government to achieve much development wise.

Top GOK officials have been cited making pronouncements of how the government will utilizes campaign like models of caravans to inform masses of the KK achievements.

Let’s not forget the bare knuckled

glaring contests that have laid bare the executives perception of the judiciary. The Judiciary reluctantly bowing down and accepting a dialogue approach. This has been condemned by leaders and deliverers of the second and third liberations of Kenya’s democracy. Led by Mr. Raila Odinga, the condemnations depict a totalitarian and dictatorial executive that is supervise of other institutuinal constituitonal rights. This may be the case or not but many a Kenyans are reading or misreading the current leadership and even calling it out as a sham. Is it or is not?

KK has not demonstrated how they ll actualize their key manifesto promises an year plus into their term.

The attempts that have frustrated the regime such the court rulings that have given detection for proper procedural implementation on the housing agenda have rattled the core evidently.

It’s gloomy no doubt and the spirit of the Kenyan essence has been afflicted. Micro traders are hard-hit, their denouncing of the KK regime is a daily cry.

What all these myriad of issues spell out will only are evident in the very near future. Kenya however is resilient and has a population of headworkers.

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AFCN: World Cup Stars Morocco Hammer Toothless Tanzania



Morocco's defender #6 Romain Saiss (R) celebrates with Morocco's forward #19 Youssef En-Nesyri (L) after scoring his team's first goal during the Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) 2024 group F football match between Morocco and Tanzania at Stade Laurent Pokou in San Pedro on January 17, 2024. (Photo by SIA KAMBOU / AFP).

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Captain Romain Saiss scored in the first half and, after Tanzania had Novatus Miroshi sent off, Azzedine Ounahi and Youssef En-Nesyri netted for the Atlas Lions.

Although an African powerhouse for decades, Morocco are seeking only a second Cup of Nations title 48 years after lifting the trophy in Ethiopia.

Morocco sprang to international prominence two years ago in Qatar when they became the first African World Cup semi-finalists after eliminating Spain and Portugal in knockout matches.

The victory over group outsiders Tanzania in the southwest of the Ivory Coast was anticipated as Morocco are ranked 13th in

the world, 108 places above the Taifa Stars.

Morocco began with seven of the team that started in the 2-0 World Cup semi-final loss to France in Qatar.

There were three La Liga players, two each from the Premier League and Ligue 1 and two with Saudi Pro League sides. Moroccans with Turkish and Egyptian clubs completed the line-up.

This contrasted sharply with Tanzania, whose line-up included Tarryn Allarakhia from English fifth-tier outfit Wealdstone. The winger struggled and was replaced after 38 minutes.

As expected, Morocco established territorial and possession dominance from the kick-off in a stadium named after deceased Ivorian star Laurent Pokou.

Ivorian star honoured

His five goals in a 1970 AFCN group match is a record for an

individual scorer that still stands, and the official match balls for the 2024 tournament are also named after him.

En-Nesyri, one of the seven survivors from the semi-final against France, had a half-chance after nine minutes, but did not connect cleanly with the ball and it flew wide.

Tanzania displayed intensity, both in movement and tackling, but it came as no surprise when they fell behind on the half-hour mark in 31 Celsius (87 Fahrenheit) heat.

Hakim Ziyech, on loan to Galatasaray from Chelsea, lifted a free-kick over the defensive wall and when goalkeeper Aisha Manula failed to grasp it, Saiss poked the loose ball over the line.

Experienced Manula must shoulder some of the blame as he parried the ball infield rather than away from his goal.

When the teams left the pitch at half-time, it must have concerned Algeria-born Tanzania coach Adel Amrouche that his side did not produce a single goal attempt in 45 minutes.

Tanzanian hopes of levelling suffered a huge blow with 20 minutes remaining when Miroshi fouled Ounahi and was sent off for his second yellow-card offence.

Ounahi rounded off slick, short passing to increase the Moroccan lead on 77 minutes with a low shot from inside the box that flew past Manula into the corner of the net.

Tanzania were battling with 10 men and conceded again on 80 minutes when En-Nesyri fired a cross into the net for a goal that was confirmed by VAR two minutes later.

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Sports >>> *Under-pressure Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said yesterday he would resign if his squad no longer believed in him following last weekend's heavy Spanish Super Cup final loss to Real Madrid.

Xavi Threatens 'To Pack His Bags' If Barca Players No Longer Follow Him



Barcelona's Spanish coach Xavi directs his players during the Spanish Super Cup final football match between Real Madrid and Barcelona at the Al-Awwal Park Stadium in Riyadh, on January 14, 2024. (Photo by Giuseppe CACACE / AFP).

Under-pressure Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said yesterday he would resign if his squad no longer believed in him following last weekend's heavy Spanish Super Cup final loss to Real Madrid. Barca were hammered 4-1 by Madrid on Sunday and sit eight points off leaders Girona in the La Liga table. Defensively the Catalans have struggled this year which is in stark contrast to last season's Liga success.

They have conceded 22 goals at the halfway stage of the league season after shipping only 20 in the whole of the 2022-23 campaign. "The day my players no longer follow me, I'll pack my bags and leave," Xavi told reporters. "If I hadn't won La Liga last year I wouldn't be here. "When someone tells me there's a problem, I'll leave. "I love this club. I'm here to bring something to it. If I don't do it, I'll

go home," the former Barca captain added. The 43-year-old returned to the Spanish champions in 2021 after a spell as Al Sadd boss with Barca in free fall. On Thursday they face third-tier Unionistas in the last 16 of the Spanish Cup before playing Napoli in the first leg of the same stage in the Champions League in February. "When the owners signed me from Qatar, they said it was one

of the worst moments in the club's history," Xavi said. "And we're in the process of changing things. "I'm calm, I have three titles to win. I think we're closer to success than failure," the ex-midfielder added.

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Teaching English To Different Age Group



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Worth Noting:

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ANNOTATION

This article provides information about how to teach new language in different ages. While reading this article, you may understand what kind of activities helps us to improve our second languages. I hope you may take lots of information about it by reading this article.

Key words- education, age, activity, uniform, knowledge, quality,

English has become one of the most popular and common languages in the world. Its massive increase has been noticeable in the recent years. More and more people, regardless of their age, learn English. They obviously have different competences, skills and needs therefore, the topic of the these is which we concentrate on, is effective strategies and activities in teaching English to different age groups. There are three age groups mentioned in this group: primary school age, teenage learner and adults. The age of learners is the major factor in teaching English, however, games and game-like activities do not interfere in acquiring the language by people of different ages. Most people tend to learn well when they feel happy with the lessons.

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Characteristics of young learners

Enthusiasm for learning is intensively displayed by young learners. They are curious about everything what surrounds them and this positive attitude towards acquiring a foreign language should be praised.

Characteristics of adolescent learners

Against the deceptive perception of today's teenagers, not all of them behave inappropriately. Most of them can understand that learning is needed in life, and additionally, accomplish the given tasks. What is more, they are able to discuss abstract issues with the teacher. According to

Harmer (2007: 84), "there is almost nothing more exciting than a class of involved young people at this age pursuing a learning goal with enthusiasm." The teacher's role is to encourage learners to learn by preparing adequate materials concerning their interests or even "to provoke student engagement with material which is relevant and involving"

Characteristics of adult learners

There are many special characteristics concerning adult language learners. Some of them are really helpful during English classes, but some part of them is rather offending or even worrying. The method consists of coordination of two elements: speech and action. According to Asher, Total Physical Response is a natural way of teaching English. Also we need some international methods for comparing.

Method appropriate for adolescents – Direct Method

The Direct Method is one of the oldest methods of teaching English. The main point of this method is not to use a native language.

Method appropriate for adults – Grammar-translation

Grammar-translation method is believed to be appropriate for teaching adults. Demanding a sense of hu-

mour and mobility TPR is a method which doesn't have to suit all of the adults; many of them, especially the older ones, will insist on using grammar-translation methods or at least cognitive methods" (Komorowska, 2005: 35). This not new method of teaching English was firstly called the Classical Method.

This name has special origin; grammar-translation method was used in the teaching of the classical languages like Greek or Latin. In conclusion, appropriate teaching methods, techniques but also, really useful and effective, games and game-like activities are indispensable element of English language lessons. All of these components conduce to successful process of learning. That is why it is important to select them thoroughly and reasonably in terms of learners abilities adapted to the particular age group.

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