



Kenya's Foreign Minister Mudavadi On Three-Day Official Visit To China

Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi landed in Beijing, China yesterday, commencing a significant three-day official visit to strengthen ties and bilateral cooperation between Kenya and China.

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P. 12. Seven Members of Parliament have condemned the current senseless killing of women and girls by rogue men. Led by Molo MP Kimani Kuria, legislators Joseph Makilap (Baringo North), Dr John Ariko Namoit (Turkana South), Paul Biego (Chesumei), Joseph Oyula (Butula) and David Mboni (Kitui rural)

Suicide Incidents Among Students Increasing - Pastor Dorcas

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's spouse, Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi, has expressed concern over the rising incidents of student suicides linked to drug and alcohol abuse. In response, she issued a stern warning to students, cautioning them against engaging in such vices, emphasizing the potential for these behaviors to derail their lives.



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi during mentorship at Kisii School. Photo | Elizabeth Angira

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CS Njeru Welcomes EACC Preventive Services Officials For The Launch Of Compliance Risk Monitoring System In The Ministry

By: MoWSI MoWSI



Principal Secretary State Department of Water Sanitation Julius Korir (left), Secretary of Administration Mr. Stephen Kihara and Water Secretary Eng SAO Alima in consultation during the meeting..

Worth Noting:

- In his welcoming remarks during the Tuesday event, CS Njeru underscored the importance of having a strong and effective risk monitoring systems as an integral part of ensuring transparency and accountability in the Ministry to ensure citizen got value for their which meant to increase water access improve to quality of their lives.
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Cabinet Secretary for Water Sanitation and Irrigation Zacharia Njeru led the State Department of Water and Irrigation officials in welcoming the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) Directorate of Preventive Services officials for the launch of Compliance Risk Monitoring system in development and management of small, medium and large dams being undertaken by the Ministry.

The EACC move, entails the process of identifying, assessing and mitigating potential risks and losses that may arise from none compliance with policies, procedures and practices of work in the development of the dams being implemented by the Ministry across the country.

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The CS said without supportive preventive measures the EACC has developed, the Ministry might face headwinds in identifying and sealing loopholes in transparency and accountability systems which might breed corruption and malfeasance in future and therefore critical to ensure that all the staff in the Ministry work with integrity to achieve the man-

date given by the President.

Njeru who was accompanied by the PS State Department of Water Sanitation Julius Korir, Water Secretary Eng SAO Alima and Secretary of Administration Mr. Stephen Kihara, CEOs and HODs, emphasized the importance of complying with risk monitoring tools and monitoring interventions and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment in cooperating with EACC to make internal risk management systems even better to adhere to rule-based order.

EACC Commissioner Colonel (Rtd) Alfred Mshimba and the Director of Preventive Services Mr. Vincent Okong'o leading the Agency's officials to work with the Ministry to improve on Transparency, accountability and governance structures, thanked the CS for the warm welcome and assurance of unfettered

access to service points which required compliance risk management and support to prevent financial losses arising from malpractices.

The EACC officials said the objective of working closely with the Ministries Department and Agencies was to ensure that the established risk monitoring systems and best practices were adopted across Government in the management of public affairs with utmost levels of transparency to curb corruption at all levels of projects' implementation cycles.

Commissioner Mshimba said collaboration with the Ministry will go along away to in ensuring adoption of best practices in the management of public financial affairs.

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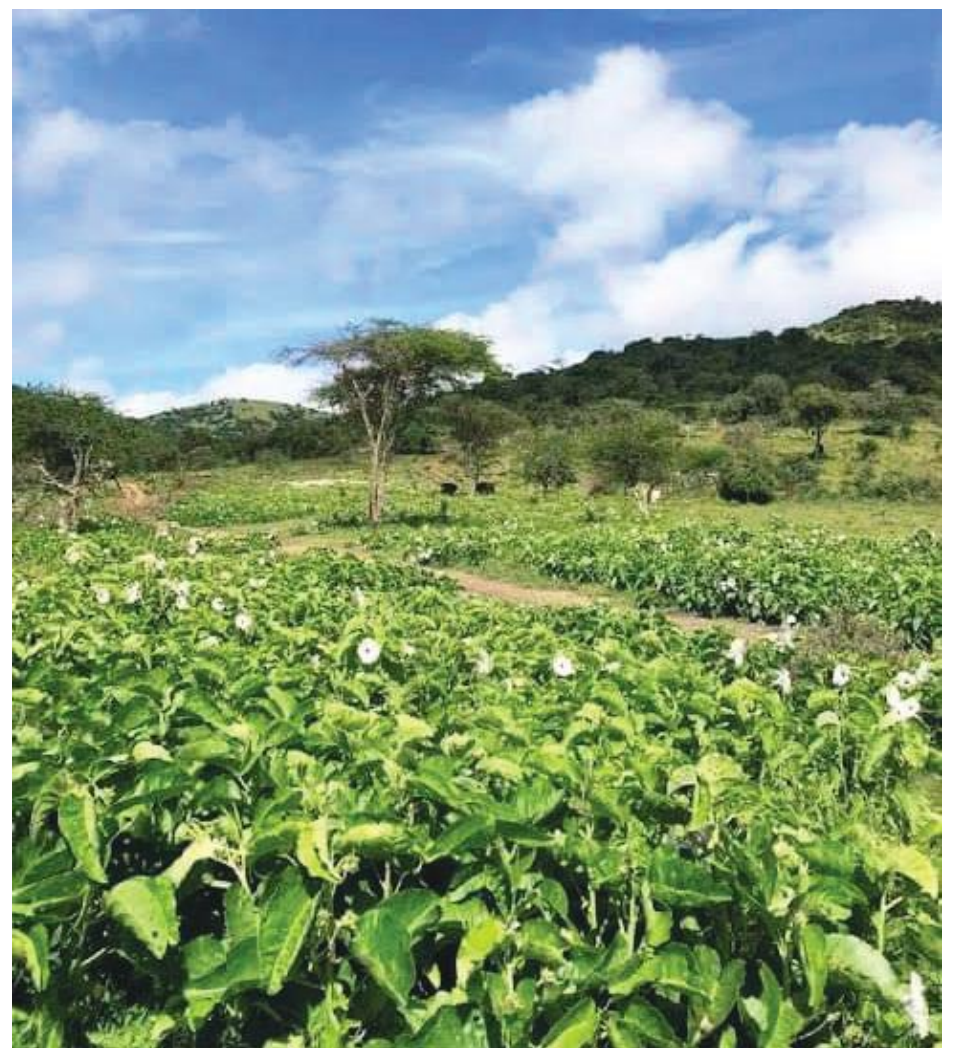
The Energy Police Unit led by Commissioner Zacharia Mwangi apprised Principal Secretary, State Department for Energy Alex Wachira on the ongoing efforts by the officers to secure the critical energy installations and infrastructure. The PS appreciated their commitment towards fighting vandalism and staying vigilant. He said they shall continue working closely with all security apparatus to eradicate vandalism.



The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is set to spend \$250 million on an eight-year programme to enable communities in 10 Kenyan counties to manage natural resources. The funding will come from Ifad, its partners, the central government, the county government, and beneficiaries. The programme aims to create incentives for communities to manage their natural resources and improve their livelihoods. The Elgeyo Marakwet County, with a high poverty index rate, qualifies for the programme. The county's position as a water source will enable irrigation projects, increasing agricultural productivity and food and nutritional security.



Nakuru County Government is partnering with American firm Hello Tractor to promote technology and mechanized farming among smallholder farmers. The initiative aims to improve the production and quality of produce by linking providers of mechanized farm services with smallholder farmers who do not have agricultural machinery. The County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Tourism, and Cooperatives Stephen Kuria said that technological advancements have enabled the manufacture of light and cheaper machines that could revolutionize agriculture. The County is seeking ways to enhance food security through mechanized farming, irrigation, and the use of quality seeds and fertilizers. However, Kenyan farmers are still shying away from modernization due to a lack of capital. The World Bank report on Agribusiness Indicators indicates that mechanization levels in Kenya are very low, compared to developed countries.



Livestock farmers in Kajiado are grappling with the invasive weed *Ipomoea carnea*, also known as Bush Morning Glory, which has significantly impacted their grazing lands. The evergreen choke weed, spread through stem fragments and seeds, has been a significant challenge for the farmers, affecting pasture growth. Despite various herbicide attempts, the weed remains a thorn in the flesh every time it rains. Residents have gathered in groups to uproot the weed, but this labour-intensive method restricts farmers from other daily activities. The residents are now seeking assistance from the county and national governments to eradicate the weed, which poses a safety hazard for livestock and their children. The weed is poisonous to goats, causing symptoms such as muscle coordination issues, difficulty standing, intense tremors, and loss of equilibrium.

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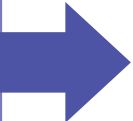
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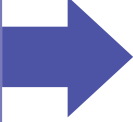
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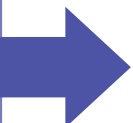


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Raila Claims Judiciary, Legislature Captured By The Executive

By: Capital Correspondent

Worth Noting:

- “Today you see the Speaker going to the State House to witness the President signing the Bill. Shame on them, shame on them! We must condemn this state capture of the institutions of governance,” he stated.
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Opposition leader Raila Odinga now claims that both the Judiciary and Legislature have been captured by the Executive.

Speaking during an Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) delegates meeting in Kilifi, Odinga alleged that since President William Ruto’s tenure began, bills were hurriedly passed in Parliament and assented to law without due process.

He stated that this is contrary to what used to happen in past regimes when due process was followed.

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Odinga pointed out that currently, debates are minimal and Bills favouring the government are passed with little to no changes.

According to Odinga, a neutral body should be engaged in the fight against corruption within the judiciary.

He indicated that this is the only way to root out the vice without compromising the independence of the judiciary.

“If there a reforms within the judiciary, then it must be done by neutral

institutions. Not the executive, nor the judiciary or the legislature,” he stated.

He further insisted that the meeting of the three arms of government at State House undermined the independence of the judiciary.

“There is no debate in the current parliament. Bills come from wherever they come and when they get to parliament, the speaker decrees that they must be passed within the next two hours. There is no debate. You cannot discuss a bill within two hours and then pass them the way they are without amendments and they go to the executive where they are signed,” he stated.

On Monday, President William Ruto met with Chief Justice Martha Koome

and National Assembly speaker Moses Wetangula to discuss ways of rooting out corruption.

Speaking after the meeting, President Ruto stated that the three arms of government have agreed to work together to tame corruption in their ranks, President William Ruto has said.

The Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary, he said, would use “a whole of government approach” to achieve the objective of eradicating the vice.

“I want to promise the people of Kenya that we are united and determined to root out the corruption menace from our country,” he said.

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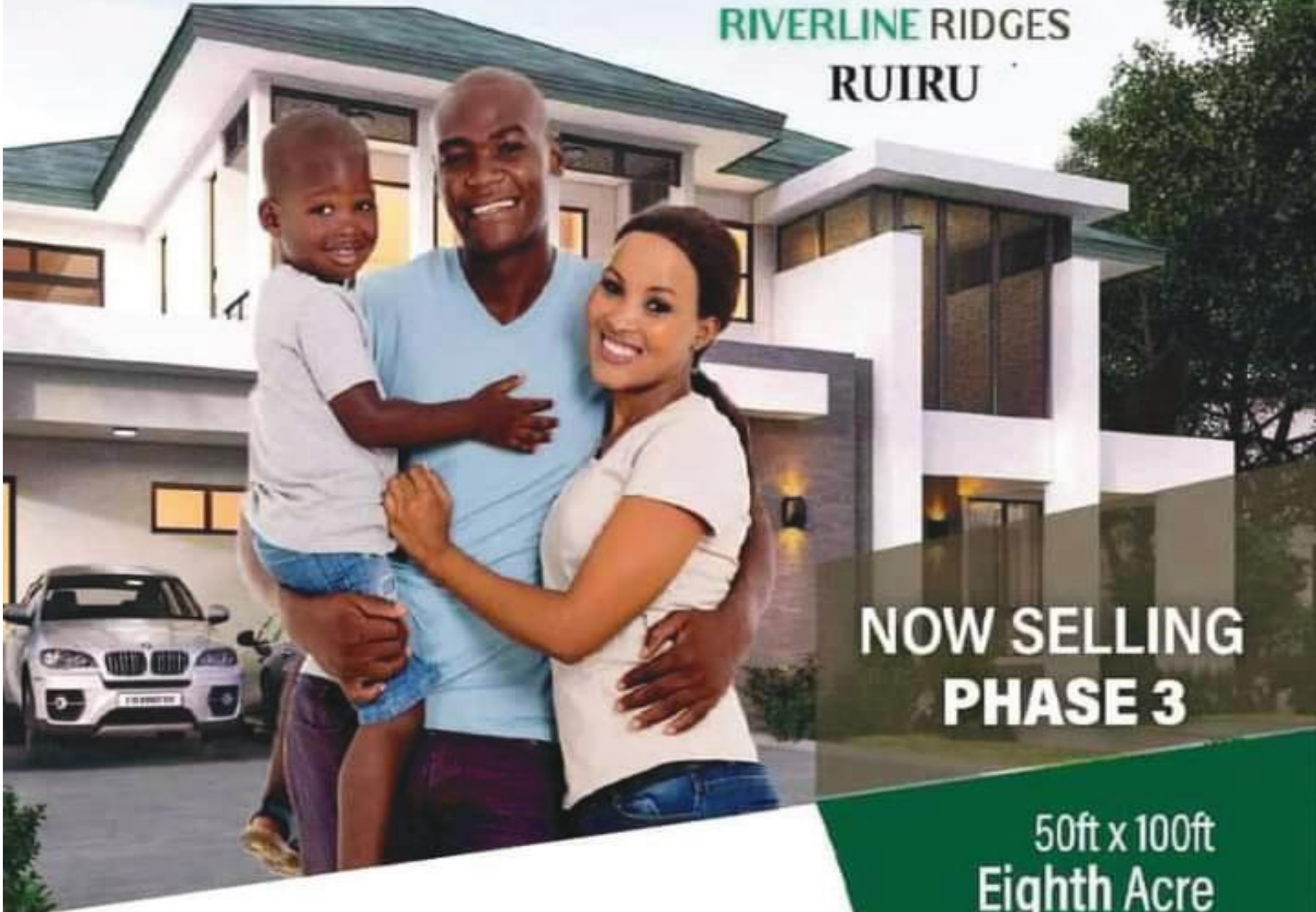
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Nyeri Mechanic Finds Fortunes In Making Stoves That Use Old Engine

By: Wangari Mwangi and Samuel Maina @themkenyatimes

Worth Noting:

- There are two mini fans on one end of the frame and the most peculiar difference is that the stove, has a cylinder suspended adjacent to the burners. It is this canister from a used mini-LPG cylinder that stores the oil which feeds the burner.
- There are also two taps at the bottom of the suspended cylinder, which when turned on, dispense fuel into two funnels that are connected to two pipes. The two pipes eventually lead your eyes to two burners from where one cooks from.
- “That viscous black liquid is old engine oil, which we have drained from a car engine at the garage. It is the main component in this innovation since it powers the stove,” says Mwangi who is assisted by four technicians.



Jacob Mwangi (in a green overall) together with one of his technicians Veronica Muthoni, make adjustments on one of the old engine oil stove. Mwangi adopted the innovation from watching a YouTube video. Photo by Wangari Mwangi.

When we eventually arrive at Jacob Mwangi’s temporary workshop on the outskirts of Gaikanja Shopping Center in Nyeri County, the first thing that greets us is the aroma of freshly cooked ugali.

We are soon informed that the accompanying stew (a mixture of kale and spinach), will be ready in less than 15 minutes.

The lunchtime meal is being prepared on a dummy of an oil-burning stove, which has been in the works for the past one week.

The stove is made using old steel pipes, but one of its most peculiar features is that it runs on used engine oil. At first glance, the cooker can pass for commercial burners found in appliance shops, but on a closer look, one notices a few variations; the entire structure is made from old steel pipes.

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Mwangi, a mechanic, adopted the idea after watching a video on YouTube video by Creative Inventions LMTN (an American self-made crafts).

Whereas the 2022 YouTube video fetched over 1.2 million views and 11,000 likes, that very same episode has enabled Mwangi to make a minimum of Sh25,000 in profit for every unit he sells.

In addition, he says, he has found an ingenious way of utilizing the used oil that would otherwise be deemed worthless, as far as cooking is con-

cerned.

“I decided to actualize the idea at a time when the cost of fuel was rising and everyone was looking for a relief from the high cost of energy. Besides being environment friendly, this jiko also provides a ready market for mechanics like me, who wish to have safer ways of discarding used oil,” he says.

Perhaps one of the outstanding features is that it operates just like a kerosene stove. However, the two automatic motors that aid in the supply of oxygen to the burner are operated using electricity. The used oil is then allowed to flow down to the cylindrical burners and once there is

a sufficient amount of oil, the flame is ignited using a normal matchstick.

“In our fabrication, we have installed an internal fan, which upon rotation supplies oxygen to the burner,” he explains.

In less than one year, the mechanic has sold 10 commercial stoves. On this day, Mwangi was making adjustments to his 11th stove.

He tells us that when he fabricated his first stove, the customer returned it back for readjustments due to overheating but he has since improved on the stove hence clients rarely bring them back for adjustments.

“I had initially installed one motor, but now I am installing two motors, which have a timer. The motors have sensors, which regulate the heat generated by the motors. So when one motor gets hot, the functions are automatically shifted to the alternate motor, to ensure that it does not overheat,” explains the mechanic.

Once ignited, the stove can run continuously for more than 12 hours. A single cooker consumes 20 litres of used oil in a month with an additional Sh1,000 to cater for the electricity bill.

Due to its proven efficiency, Mwangi recommends institutions such as schools and hotels to tap into the innovation, which he says will help in cutting cost on fuel.

“The stove is safe; it doesn’t emit smoke. The cost is also pocket-friendly for both domestic and commercial customers. I am currently selling a commercial stove at Sh40,000 but a domestic one would cost you Sh15,000. An even smaller version of the domestic use will cost you Sh8,000,” he explains.



Veronica Muthoni preparing food using the stove. Photo/Wangari Mwangi

Pastor Dorcas Rigathi Raises Alarm Over Surge In Student Suicides Tied To Drug And Alcohol Abuse, Urges Immediate Action



By: Elizabeth Angira



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, Dorice Donya Toto (Kisii Woman Rep), Zaheer Jhanda (Nyaribari Chache) during mentorship at Kisii School. Photo | Elizabeth Angira.

Worth Noting:

- Kisii County Governor Simba Arati commended the initiative aimed at empowering the boy child, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between the county and national governments.

- He asserted that they are committed to formulating laws that will safeguard the rights and well-being of the boy child, ensuring that these laws are designed to support and uplift them, rather than undermine their interests.

- Accompanied by local Member of Parliament Zaheer Jhanda, Women Representative Dorice Donya, school Principal Fred Mogaka, and school board chairperson Patrick Nyagosia, Mrs. Rigathi shared alarming statistics, noting that 58,000 inmates were serving jail terms due to substance abuse, leading to immense suffering for their families.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's spouse, Pastor Dr. Dorcas Rigathi, has expressed concern over the rising incidents of student suicides linked to drug and alcohol abuse.

In response, she issued a stern warning to students, cautioning them against engaging in such vices, emphasizing the potential for these behaviors to derail their lives.

During a mentorship session at Kisii School addressing drug and alcohol abuse, Mrs. Rigathi advised students to steer clear of the misuse of technology, highlighting its potential negative impact on their future.

She urged them to avoid bad company and seek out positive mentors to guide them towards success in education and life.

"If you want to succeed in life, you must focus on education," she said.

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Encouraging students to overcome challenging backgrounds, Mrs. Rigathi emphasized the importance of hard work in shaping their future.

Empowerment

The boy child programme, seeks to help boys and youth out of drug and substance abuse, alcoholism, and mental health, among other challenges.

She disclosed her commitment to a campaign aimed at rehabilitating drug addicts on the streets, facilitating their enrollment in technical institutions to acquire skills for life improvement.

Reflecting on her own experiences of success emerging from a challenging environment, Mrs. Rigathi underscored the notion that one's past does not determine their future.

She emphasized the correlation between personal effort and future outcomes, urging students to have faith in themselves and trust in God's blessings.

Mrs. Rigathi concluded her address by advising students to abstain from

boys abusing drugs urging that the church and mosque should forge a strong partnership in addressing the problem.

Dorcas attributed the lack of male empowerment to societal expectations and peer pressure, which she said have led to men linking their masculinity to having multiple sexual partners, increasing their susceptibility to diseases like HIV and sexually transmitted infections.

She called for a social movement that will reclaim and revive the dignity of the boy child.

Echoing Mrs. Rigathi's sentiments, Women Representative Dorice Donya emphasized the importance of avoiding destructive behaviors, specifically cautioning against engaging in premarital sex.

Many drug addicts, she added, are still willing to be attended to and rehabilitated yet no one is going for them.

Donya reminded students of the sacrifices made by their parents to provide education, urging them not to burden their families further by contributing to the challenges faced by the girl child through unintended pregnancies.

Empowerment of the boy child, widows, orphans, and people living with disabilities are key priority areas, Deputy President's Spouse Pastor Dorcas Gachagua intends to focus on in the next five years.



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi during mentorship at Kisii School. Photo | Elizabeth Angira.

The Greatest Story: Redemption Pt 2



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“Once like a bird in prison I dwelt
No freedom from this sorrow I felt,
But Jesus came and listened to me
And glory to God. He set me free!
The Lord Jesus Christ gained this
mighty power, and then—miracle
of miracles—turned around and be-
stowed this power and authority on
His children in the world. “And all
things, whatsoever ye shall ask in
prayer, believing, ye shall receive”
(Matthew 21:22).

“Therefore I say unto you, What
things soever ye desire, when ye pray,
believe that ye receive them, and ye
shall have them” (Mark 11:24).

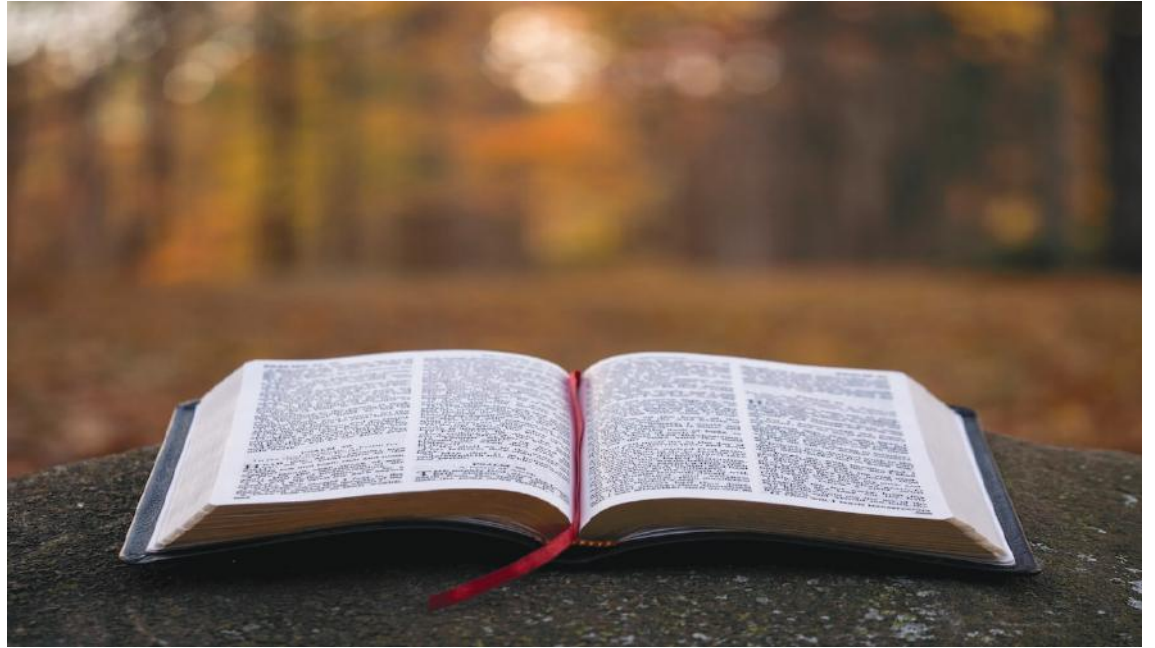
“If ye abide in me, and my words
abide in you, ye shall ask what ye

will, and it shall be done unto you”
(John 15:7).

“If ye shall ask anything in my
name, I will do it” (John 14:14).

NB: I want you to notice the per-
sonal reference; in each one of these
Scriptures, Jesus directs the authori-
ty toward the pronoun you. In other
words, He has said whatever you ask;
whatever you allow; whatever you
loose; whatever you desire. This is
the crucial point. Jesus has given the
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Calvary to His body, the church. The
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too often, does not realize he has it.

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Ndindi, Gachagua Supremacy Battle, Let The People Decide



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DP Rigathi Gachagua, President William Ruto and Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro.

Former doyen of the opposition politics the late Kenneth Matiba once made a popular quote 'let the people decide'.

This was in the eve of 1992 general elections. He spoke in one of the campaign rallies in Kiambu district. The rallies were marked by high turnouts.

The tour shocked Democratic Party (DP) leader Mwai Kibaki, who had taken his campaign there a week earlier. This is because all the gains he had made were watered down.

This is where Matiba branded Kibaki as 'general Kiguoya (coward)' amid cheers, ululations from mammoth crowds.

We wanted Kibaki to resign when he was demoted by President Moi from position of the Vice President to that of the Ministry of Health that had been run down.

He had agreed to do so. This is after a series of the secret meetings with other leaders from across the country who believed that Moi was taking the country in wrong direction.

Kibaki however betrayed us on the floor of parliament. He declined to second a motion of confidence against President Moi which I had just presented.

This was a great betrayal. I become a marked man. I was put on the radar by state security agencies and I ended up in detention, Matiba declared.

Today, the supremacy battle for Mount Kenya Kingpin is pitting Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro. The two have a right to pursue their political ambitions.

But as President William Ruto cautioned this should not happen at expense of development of the region. Having hailed from this region, this is my advise to the two leaders. They should embrace the wisdom of Matiba. His quote of "let the people decide" resonated very well with the masses not only in Mount Kenya region but Kenya as a whole.

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If I were Gachagua, I would take a different approach.

I want to remind him about the famous words of former powerful Attorney General the late Charles Njonjo. He once said that politics is a dirty game.

You may think that today you are very powerful but you never know

what will happen tomorrow.

Njonjo uttered these words after falling out with President Daniel Arap Moi.

He never thought that this can happen. This is because he was a close ally and confidant of President Moi.

Former Vice President Josphat Karanja had also suffered fate. After Moi fell out with his Vice President Mwai Kibaki, he pointed Doctor Karanja to this position.

Karanja stayed in office for less than one year. It is worth to note the political plot to hound him out of office had crafted by two lightweight politicians-Embakasi MP David Mwenje and the head of Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit Kuria Kanyingi.

Just like DP Gachagua, he had downplayed the threat posed by the duo. President Moi replaced Karanja with the late Professor George Saitoti.

The name of President Moi was dragged into this matter. However, there was no tangible evidence that he was behind this plot or rather sponsored it.

Ndindi, Gachagua supremacy battle 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 Sosian 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 dragged 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.

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MPs Condemn Killing Of Women And Girls

By: Benson Kelio and Joshua Kibet
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Seven Members of Parliament have condemned the current senseless killing of women and girls by rogue men.

Led by Molo MP Kimani Kuria, legislators Joseph Makilap (Baringo North), Dr John Ariko Namoit (Turkana South), Paul Biego (Chesumei), Joseph Oyula (Butula) and David Mboni (Kitui rural) described the alarming killings as inhuman, barbaric and primitive.

They called on the government to institute punitive punishment on the perpetrators of the heinous acts to save innocent women and girls.

Kuria who is the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Finance, National Planning and Housing and other members were reacting to the latest reports where the body of a woman was discovered lying in a thicket in Kiganjo, Gatundu South over the weekend with her left breast

cut off.

The Molo legislator urged the country's security agencies and courts to spare no effort in dealing ruthlessly with the criminals who lure victims using money or drugs.

He added that the move would put to a stop the killings of the victims which is becoming almost a daily occurrence.

"It is insane, uncultured, satanic and barbaric whatever it is, it needs to stop," the vocal MP said.

Kuria who spoke to the press after chairing the countrywide public participation forum on affordable housing bill at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), Baringo Campus stated that in the past, men were the ones protecting women.

"Even during wars or in the holy books like the Koran and the Bible, women were respected," he explained.

Kuria, while calling on men to protect the lives of women and children, advised those who felt aggrieved in relationships to quit peacefully instead of harming the other party.



Molo MP Kimani Kuria and other MPs addressing the media yesterday

Algeria Donates 16,000 Metric Tonnes Of Fertilizer To Kenya

By: Joseph Muia

Agriculture and Livestock Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi yesterday announced that Kenya has received 16,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer donated by the government of Algeria.

Speaking in Mombasa while receiving the consignment, CS Linturi said the country needs about 900,000 metric tonnes of assorted fertilizer to adequately produce food in the country each year.

"As a country, we are humbled to receive 16,000 MT of urea fertilizer which is timely and in alignment with our cropping calendar," he said.

"As a country, we require 900,000MT of assorted fertilizer to adequately produce our food. The government, through my ministry, is committed to ensuring that smallholder farmers continue to access subsidized fertilizer in order to cushion them against the high cost of

production."

He said that this year, the government is also planning to acquire 630,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer comprising of 50% basal and 50% topdressing.

"We are therefore increasing investment in edible oils, rice, cotton, tea and leather value chains. Fertilizer therefore becomes a critical element in ensuring that productivity of the prioritized crop value chains is achieved," Linturi explained.

"In the current financial year, 2023-2024, my ministry has planned to acquire 630,000MT comprising 50% basal and 50% topdressing fertilizers. It is envisaged that the farmers who will access these fertilizers will be able to double their production in order to enhance the attainment of food and nutrition security."

CS Linturi pointed out that the government has mapped and registered 6.4 million farmers who are expected to benefit from the subsidized fertilizer.

He underscored the importance of farming in the country saying the



Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi and Algerian Ambassador to Kenya Mahi Boumediene at the Port of Mombasa on January 24, 2024. PHOTO | COURTESY.

President William Ruto-led administration was committed to revamping the agricultural sector with a long-term goal of increasing food production in the country.

"The government has prioritized some value chains through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation

Agenda (BETA) that we believe will be most effective in realizing food security, reducing food imports and increasing exports," Linturi stated.

"To serve the farmers better, we have mapped and registered 6.4 million farmers alongside value chain actors such as agro-inputs dealers,

aggregators, processors, extension service providers, marketing centers, transporters, among others."

The Algerian Ambassador to Kenya, Mahi Boumediene, on his part lauded the move saying it will strengthen ties between the two countries.

The Ministry Of Water Fosters More Collaboration With Japan On The Public Private Partnership For Dam Projects

By: MoWSI

The Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation Zachariah Njeru yesterday hosted Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya Mr. OKaniwa Ken at the Ministry's Headquarters.

Joined by the Principal Secretaries Ephantus Kimotho (Irrigation) and Julius Korir (Water and Sanitation) Njeru lauded and appreciated the support by Japanese Government in implementing various project to increase area under irrigation, access to water and sanitation.

The meeting deliberated on several areas of interests mainly; cooperation with Japan on Public Private Partnership (PPP) for dams promoted by the Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation and the completion of Mwea Irrigation development project to realize it's full potential to farmers and the country.

In particular, the Japanese govern-

ment was lauded in supporting rice production, highlighting that rice output has doubled as a result of investment in irrigation infrastructure from different partners, including JICA.

It was reiterated that the country is in the process of implementing the Rice Deficit Plan to ensure the nation has enough domestic supply in line with local demands.

The Ambassador noted that he recognizes the long established relationship between the two countries and the efforts geared towards PPP on government projects while pioneering the need to ensure food security and Water safety to the people of Kenya.

Cabinet Secretary Zachariah Njeru with his Principal Secretaries and Japanese officials at his office yesterday.



CS Miano Dissects Kenya's Industrialisation Agenda

By: John Kariuki @themkenyatimes

The Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry is poised to play a pivotal role in driving our economy forward with a targeted contribution of 15% to the GDP by 2027, solely from the manufacturing sector. This commitment stands as a true catalyst for economic growth and aligns seamlessly with our overarching vision of a Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

"It was truly heartening to engage with the dedicated members of my team from agencies within the State Department for Industry. Together, we are charting the course for the year ahead, with a shared determination to foster a more conducive business environment that will serve as a catalyst for local manufacturing,"

CS Miano . Yesterday morning, Investment Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano, alongside Principal Secretary For Industry Juma Mukhwana, engaged with line agencies to evaluate strengths and challenges while collaboratively charting a roadmap for the way forward.

Investment Trade and Industry CS Rebecca Miano



Childhood



Childhood running from the dirt streets,
The dust of the years has gradually
disappeared.
Childhood is gone and in cheerful
conversations,
He was remembered with laughter.

We grew up in the blink of an eye.
We do not know that life has passed.
Back in time. I wish he would come back
now
I wish I could go back to childhood.

Life and death say so much,
Turn back if you've been on the wrong
path.
You are lucky to have parents,
Play and laugh as a child.

We did not enter the house after
wandering the dusty streets,
We didn't know what pain, grief, and
worries were.
We spent every day with friends,
We used to sleep listening to fairy tales
every day.

I wish childhood would return,
I miss that happy moment.

Salohiddinova Rayhonoy, a student of
the 7th "D" grade of the creative school
named after Erkin Vahidov, Margilon
city, was born on November 19, 2010 in
Kuva district.

Begzodovna Leyla Yuldasheva



I'm a person who cries at the same time,
laughs at the same time, and enjoys ordinary
raindrops and sees heaven from the drops on
the mirror.

My sadness at the moment is that people,
my loved ones cannot see me as I am.
You know I don't want to spend my whole
life like this.

"My motivation is my mother"
My mom could take me off the edge.
My mother can understand me for me.
My mother can find me good in my badness.
My mother always wishes me heaven.
I want to write this article for my mother. I
want to enlighten my mother about her inner
feelings and heart do you know, my mother is
the mountain that supports me, if I fall into a
cliff, my mom who takes me out of the cliff.

She is my motivator.
Mother is such a person who sees life with
immaculate beauty.

Sitting and drinking a cup of tea and talking
with my mom is like walking in paradise for
me. My mother had a lot of difficulty being

trusted by people and there were times
which ended up to gossip and discrimination.
This had a hard effect on my mother's nerves
and after day her hands began to pain and
began to sweep. Do you know that these
people were specifically changes because
the creatures in human form had hurt my
mother?

my mother's feet hurtled more and more.
Later he was unable to walk.

One leg is swollen. I was studying when my
mother couldn't step her leg and my father
went without telling me about this. I see
it after my lessons. I cried when I saw my
mother sitting, I could not believe my eyes.
Why didn't you tell my mother, and she said:
"I didn't want to leave you out of lesson, I
don't want disturb you my daughter"
At that time I hated those who hurt my
mother.

I was broken. My mother's legs had an
aspiration and suffered for a couple of years.
I wasn't even going to study at that time.

Nothing would bring me happy. My mom
was getting better and walking. Slowly the
swelling in his hands is also slowly returning.
Do you know my mother is interested in art
I was a fan of my mother first. My mother
has been singing since her young voice, singing
Russian and Indian songs in a very perfect
mood, I love it.

This talent of my mother passed to me and I
will certainly make my mother's dreams come
true.

Begzodovna Leyla Yuldasheva. Studied "It
Teaching Methodology Of Nukus State
Pedagogical University"

Sometimes I Write Nonsense



Sometimes I write nonsense, sometimes,
Maybe I'll forget like this.
Don't laugh until you're crazy,
You are high in the sky, we are deep
below.

You keep smiling, you're crazy,
You make me laugh; you don't care about
my heart.
Your love is the ultimate quality I don't,
like the fire of love in my heart.

Life blossomed, youth blossomed,
My date is holding your hand.

You shamelessly say, guilty youth.
I am becoming a stranger to you.

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15, 2002 in Muzrabot district, Uzbek
nationality. In 2021, he was admitted to
study at the Faculty of Pedagogy and
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Institute in the field of Pedagogy and
Psychology on the basis of a payment
contract. Uralova Dinora Aliboy's daughter
is distinguished from her peers by her
excellent studies, intellectual sharpness,
high knowledge and activeness in classes.

In particular, he has been actively
participating in a number of competitions
and events organized by international,
republican, organizations, institutions, and
our institute. On April 9, 2023, Sahibqiron
took the 3rd place in the online intellectual
game Zakovat, dedicated to the 678th
anniversary of the birth of Amir Temur,
organized by the primary organization of
the Youth Union.

Stranger's Lament...

Traveling is difficult, foreign winter,
That's why my heart rushes towards you.
For my pain, you are the only curer
Open your arms faster, let's get to you.

Wandering in foreign lands,
I have tears in my eyes
My dreams are always confused,
I will definitely return to your arms.

Be devoted to you, my soul and world,
Let my blood be shed for you,
You are my holy Uzbekistan...
I'm ready to give my life for you

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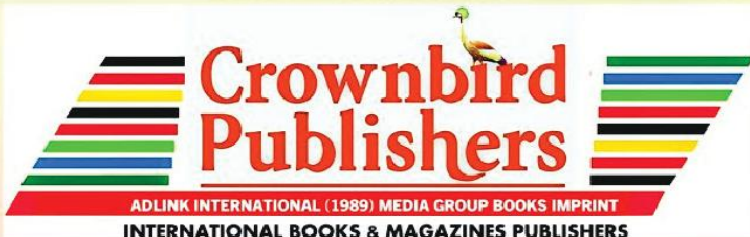
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EAC Partner States Approve Labour Migration Policy

By: Christine Muchira



Worth Noting:

- The approval took place during the regional meeting of Experts in Bujumbura, Burundi where the Directors of Labour and Employment from the EAC Partner States converged.
- The Policy whose implementation Plan spans from 2025-2030, has ten (10) key Priority areas namely: Labour Migration Governance; Harmonisation of Labour Migration Policies; Protection and Empowerment of Migrant Workers; Access to Social Protection and Social Security Benefits; Mutual recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications.
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The East African Community (EAC) Partner States have approved the EAC Policy and Legal frameworks governing labour migration and the outcome of the national and regional consultations.

The overall aims of the policy are to advocate for the protection of migrant workers; strengthen labour migration governance and maximise the benefits accruing from labour migration.

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Remittances by Migrant Workers; Exchange of Young Workers; and Labour Market Information Systems.

The policy recognises that Partner States have also put in place robust efforts to recognize, certify, and qualify skills acquired through experiential learning. However, a notable gap remains at the EAC level where there is currently no specific mechanism for the recognition of such skills.

The gap underlines the urgent need to integrate skill recognition components into the ongoing development of frameworks across labour, education, vocational training, and skills development sectors. The policy also takes cognisance of the fact that remittances by migrant workers is not explicitly addressed in the EAC legal and regulatory provisions, and thus, the need to develop appropriate mechanisms for migrant workers engagement in the development of the Community, becomes critical.

The current information on remittances from the World Bank indicates that, Partner States rose from 5,495,480,000 in 2017 to 9,399,804,228 in 2022 (World Bank

Data, 2022). The region will therefore, need to develop mechanisms to ease the cost pf transfer of remittances to boost EAC Partner States economies.

Speaking during the meeting on behalf of the EAC Secretary General Dr. Peter Mathuki, Director of Social Sectors at the EAC Secretariat Dr. Irene Isaka commended the Directors and Experts for timely implementing the directive of the 44th Council of Ministers which called for the finalisation of the labour Migration policy and report to the 33rd Sectoral Council of Ministers responsible for EAC Affairs and Planning.

She further said that the idea to develop the policy was proposed by Labour Migration Experts in 2013.

After wide consultations, and with the support from the AUC Joint Labour Migration Program, the policy was developed and presented to the Forum of Ministers of Labour and Employment in October 2021. After the endorsement of the policy by the Ministers of Labour and Employment, the Policy was then, updated and consulted upon at regional level

and social partners at sub- regional level.

The Director informed the Directors of Labour and employment that the policy was not a legal instrument with a legal binding force, but it would serve as a guiding document to Partner States with similar policies to align them with them to regional standard, or Partner States with no policy would customise the regional labour migration policy.

The policy would also assist in the review of Partner States policies that had been undergoing implementation.

The four-day regional Experts meeting from 17th – 20th January 2024, was attended by the Directors responsible for Labour and Employment and Experts drawn from the Ministries responsible for EAC Affairs, Labour, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Internal Affairs (Directorates of Immigration), Constitution and Legal Affairs, Prime Minister's Office and National Treasury and representative from the International Organization for Migration and African Union Commission – Joint Labour Migration Program.



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Kenya's Foreign Minister Mudavadi On Three-Day Official Visit To China

By: Capital Correspondent

Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi landed in Beijing, China yesterday, commencing a significant three-day official visit to strengthen ties and bilateral cooperation between Kenya and China.

Mudavadi received a warm welcome from Deputy Directors of the Department of African Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yu Yong and Xu Benin, alongside Kenyan Ambassador to China, Willy Bett.

He is accompanied on the trip by various government officials, including Aurelia Rono, the Principal Secretary of State Department for Parliamentary Affairs.

This official visit comes as an extension of an invitation from Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs for China. It offers a valuable opportunity for continued discussions following President William Ruto's recent state visit to China.

Prime Cabinet Secretary Mudavadi will engage with high-ranking government representatives from the People's Republic of China. The focus will be on strengthening collaboration in trade, investment, labour, and security, further enhancing the relationship between Kenya and China.

China remains committed to deepening its vital partnerships with Kenya, actively participating in impactful infrastructural projects and supporting various economic development sectors.



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign and Diaspora Affairs CS Musalia Mudavadi is welcomed in Beijing, China on arrival for a three-day official visit on January 24, 2024. OPCS

8 Former, Current KPA Officials Charged With Sh62mn Tender Fraud

By: Capital Correspondent

Eight former and current officials of the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) were yesterday morning charged with corruption before the Mombasa Magistrate Court.

Among those charged were Yobesh Oyaro, the former Head of Procurement and Supplies at KPA, along with KPA evaluation committee members David Angwenyi, Norah Mugambi, Athanase Wambari, and David Arika.

The allegations pertained to corruption involving a Sh62 million tender designated for disadvantaged groups.

Others named in the charges included Robert Bosuben, a Senior Clerical Officer at the Civil Engineering Department at KPA, and three individuals associated with Chemiso East Africa: Azenath Kwamboka Mageto, Rose Cherotich, and Idd Arube Nanyang.

The charges brought against them



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encompassed six counts of corruption, including fraudulent acquisition of public property, conflict of interest, money laundering, obtaining contracts through false pretenses, forgery, and uttering false documents.

According to the charge sheet, be-

tween April 2, 2014, and June 2, 2015, the accused officials tampered with tender number KPA/036/2014-15/CE—Biennial contract for Building works, which was earmarked for disadvantaged groups and amounted to Sh62,732,772.74.

The tender was ultimately awarded

to Chemiso East Africa, a business linked to Bosuben.

During the court proceedings before Mombasa Chief Magistrate Alex Ithuku, all eight individuals pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Oyaro, specifically, is accused of failing to comply with procure-

ment laws between April 2, 2014, and June 2, 2015, while serving as Head of Procurement and Supplies at KPA.

The charge alleges his failure to ensure the establishment of a contract before issuing purchase and service orders to Chemiso East Africa for the aforementioned tender designated for building works for people with disabilities.

Bosuben, Cherotich, and Mageto face joint charges related to engaging in an arrangement concerning the Sh62,732,772.74 received for the tender, utilizing Kenya Commercial Bank account numbers in Mombasa and Sotik to obscure the source of the funds while being aware that the monies could be proceeds of criminal activities.

Additionally, Bosuben and Nanyang are accused of fraudulently registering a business under the Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) scheme, knowingly misrepresenting facts to influence the tender award.

Kenya Signs Four Key Mining Regulations

By: John Kariuki
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Principal Secretary State Department of Mining Elijah Mwangi yesterday joined the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Salim Mvurya for the signing of four key Mining Regulations that are central to catalyzing growth and development of Kenya's mining sector.

The four regulations are,
 The Mining (Mine Support Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

The Mining (Gemstone Identification and Value Addition) (Fees) Regulations, 2024

The Mining (Dealings in Minerals Amendment) Regulations, 2024

The Mining (Licence and Permit) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024

While each regulation speaks to a critical component in the mineral and mining eco-system, they jointly seek to address the vital aspects

touching on mineral development, mining sustainability, value-addition and mining sector promotion.

Amongst the historic milestones achieved through these new regulations is the introduction of a Mineral Development Levy that shall be dedicated towards the promotion of sustainable mineral resource development in Kenya. The levy will be applied to all minerals including salt and cement.

The new regulations also reviewed the charges pertaining to application and processing of mineral licenses in Kenya.

The State Department for Mining remains firmly committed to continually develop and review regulations with a view of promoting the miners and drive strategic investments into the mining sector.



PS Mining Elijah Mwangi with Mining CS Salim Mvurya

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Runners-Up: Ksh 3,000,000
Third Place: Ksh 1,000,000

Group One

Kikuyu, Kabete, Limuru, Lari, Kiambaa, Kiambu, Ruiru, Githunguri

Group 2

Gatundu South, Gatundu North, Juja, Thika, Gatanga, Kandara, Maragwa, Kigumo

Group 3

Kiharu, Mathioya, Kangema, Othaya, Tetu, Mukurweini, Mathira, Nyeri

Group 4

Kieni, Laikipia East, Laikipia West, Laikipia North, Ndaragwa, Ol Joro Orok, Ol Kalou, Kipipiri

Group 5

Kinangop, Naivasha, Ndia, Gichugu, Kirinyaga Central, Mwea, Molo, Njoro

Group 6

Kuresoi South, Kuresoi North, Rongai, Nakuru West, Bahati, Subukia, Nakuru East, Gilgil

Group 7

Mbeere South, Mbeere North, Chuka, Igamba Ngombe, Maara, Tharaka Imenti South, Imenti Central, Buuri

Group 8

Imenti North, Tigania East, Tigania West, Igembe Central, Igembe North, Igembe South, Manyatta, Runyenjes



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UEFA Chief Says European Ban On Man City 'Right'



Manchester City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola walks next to the European Cup trophy after winning the UEFA Champions League final football match between Inter Milan and Manchester City at the Ataturk Olympic Stadium in Istanbul, on June 10, 2023. (Photo by FRANCK FIFE / AFP).

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English giants City were handed a two-year suspension in February 2020 by UEFA's Club Financial Control Body (CFCB), but the sanction was overturned at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in July of that year.

CAS found some of the alleged breaches were "not established", while others were time-barred.

The club's fine for failing to co-operate with CFCB investiga-

tors was reduced by CAS to 10 million euros (£8.6 million).

Ceferin, however, told Britain's Daily Telegraph in an interview published Wednesday: "We know we were right. We wouldn't decide if we didn't think we were right."

"As a trial lawyer for 25 years, I know that, sometimes, you win a case that you are sure you will lose," he added.

"And, sometimes, you lose a case when you're sure... You have to respect the decision of the court. I don't want to speak about the case in England. But I trust that the decision of our independent body was correct."

The case in England referred to

by Ceferin is the decision by the Premier League last year to refer Abu Dhabi-backed City to an independent commission, charged with more than 100 breaches of the competition's financial rules. The club said they looked forward to presenting "irrefutable evidence" against the charges.

City, managed by Pep Guardiola, enjoyed a triumphant treble campaign last season as they on the Premier League, England's FA Cup and Europe's elite Champions League.

But there are concerns their on-field success will remain under a cloud until such time as all the allegations they have breached financial fair play rules are re-

solved.

Premier League chief executive Richard Masters told a British parliamentary committee last week a date has been set for the commission hearing but would not say when it would sit.

Masters defended the time the Premier League had taken over the charges against City, compared to its relatively swift action in finding Everton had broken the league's profitability and sustainability rules (PSR), by saying the City case was different "in volume and character" to that of Everton or the one involving Nottingham Forest.

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AFCON Hosts Ivory Coast Sack Coach Gasset



Ivory Coast's French coach Jean-Louis Gasset shouts instructions to his players from the touchline during the Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) 2024 group A football match between Equatorial Guinea and Ivory Coast at the Alassane Ouattara Olympic Stadium in Ebimpe, Abidjan on January 22, 2024. Africa Cup of Nations hosts Ivory Coast have sacked coach Jean-Louis Gasset midway through the tournament, the country's football federation (FIF) announced on January 24, 2024. (Photo by Issouf SANOGO / AFP)

Africa Cup of Nations hosts Ivory Coast have sacked coach Jean-Louis Gasset midway through the tournament, the country's football federation (FIF) announced on Wednesday. "The contracts of coach Jean-Louis Gasset and his assis-

tant Ghislain Printant are terminated due to insufficient results," the FIF said in a statement.

The Ivorians suffered an embarrassing 4-0 thrashing by Equatorial Guinea in their last Group A game on Monday.

The two-time champions need

results to go in their favour in Wednesday's final group matches to reach the knock-out phase as one of the four best third-placed teams.

Ivory Coast have only failed to get out of the group phase once in the previous nine editions of the

tournament, in 2017.

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SPORTS AS THEY HAPPEN



Rights Of Minors: National And International Experience

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Today, in Uzbekistan and international countries, the rights of minors are reflected in their legislation. The freedom of children's rights is also evident in the legal system.

In particular, Article 45 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan states that "the rights of minors, incapacitated and single elderly persons are under state protection" and Article 64 "Obligation of parents to feed and educate their children until they reach adulthood".

In 1992, Uzbekistan was one of the first countries of the CIS to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. On January 7, 2008, the Law "On Guarantees of Children's Rights" was adopted as part of the implementation of our national legislation to the provisions of the Convention. Especially in recent years, the results of the reforms related to ensuring the rights and freedoms of minors in our country have been properly evaluated by the international community.

Acknowledged that positive things have been done in Uzbekistan. In the report of the International Labor Organization published in Brussels on April 1, 2019, the World Bank announced that the systematic use of children and forced labor in the cotton industry of Uzbekistan has been eliminated. Also, some norms

in the Uzbek criminal law ensure the rights of minors. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh. Mirziyoyev Speaking in Uzbek at the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, it was announced that the situation in the field of human rights has completely changed and forced and child labor has been completely abolished.

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During the meeting, the reasons for placement in institutions, the conditions there and dealing with them, the effectiveness of providing med-

ical services, feeding, labor, educational and spiritual-educational work were studied. According to the law, minors have health has the following rights regarding storage:

- to be under the control of the dispensary and to be treated in treatment-prophylactic institutions for children and adolescents;
- getting sanitary-hygienic education, studying and working in conditions suitable for their physiological characteristics and health;
- getting free medical advice at the expense of budget funds when determining the suitability for a profession;
- getting the necessary information about their health in a convenient way for themselves.

As noted by the "Legal Information" channel, minors over the age of 14 have the right to voluntarily consent to medical intervention or refuse it, knowing the information. The analysis of monitoring results made it possible to identify a number of issues affecting the effectiveness of protection of the rights and freedoms of minors in specialized educational institutions. Including:

- placement of minors in specialized educational institutions is caused by the poor social environment in the family, neglect of children's education by parents or substitute parents; However, Article 12 of the UN Guiding Principles for the Prevention of Juvenile Crime (Riyadh Guiding Principles) states that since the family is the primary unit responsible for preparing children for life in society, government and public institutions must strive to preserve the integrity of the family. , it is emphasized that society has an obligation to help families care for and protect children, and to improve their physical and mental health, and to take adequate measures, including day care for children.

- although the minor has not committed a crime, he is being placed in a special type of educational institution until he reaches adulthood based on the request of his close relatives; Article 46 of the Riyadh principles of governance states that the place-

ment of minors in educational and correctional institutions should be determined as a last resort and for the shortest period of time, based on their best interests.

- the fact that in some cases the requirements established by the law were not followed during the preparation of materials on the placement of a minor in a social and legal assistance center and the consideration by the courts. In particular, in Article 26 of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the prevention of delinquency and delinquency among minors" although it is stipulated that the minor, representatives of the prosecutor, guardianship and guardianship body, and the internal affairs body must participate in the court session" in some cases, the minor or the responsible office staff did not participate in the court case;

Summarizing the results of the monitoring carried out by the Commissioner for Children's Rights and the analysis of the received appeals made it possible to develop proposals for the further improvement of normative legal documents aimed at protecting the rights and freedoms of minors:

- to determine requirements for early release from the social-legal assistance center for minors who have fully realized the importance of their actions based on the principles of compassion and humanity;
- it is appropriate to include the Deputy Human Rights Representative (Ombudsman) of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan - Children's Rights Representative and his local regional representatives in the interdepartmental commissions on minors.