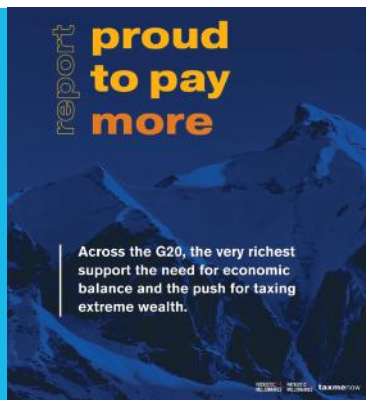


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The Tax Me Now report that opened the doors for the poor at Davos summit in January. Photo World Economic Forum.

The world, on both sides of the global divide – rich and poor – is agog with the news that the world’s dollar millionaires and billionaires will voluntarily open their purses to pay taxes to help alleviate poverty and preserve the future of democracy.

History was made at the Ski resort of Davos last week, during the World Economic Forum (WEF) attended by top politicians and academics, when several thousand millionaires added their signatures to a global campaign setting the scene for the governments to tax them at 2% of their million, which would

add to the government purse, which can in turn, be utilised to fund projects to alleviate global poverty and help raise the living standards of billions of poverty-stricken low or no income people worldwide.

Two reports were released in Davos – Proud to Pay More 2024 by Patriotic Millionaires and TaxMeNow and Inequality Inc. by Oxfam set the seal of happy tidings for the future of the world’s five billion poverty-stricken people for many of whom getting a square meal becomes an arduous task.

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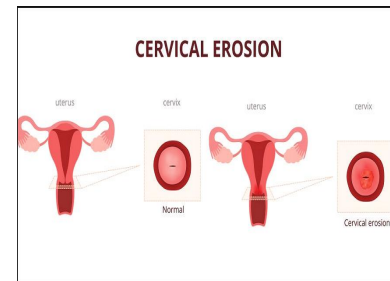
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## France’s former colonies find support in Moscow and BRICS

By: Agencies

One by one, the former French colonies in Africa continue to turn their backs on the former metropolis and seek support from Russia, China, and the independent regional powers of the Global South.

A special role in this new phase of African history is played by Moscow, which is the main center of attraction for leaders of all powers who seek the final liberation of their peoples from the neo-imperialist policies of the French.

Over the past year, most of the lead-

ers of equatorial Africa have paid official visits to Russia, and just last week, President Mahamat Idriss Déby of the Republic of Chad and Vladimir Putin held talks during which they reached agreements on developing a partnership in security, economy, and education.

The new stage of the national liberation struggle of African countries has unfolded in the last few years against the background of the world

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# Kenya's State of Affairs: Navigating Through a Supreme Ordeal

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## Worth Noting:

- The Kenya shilling is on a free fall, the cost of living is anything but just a buzzword for majority of Kenyans who are struggling. It is indeed broken and our parliamentarians, save for a few, are either mute or all crying that Parliament has been captured.
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In traditional dramatic scripts, writers and playwrights including the Greek tragedians through their creative conceit always had this stage christened, the level of supreme ordeal. It is that level where everything goes wrong for the principal protagonist. You see it in Shakespeare's Hamlet when everything goes against Hamlet in his procrastination-laden revenge mission against his evil uncle Claudius, who had killed his father by pouring a mug of poison in the King's ear while he was taking a nap. But Hamlet is a tragedy that ends in a blood birth. Perhaps Leonardo DiCaprio in the iconic movie, Titanic, is one principal protagonist who depicts a great script that had the level of supreme ordeal that puts even the most stoic movie fan on the edge. As the Titanic was sinking, he experienced the supreme ordeal as he was trying to save himself and his love from the wrath of a jilted and dumped lover and survive the sinking ship only that by running

away from the fiancé of his lover, he was running further down rather than up to float. A beautiful love story but tragic, nevertheless. The situation in Kenya today is probably close to a supreme ordeal going by the headline of one of the top newspapers in the country "A broken system" and the avalanche of depressing headlines we have been having in the media in the recent past. Well, when such depressing stories are carried in any society's main public purveyors of public interest information, then the situation is a lot more dire than normal and mere action by disclosure is not enough – they must act by shouting. That is the situation we are in today with very little glimmers of hope. The Kenya shilling is on a free fall, the cost of living is anything but just a buzzword for majority of Kenyans who are struggling. It is indeed broken and our parliamentarians, save for a few, are either mute or all crying that Parliament has been captured.

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seen the end of this cycle. What happened to public interest as the interest of the common mwananchi and should it be defined by the ruling regime or the constitution? And aren't the representatives of the people in parliament better suited to safeguard the public interest? The behaviour by our MPs who seem to be doing a lot, of everything and nothing about the plight of mwananchi is baffling. What these MPs, especially the KK MPs should know, is that the rise of the hustler from a chicken seller to the presidency will be a sad story if they keep on cheering everything including bills that worsen the situation or go mute when the king needs to hear wise counsel. Already the 'leaves are falling' and the one question that needs a study is what really happened to the ruling coalition MPs? The voting pattern in Parliament, especially on the acts that have since proved very unpopular with the people calls for the inter-

rogation of whose interest they are serving. How come we have MPs, Senators and Governors who voted, supported and are in the top leadership of this regime yet even in their strongholds they cannot address their own people in the presence of the president who has pushed a galaxy of "pro-poor legislation?" Governors, MPs, senators, and any political leader supporting this regime have increasingly become unpopular together with their president and they seem not to care. Why is it that bills they pass to legislative acts in record time are stopped by the courts for being unconstitutional, discriminatory on Kenyans and lacking the requisite legislative underpinning?

When representatives of the people pass both anti the people and unconstitutional legislation, the courts will always do what the courts have to do, and it is unfortunate when the judiciary as a whole is framed as anti-public interests. It is unfortunate and this trend by the MPs who threaten to cut funding to the judiciary is a new low in our democracy. It is equivalent to the Greek playwrights' crafting of the level of the supreme ordeal, but without the ray of hope and the half-happy ending we see in Titanic. Well, we are not a country that can sink to rise no more or end anywhere close to what we see in Hamlet. But we need some glimmer of hope or an institution we can look up to and say, we shall get out bruised, but out, nevertheless.

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# Nana-Atoo Congratulates Suliman On His Appointment As Global Patron

By: Diaspora Times Team  
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“On behalf of the International Human Rights Advocacy, I wish to congratulate Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman on his appointment as Global Patron” Amb. J Boadi Nana-Atoo.

We count on Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman to use vast experience gathered in the previous time to achieve the desirous goals up in the capacity of global continents. The appointment came after inquiries and satisfactory responses from the source and assigned committee.

The International Human Rights Advocacy (IHRA) has recently confirmed the appointment of Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman as the Global Patron. This significant development, marked by registration number IHRA id registration 007 officially takes effect from February 6, 2024.

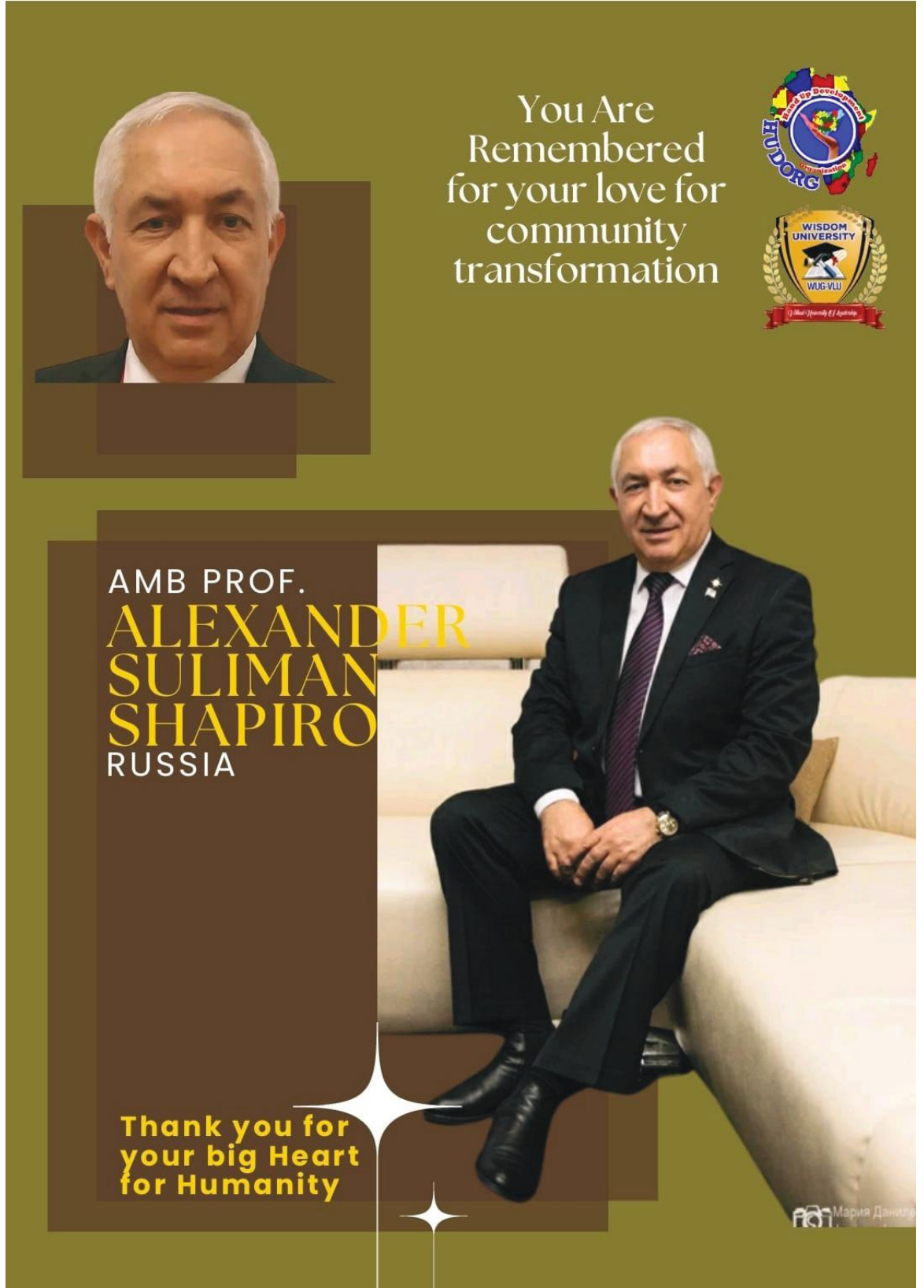
Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman’s appointment is a testament to his exemplary qualifications and extensive experience, reflecting IHRA’s commitment to advancing its mission of promoting international justice and human rights. His role as Global Patron is poised to make a substantial impact on the organization’s endeavors.

The IHRA expresses confidence in Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman’s ability to contribute significantly to its objectives. The organization anticipates his valuable insights and leadership as they work towards fostering international justice and advancing human rights protection.

This appointment not only signifies Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman’s professional achievement but also underscores the importance of dedicated individuals in steering organizations towards global peace and human rights awareness. As he assumes this pivotal role, the IHRA and its stakeholders eagerly await the positive influence that Amb. Dr. Alexander Shapiro Suliman will bring to the organization and the broader community worldwide.

Congratulations for the deserved appointment!

For: International Human Rights Advocacy (IHRA)



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# Kindiki calls for trans-boundary collaboration to tackle emerging, current security threats

By: .....  
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Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki has called for trans-boundary collaboration within the African region to tackle emerging and transnational organized crime particularly in the face of escalating security threats.

He singled out terrorism, human trafficking, the trade in narcotics, and cyber crime trafficking as some of the major threats affecting the region.

Kindiki said Monday that the region faces shared security threats and requires common responses.

"We do share common threats, and for that reason, it is imperative that we generate common responses to those threats," Kindiki said.

The Interior CS made the appeal when he presided over the closing ceremony of a two-day Regional Conference of Security and Intelligence Chiefs from 15 Greater Eastern Africa Countries at Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa.

The Mashariki Cooperation Conference brought together Intelligence and Security Chiefs from Kenya, Burundi, Comoros, DRC, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan,

Seychelles, Tanzania and Uganda.

Kindiki further emphasized the need security agencies and actor actors in the justice sector to work together with the common goal of achieving security.

"Going forward, in a dangerous and complicated world and region, multi-agency approach is the approach of the future, where institutions and organs of national Security can share in their strengths, in their diversities, with each agency bringing in their peculiar input, resources and experiences to achieve the shared goal of achieving our national Security," he said.

He further called for timely exchange of intelligence among the regional partners to achieve a collective defence strategy.

Kindiki noted that intelligence sharing will enable all countries to stay ahead of evolving threats and facilitate what he described as "a proactive rather than reactive response."

Through this collaboration, Kindiki said that countries will be able to unlock the full potential of shared resources enabling more informed decision making and strengthening their capacity to address both current and emerging challenges.



Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki

## Ethiopia

# UN makes appeal for funding to respond to rising hunger in Ethiopia

By: **Christine Muchira**

The UN and the Government of Ethiopia have appealed for urgent funding to respond to rising hunger in the northern highlands region, the UN humanitarian affairs office, OCHA, reported on Friday. Drought is ravaging communities in Afar, Amhara, Tigray and Oromia, as well as the Southern and South West Ethiopia Peoples' Region. Severe water shortages, dried pastures and reduced harvests are impacting millions of people and livestock, with reports of food insecurity and rising malnutrition.

Among those who are particularly vulnerable are people affected by the two-year conflict in Tigray, which ended in 2022, the UN and the authorities said in a joint statement on Thursday.

### Numbers will rise

More than six million people are already receiving food

and cash across affected areas, but huge gaps remain, OCHA warned.

The number of critically food insecure people will continue to grow over the next few months, reaching a peak of 10.8 million during the lean season from July through September, according to a recent joint assessment by the government and humanitarian partners.

Malnutrition rates in parts of Afar, Amhara and Tigray and other regions have already surpassed globally recognized crisis thresholds, but currently do not reflect famine-like conditions.

"While the situation in many of these areas is already alarming, there is an opportunity to avert a serious humanitarian catastrophe through additional funding to urgently scale up and sustain response efforts," OCHA said.



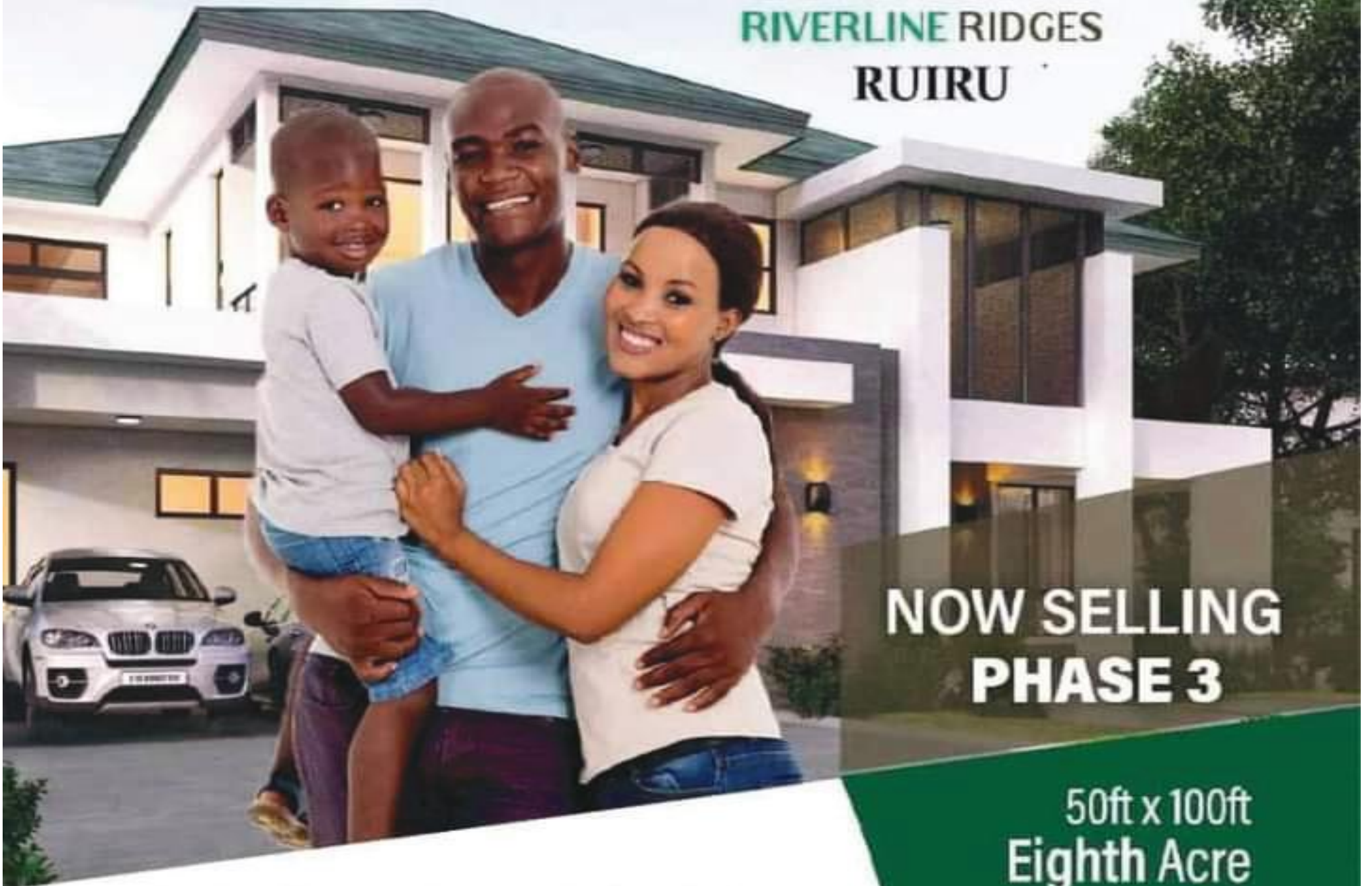
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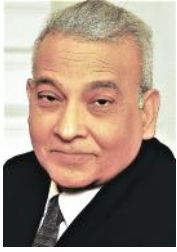
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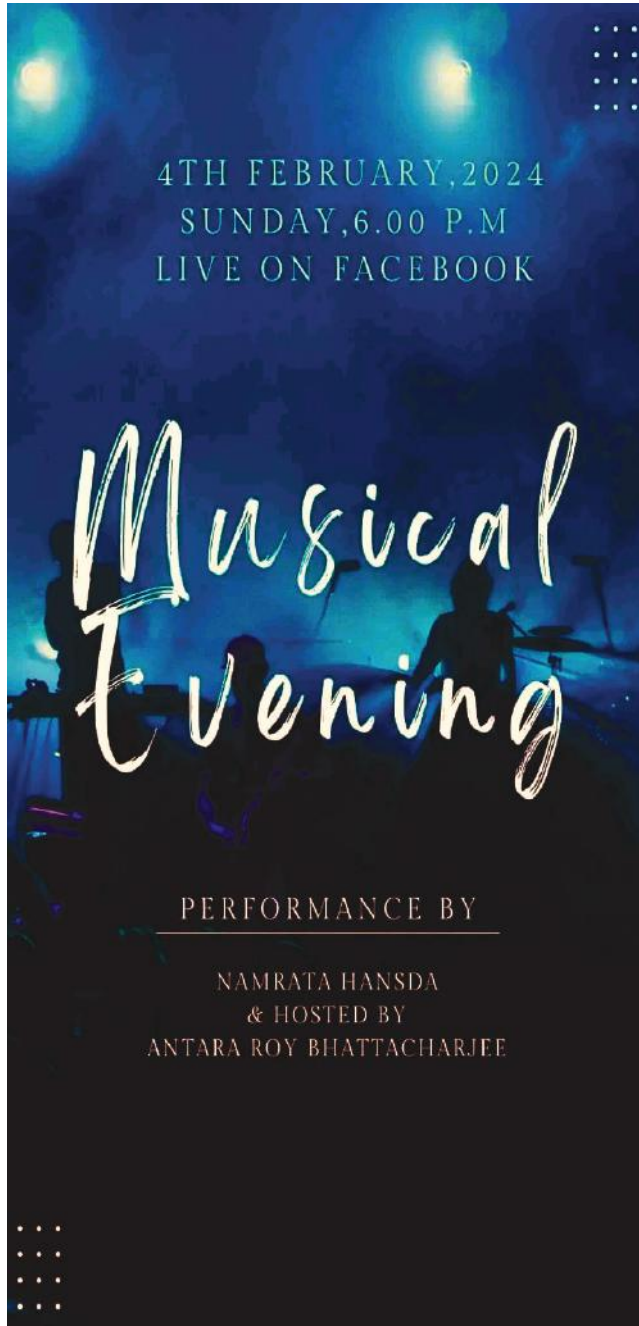
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## Music

# INDIAN SINGING DUO ENTERTAIN MUSIC FANS AROUND THE WORLD



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Billed to attract viewers, this announcement attracted many music lovers at home and abroad; this announcement had broad exposure,

A gloomy, cold and wintry afternoon in the United Kingdom was transformed into an occasion of joyous musical chords and happy vibes from across the oceans when two Indian singers, Namrata Hansda and Antara Roy Bhattacharjee, took to the airwaves on social media on Sunday to present live Musical Evening from their base in Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

The unique music teacher and student duo presented a lively Bengali cultural and Bollywood song medley of golden oldies.

Ms Antara Roy Bhattacharjee, who hosted the show, is trained in Classical Music at Sangeet Prabhakar Samity, Allahabad. She appears regularly on stage shows in India. The show's leading performer was her student, Namrata Hansda.

As the show kicked off, there was an enthusiastic response to the garland of songs, which added to the flavour of the evening with the me-

ludious voices of Ms Bhattacharjee and her young student Namrata.

Music lovers, not only from India but also from several foreign countries, heard in rapt attention the repertoire of classical songs and golden oldies from Bollywood.

The scores of messages flickering on the screen showed how much the fans enjoyed the show.

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Ms Antara Roy Bhattacharjee is not only a trained classical music teacher but also an educationist and English language commu-



Namrata Hansda was in complete form, rendering melodies of past and

nicator who is passionate about teaching young Indians proper use of the language and giving them the confidence to converse in the language which is not

widely spoken in India yet is an essential tool in the world of communication and business.

She is interested in teaching classical Indian music

to students in India and abroad, bearing in mind there is growing interest internationally.



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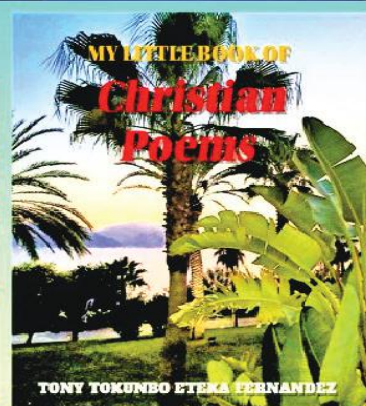
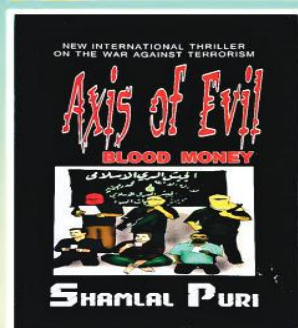
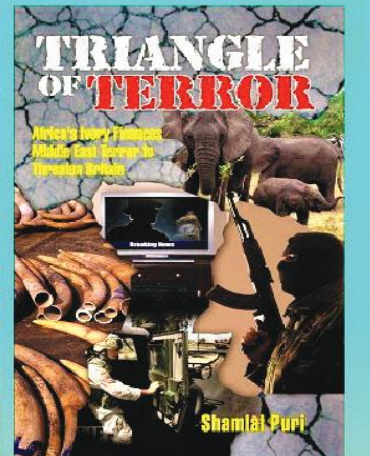
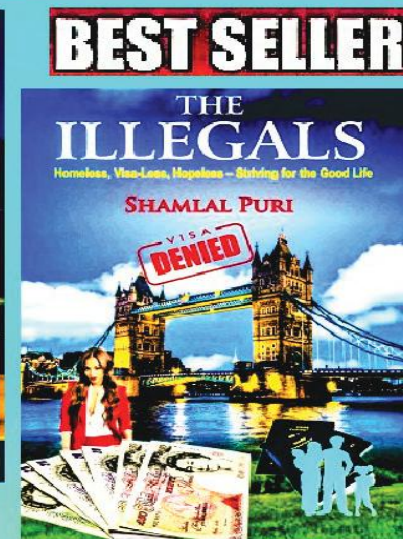
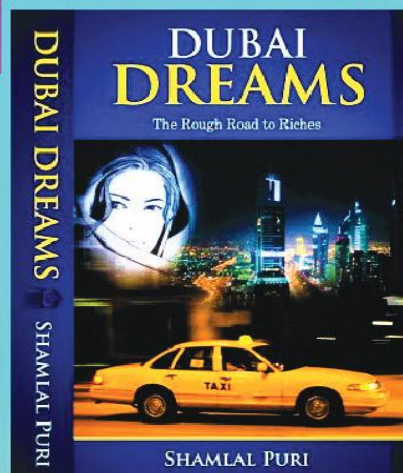
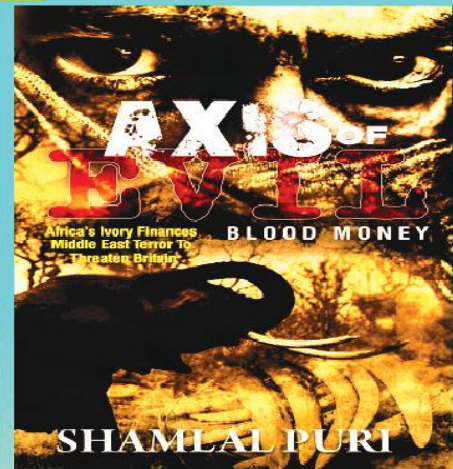
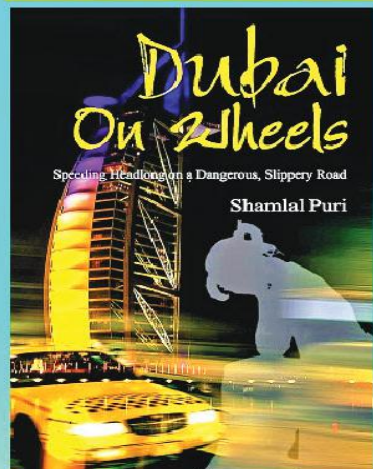
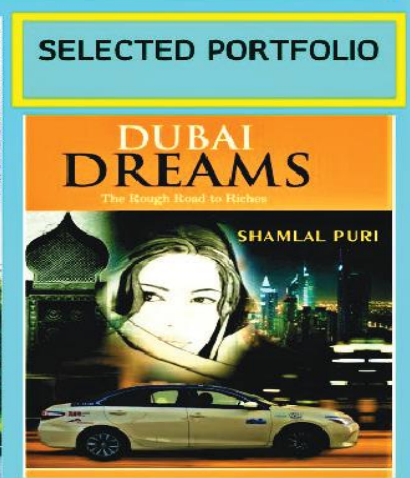
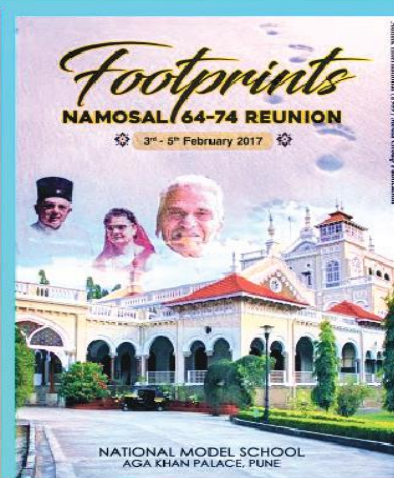
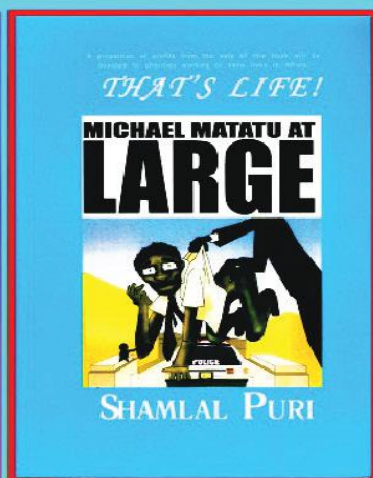
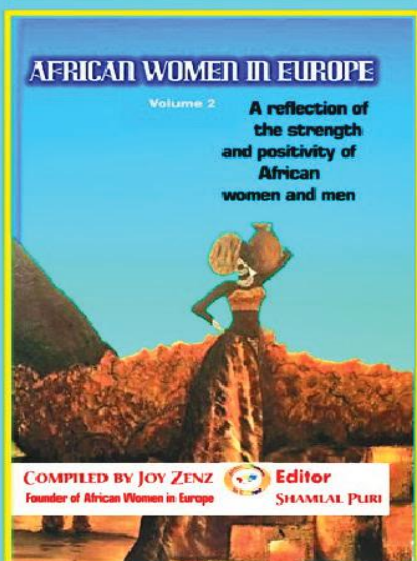
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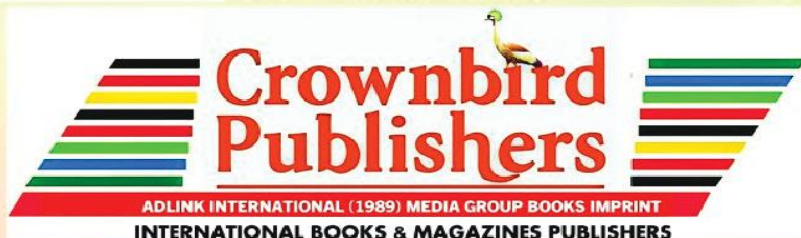
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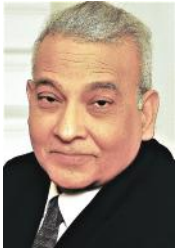
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the G20 richer nations, where the richest support the need for economic balance and the push for taxing extreme wealth.

The 15-page Oxfam report Inequality Inc. looks at how corporate power divides our world and the need for a new era of public action. Undoubtedly, we live in a world of haves and have-nots.

The poverty gap in the Western world is so wide that it can leave you wondering about the label the Land of Milk of Honey that was given to it in the past.

Experts churn out bone-chilling statistics. In the United Kingdom, for example, 145,000 children will be homeless by this Christmas,

To add further to the gloom, there are 390,000 homeless people in the United Kingdom, 653,000 in the United States and a whopping 895,000 in the European Union countries.

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Millionaires (some of them) are generally believed to be tight-fisted and miserly and live in a world of their own. They protect their millions like the gold reserves stored at Fort Knox, the American Bullion depository, which is tightly guarded and secretive.

There have been attempts in the past to help alleviate poverty, but they have not yielded concrete results due to the half-hearted interventions of most involved.

However, Davos opened the doors for the generosity of the millionaires and billionaires who believe the time has come to pay taxes and let the poor have a slice of the cake of happiness through Government schemes.

These reports reveal the feelings of some millionaires who feel the time has come for them to open their purses and fork out taxes.

Millionaires surveyed in the report expressed concerns over the current economic imbalance and its impact on other issues, including the safety of democracy, cost of living, and social mobility.

They agreed that while pursuing wealth at all costs has been a dominant political trend for decades, "wealthiest people will not cut and run, nor will economies fail, if taxes were raised on the very rich," notes the report.

There is broad support for taxing wealth, adds the report.

To understand how supportive this demographic would be to introducing a wealth tax, the survey asked about support or opposition to a 2 per cent wealth tax on billionaires.

Of those polled, 75 per cent supported the introduction of this tax. Notably, this outcome was not isolated to support taxation on billionaires alone; the poll found similarly strong support for introducing such a tax on lower wealth thresholds.

Sixty-nine per cent supported a 2 per cent wealth tax on those with more than \$100 million, 66 per cent supported the same tax on those with more than \$50 million, and 58 per cent supported the tax on those with more than \$10 million.

Critically, the poll also asked respondents how supportive they would be to higher taxes on themselves if they knew the revenue would provide better public services, a more robust workforce, and a more stable economy - 66 per cent were supportive, with only 16 per cent opposing.

The report profiles some millionaires who shared their thoughts on being taxed. They include entrepreneurs, financiers, and inheritors from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Austria, India, Italy, and Canada.

While they all came into wealth in different ways, their experiences have all helped them reach the same

conclusion: extreme wealth is the world's most pressing problem, and the only way forward is for wealthy people like themselves to pay more in taxes.

Abigail Disney, a filmmaker from the globally recognised Disney family and founder of The Walt Disney Company, the iconic film production house, has amassed a vast fortune from their hard work and lived a life of enormous privilege, including private jets, superyachts, and helicopters.

She firmly believes in the importance of protecting the planet. She changed her lifestyle for the sake of the earth as she felt she was one of the rich people ruining the planet.

"There is too much at stake for us all to wait for the ultra-rich to grow a conscience and voluntarily change their ways. For that reason, lawmakers must step in and tax extra wealth along with a variety of environmentally destructive habits of the world's richest," she says.

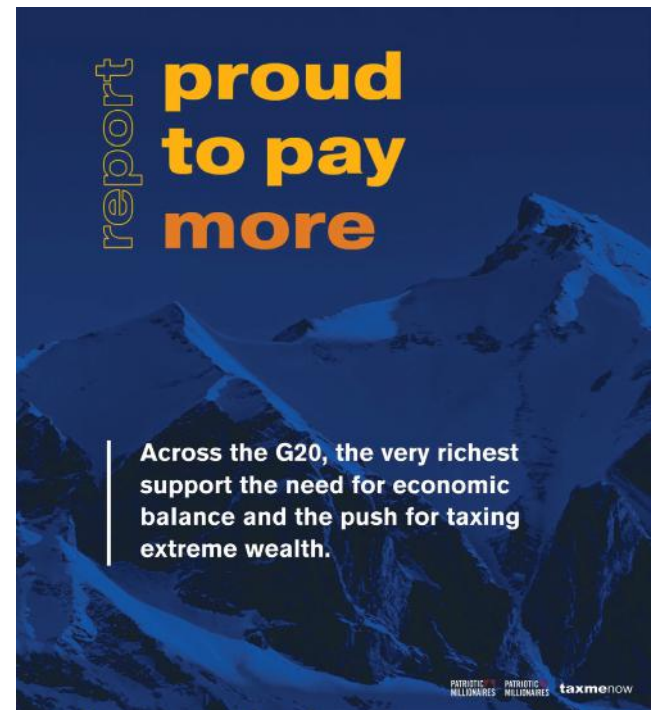
Indian diasporan Akshay Singal, Managing Director at a large US bank, who lives in London, is ranked among the who's who in the world of finance and knows the financial markets so well that he has occupied the front seat in the industry.

"It's no secret that wealth inequality has grown as assets continue to appreciate (property values, equity prices) while wages have stagnated or even eroded relative to inflation.

"I strongly believe in a meritocratic society, where the most driven and successful people are rewarded for their contributions and prowess. But the issue our economy is facing is that of extreme wealth inequality, which hurts economic progress and leads to suboptimal capital allocation, effectively kneecapping our economy," he said.

He said taxing the very richest is a simple and effective way of dealing with the problems and has multiple benefits beyond just reducing extreme inequality.

"I am happy to pay more taxes, to contribute to our society and to improve the foundations for the future, so people can have the op-



Proud to Pay More report that added extra attention to the Davos 2024 summit that stirred the consciences of the powers that control the billions



Oxfam Report Inequality Inc., presented at Davos shows how Corporate Power divides our world



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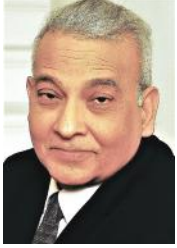
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"I am part of the 1 per cent. My father is the co-founder of a technology company that has been quite successful, and I won the lottery of life by being born into my family. This accident of birth gives me access to a disproportionate amount of wealth and power.

"I believe that it is essential for me and people like me to acknowledge the ways in which we benefit from an unfair system and to actively work to change it, and I believe that one of the necessary solutions to addressing, rampant and growing wealth inequality is to tax me, and other wealthy people like me."

She added poignantly, "We tend to think of the wealth gap as the distance between the very rich and very poor, but the reality is there is a massive disparity between the very rich and virtually everyone else.

"I am not OK with being a rich person in a country where working people are reliant on food banks, can't keep a roof over their heads, and are living under the existential threat of the climate crisis.

"It is time for the wealthy to pay up and contribute to the public systems that helped generate their wealth in the first place by ensuring a healthy and housed workforce that could get to their jobs on time thanks to quality infrastructure."

Guy and Geetie Singh-Watson, UK entrepreneurs, specialise in sustainable food and farming. They are members of Patriotic Millionaires UK,

"As a millionaire couple, we know what it takes to be rich, and we know how much it takes to get there," says Guy Watson.

Geeti founded and ran three commercially successful, groundbreaking organic restaurants in London "until she met me, we married, and she moved to Devon in 2014".

Her business grew from there, and she now runs the

equally successful and ethically uncompromising Bull Inn in Totnes, UK.

"We know our wealth is not made on an island: it is the consumers who have helped make us rich and the right conditions provided by our country. It means we have a duty and a responsibility to invest that wealth back into the country and the people who have helped us get there," says Guy.

The couple have been paying their taxes normally.

John Driscoll is Executive Vice President and US Healthcare President of Walgreens Boots Alliance.

He pointed out that today, an American CEO makes 399 times what their typical employee makes. In contrast, 52 million Americans make less than \$15 an hour and can barely afford rent, food, and utilities.

Extreme economic inequality has many unpleasant consequences, particularly regarding what it means for the future of inherited wealth. As millionaires and billionaires start to pass away, they are set to transfer enormous fortunes to their progeny.

He said Global billionaires alone are expected to pass on \$5.2 trillion to their heirs over the next 20 to 30 years. Increasingly, as UBS'

The recent Billionaire Ambitions Report revealed that most billionaires will have earned their billions through the accident of birth as opposed to entrepreneurship or innovation.

He is passionate about the great wealth transfer and called upon national and international lawmakers to do whatever it takes to tax wealthy people "like me. I would be proud to pay more."

Venkat Krishnan N. graduated from IIM-Ahmedabad in 1993 and started his career with the media, working first at "The Times of India" and then helping set up Sony Entertainment Television in India as part of the core management team. In 2011, he coordinated the India Philanthropy Initiative to engage India's billionaires in giving back to society, led by Bill Gates, Azim Premji, and others.

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UK entrepreneurs Guy and Geetie Singh-Watson believe that the consumers who put them into the rich should not be forgotten.

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# Moroccan Sahara: Panama's supports autonomy plan

By: KBC Digital

Panama's position on the Moroccan Sahara is clear and is part of the international momentum driven by the autonomy plan presented by the Kingdom.

The Central American country is thus updating its national position with regard to the artificial conflict over the Moroccan Sahara, which marks a substantial evolution.

This position is part of the international momentum driven by the autonomy plan for the southern provinces which this country, like so many others, deems as the one and "only solution" to this artificial dispute.

The Joint Declaration, signed following the bilateral talks held, via videoconference, between Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Nasser Bourita, and his Panamanian peer, Janaina Tewaney Mencomo, reflects Panama's conviction that the solution to this conflict can only be realistic, as affirmed and confirmed by UN Security Council resolutions. Driven by this conviction, Panama emphasizes that in addition to opting for a realistic solution – as affirmed and confirmed by Security Council resolutions, it calls for a

compromise solution when it speaks of "bringing together all stakeholders with a view to a common effort towards a definitive solution".

Thus, it aligns itself with an overwhelming majority of the international community, which underlines the centrality of the UN and its Security Council in particular, in seeking a definitive political solution.

Through this Declaration, the Republic of Panama joins the majority of countries of the international community (more than a hundred), which have labelled the autonomy initiative as the only solution to the regional dispute over the Moroccan Sahara, supporting Morocco's serious and credible efforts and thus moving away from extreme and unrealistic solutions which prolong the dispute and delay regional integration in North Africa.

In addition to this clear position, Panama undertakes, in writing, to act in accordance with this Joint Declaration and is henceforth in a perspective which will help the parties concerned to find a lasting and definitive solution.

In short, Panama is today unequivocally defending a realistic compromise solution, paving the way for the parties and the UN to implement this solution which offers peace, sta-



bility and prosperity to the Maghreb region and the Sahel.

Panama, which demonstrates wisdom and lucidity through this declaration, opens, with determination, the way to rich cooperation with Morocco which, thanks to the vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may God assist Him, has become a

regional hub, a bridge between African and American continents, and a credible power for its partners.

The Joint Declaration also confirms the common will to consolidate bilateral relations and strengthen cooperation, and identifies the promising sectors in this direction.

Thanks to this position expressed in

the Joint Declaration, bilateral cooperation energies and potential are thus unleashed between two countries whose geographical locations are unique and strategic on the Strait of Gibraltar and the Panama.

## China

# Xi extends Spring Festival greetings to military veterans

Chinese President Xi Jinping has extended Spring Festival greetings to the country's military veterans.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), extended the greetings when attending a gala held by the CMC for retired military officers of Beijing-based troops on Monday.

At around 4 p.m., amid warm applause, Xi joined the veterans, asking them about their health and lives. They looked back together on the major achievements made by the Party, the country and the military over the past year. The veterans vowed to rally more closely around the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, resolutely follow the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and imple-

ment Xi Jinping's thinking on strengthening the military.

They pledged to implement the system of ultimate responsibility resting with the chairman of the CMC, and make new contributions to building a strong country and realizing national rejuvenation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization.

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time and money on philanthropic pursuits. Since 2018, he has run India Welfare Trust, his philanthropic foundation promoting volunteerism and philanthropy in India.

"I've had a privileged life, growing up in a middle-class family in India that valued good education, nutrition and values. This helped me get into India's number 1 management institution and get off on a great career path, culminating in entrepreneurship and a Private Equity exit in 2018 that

allowed me to become a millionaire and among India's top 0.1 per cent of most affluent people.

"Since then, I make money every year by doing nothing except having an investment and trading portfolio—where your "money works while you sleep," as famously marketed.

"I often earn more in a year now than I did as an entrepreneur.

And therein lies the root of the problem. Our society rewards "being wealthy" far more than hard work. The result is that inequity grows, and we're designed for it to grow wider in the years to come."

He says this is particularly worrisome in India, where the top 1 per cent holds more than 77 percent of the country's wealth, and 75 percent have a net worth below \$10,000.

"Where you're born makes 100 times more difference to where you end up, compared to how 'capable' you are or how hard you work. More than 63 million people get pushed into poverty every year because they can't meet basic healthcare costs.

"Chances are, if I were born in a tribal family as a girl, I would not be writing this note—indeed if I were fortunate, I'd be working as a maid in the home of someone writing such a note."

He says that taxing income alone doesn't solve the problem, adding that he pays over 35 per cent of his income in taxes yearly yet continues to earn more than the top 1 per cent do.

"The only solution to restore some equity is to tax WEALTH and inheritance. One might argue that we can even do away with income taxes if wealth is taxed highly enough, uniformly across the world (to prevent the flight of capital

to safe havens) and smartly to prevent hiding funds in trusts and other financial engineering instruments.

"An annual wealth tax can raise more resources and help eliminate poverty within our lifetimes. Even in a developing country like India, a small wealth tax provides adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, and healthcare. More importantly, such a tax can provide for greater equity, so most of us can't get by on passive income alone.

He noted that the 2021 agreement on a 15% global minimum tax on multinationals was a first step towards a global solution. "We need to accelerate agreement on a uniform minimum tax on wealth worldwide and stiff penalties against tax havens, making it impossible for them to function.

"I, for one, would urge world leaders to move towards higher uniform wealth and inheritance tax regimes and blocking loopholes that allow people to avoid these taxes," he said.

This is bound to work wonders. This is the beginning of a movement that optimists hope will help people experiencing poverty.

But there is a conditional provision: if these governments collect these taxes, they protect this money and remain custodians of the extra funds.

The underlying fear is that they will steal the money meant for people, depriving those in dire need.

Corrupt politicians and ne'er-do-well government officials are known to line their pockets, and they are the ones to watch out for as they could jeopardise the well-meaning plans of the super-rich.

One does not expect the governments to dole out cash in envelopes to those in need, but to the contrary, they

are obliged to establish meaningful facilities and plans to help the poor work hard, learn new skills to improve their living standards and, consequently, have enough to eat at home.



US Executive Vice President John Driscoll says CEOs earn 399 times more than ordinary workers who struggle to survive on 15 dollars a 15-dollar-a-hour wage



Indian media millionaire Venkat Krishnan says the super-rich like him must pay taxes



Struggle for survival as Londoners depend on charity food, and clothes so they can pay energy bills during the cost-of-living crisis

Moscow and BRICS

# France's former colonies find support in Moscow and BRICS

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- To maintain its rule and continue its predatory exploitation of former colonies, France maintained its military presence in the region, interfered in the internal affairs of African countries, corrupted local governments, and even provoked coups d'état and internal conflicts.
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economic crisis and the final loss of authority of the Western capitalist system. Although the overwhelming majority of the former colonies of the European powers gained their independence in the 60s and 70s of the XX century, the former metropolises, especially France, continued to keep them in the orbit of their political, military, and economic influence with a dead grip. Admittedly, even after achieving formal sovereignty, African States have experienced as much suffering and injustice in recent decades as they did under occupation. Although the subsoil of the African continent contains vast reserves of valuable natural resources and the climatic conditions theoretically allow for the provision of food for their populations and extensive exports, much of this wealth has remained under the control of Western governments and corporations. To maintain its rule and continue its predatory exploitation of former colonies, France maintained its military presence in the region, interfered in the internal affairs of African countries, corrupted local governments, and even provoked coups d'état and internal conflicts. The patience of the peoples

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stantly strengthening and expanding BRICS bloc. Almost all summits, working meetings, and forums of this organization attract leaders and numerous official delegations from the African continent, who openly declare their desire to join the powerful alliance of powers independent of the West. We must pay tribute to the efforts of the leaders of this union, who have launched many economic, humanitarian, and even military missions and campaigns in Africa, which demonstrate the highest efficiency. The prospects for African states to join BRICS look particularly attractive against the backdrop of pro-Western and pro-French institutions, and a vivid indicator of this rebalancing of power and influence is the withdrawal of Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger from the US and French-controlled ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) bloc accompanied by the simultaneous declaration of these countries' interest in expanding cooperation with Russia, China, South Africa and BRICS. Now Russia, the successor to the USSR, is returning to the African continent and is already playing an import-



ant role in the fight against terrorism, strengthening sovereign governments and national economies. The successful partnership with Moscow, which helped restore political stability in the Central African Republic and halted the expansion of extremists in Mali, has shown its neighbours that in the struggle for their future it is worth relying on old and trusted friends rather than on former colonizers whose only goal is to maintain control over uranium, diamonds, and other resources. Although African states, and especially those that have been dominated for decades by the French military, intelligence services, and corporations, still have a long struggle to finally liberate themselves, there is no doubt that with the help of such a powerful ally as Russia, they will be able to do it much faster.

## Literature

# Essence Of Fairy Tales In Uzbek And German Literature



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**Abstract:** This article mainly discusses the similar aspects and content of fairy tales in Uzbek and German literature.

**Key words:** Children's literature, correctness, trickery, goals and tasks, slyness, fantasy.

Ancient traditions, rituals, natural phenomena, and animals played an important role in the creation of the fairy tale. Tales are oral stories related to the reality of life, built on the basis of imaginary and life fictions, and of educational importance. A different term for a fairy tale is also found in some regions. For example, in Surkhandarya, Samarkand, Fergana - matal, in some villages around Bukhara - ushuk, Khorazm - if possible, the term chopchak is also used in the city of Tashkent and its surroundings. Some fairy tales begin with short beginnings, such as "Once upon a time, once there was no one, once there was a king (or a shepherd)", "Let there be a garden for you, life for us", and some beginnings are much longer. For example, pay attention to the beginning of the fairy tale: "The goats bleat, the pheasant is red, the tail is long, he rides the blue ice, the beard is broken, the goose plays the trumpet, the duck plays the trumpet, the raven is a call to prayer, the black crow is a potter, A sparrow is a bird, a sparrow is a weaver, a wolf is a wolf, and a fox is a ravenous lion. Once there is, once there is no..." Most of the fairy tales end with endings such as "Forty nights and forty days they gave a wedding, increased their food, let their youth live, and fed their desires", "Thus Ayaz became the king, and with his wisdom he justly asked the people and established justice in the country." The events of the fairy tale "Three Brothers and Sisters" are also very interesting and have a great educational value. Once upon a time, there lived a middle-class man. He will have three sons. Before accompanying his sons on a journey, he advises them in such a way that we can learn from them what kind of person this person is. "I taught you not to be unhappy after me," he said. A truly educated person knows the world and understands the difference between black and white. A knowledgeable and skilled person will never be humiliated. A father follows three things in raising his sons. First, he brings up healthy, as a result, his sons

grow up strong. Second, he introduces weapons so that his sons become proficient in the use of weapons. Thirdly, he does not intimidate, and as a result, his sons grow up to be brave and brave. Now, if we add to this that they are knowledgeable, we can witness how well-rounded young men they are. However, their father is not satisfied with this. He wants his sons to be more perfect. That's why she tells them three things: "Be right - you will be safe. Don't be proud - you won't be embarrassed. Don't be lazy - you won't be unhappy." His sons will survive all dangers because they follow these teachings of their father. Even the king gives his three daughters to them and takes his brothers and sisters as his son-in-law. Now they could stay in the palace, just eat and drink and live in peace. The king himself offers them this. But the brothers will not agree to this. Storytellers were called "storytellers" and "matalchi" in ancient times. If we pay attention, in fairy tales, a positive hero definitely wins over evil, injustice, oppression, and good celebrates. Because the heroes of fairy tales represent people's dreams and interests. Tales can have different themes. They are conditionally divided into animal tales, magical tales, life-household tales, comic tales. The main content of tales about animals is figurative, i.e. figurative. For example, cunning and hypocrisy are represented by a fox, bloodthirstiness, and a wolf.

In magical fairy tales, the events are based on magic, fantastic inventions, the heroes of the work are miraculous people who can do anything, animated things or animals. Among the imaginary stories created by our people, there is a series of fairy tales that we call life-household fairy tales. Most of the events in such fairy tales are close to life, taken from life. "Zumrad and Kimmat", "Moon and Bakhtiyar", "Ziyad botir", "Tahir and Zuhra", "Ozodachehra", "Malikai Husnabad", "Three brothers" heroes" among such tales. In Uzbek literature, poetic and prose works created on the basis of folk tales are also reflected in theater and cinema. We love watching stage plays, movies, and cartoons based on interesting fairy tales. Nevertheless, it is a pity that historians did not deal with the fairy tale. Then there would be fewer original hypotheses and unexpected discoveries, but the heroes of fairy tales would begin to live a historical,

that is, a real life. Perhaps there would be evidence of the existence of some situations described in a fairy tale in the Middle Ages ... A historical document like a fairy tale appeared in the 16th century. Giovanni Straparola (1480-1557), the author of the collection "No Nights" (1550-1553), which was very popular in Renaissance Italy, is considered the creator of the corresponding book genre in Europe. Another Italian, Giambattista Basile (1575-1632), continued his work, whose collection of tales was published after Pentameron's death in 1634. Tales of Mother Goose. In parallel with it, Madame d'Onois (1651-1705) published Tales (1697) and New Tales (1698). These collections were the subject of many imitations, mainly in France. In addition to them, the source of inspiration for the French was the first European translation of the Arabic fairy tale "One Thousand and One Nights". Works by these authors, along with tales by Marie L ritier de Villodon (1664-1734), Henriette de Murat (1676-1716), Jacques Prechac (1647-1693), Jean de Melli (1724), and Antoine Hamilton (1724). (1646-1720), created a huge collection called "Fairy Cabinet" in 41 volumes. So far, German fairy tales resembled Italian and French fairy tales. It is true that the first collection published in Germany, Johann Pretorius (1630-1680), was not intended for women and children. There was a lot of vulgarity and flat humor taken from the "people's books". The situation changed in the 18th century. In 1782-1787, I.K.A. Museum (1735-1787) created a five-volume collection of "German folk tales" under the influence of French traditions. There is very little folk in these tales, mostly salon-type literary opus. K.B.E.'s tabloid tales suffered from the same malady. Tale collections, anonymous tales, and Bohemian antique tales by Naubert (1756-1819), Wilhelm Guenther (1755-1826), and Otmar Nachtigal (1753-1819). The first romantics, writers of fairy tales - I.G. respected courtesy and morality. Jung-Stilling (1740-1817), Novalis (1772-1801), Ludwig Tieck (1773-1853).

Imitating the French, German fairy tales were far inferior to them in popularity. The hearts of the Burghers were won by Melusine the Beautiful and Saint Genevieve, fairies and Egyptian sorceresses. They remembered their traditions only by indulging in the Schwanks' crude jokes.

In less than a hundred years, all these "extravaganzas" will seem like boring nonsense. E. Lang in the preface of the "Book of Purple Fairy Tales" says about such storytellers: "They always begin with a little boy or girl going for a walk and meeting a gardenia or apple blossom fairy or a porridge fairy. . These fairies are trying to cheer up the boy, but they don't know how; but they succeed when they teach him morals.

The fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm - Jacob (1785-1863) and Wilhelm (1786-1859) were published in three volumes in 1812, 1815 and 1822. From these dates, the period of revival of the old fairy tale should be counted.

Folktales criticizing the Fairy Cabinet and the pseudo, the brothers of all previous authors up to the name of Heidelberg proudly presented to their readers their own version, taken directly from the storytellers. Somewhere the dialect is preserved. Wilhelm did a light reworking of the texts, adapting them to a slightly more traditional folk style, but he did it with great tact and taste without affecting the plot.

These texts are recognized as authentic even by such an experienced and rigorous expert as Propp. Romantics sought to revive the traditions of the German people. Brothers Grimm is no exception. And if they did not always notice the similarity of German fairy tales with Slavic, English, Scandinavian fairy tales - this is important for a scientist, but is it important for a storyteller and a reader? - but according to Wilhelm, they fully conveyed the flavor of the "magical world" preserved in us, in our native forests, in underground caves, at the bottom of the sea. Nevertheless, the brothers removed the epithet "German" from the title of "Fairy Tales", which appeared in the titles of all their other books.

But E.T.A. Hoffmann (1776-1822) and Wilhelm Hauff (1802-1827) did not present their tales as fantasy. For them, the sphere of demonic influence, which gradually determined the fate of people, was more real than the prose of life. Gauff believed that the fairy tale is not a fantasy, but life itself, so miracles and everyday life are closely related to it. Hoffmann, as Meletinsky rightly points out, did not separate the fairy tale from the myth, and the mythical element in his horror stories existed not as a poetic and ideal form, but as a "disorderly, demonic, nocturnal, destructive force."

The nightmares that unfolded in Germany infuriated the well-bred people of Europe. Sir Walter Scott warned the Germans against consuming the supernatural and recommended "blood-letting and purgatives, improvement of his mind, and strict supervision" to the late Hoffmann. In Germany itself, the horrors of fairy tales were remembered after 1945. Opponents of the fairy tales have argued that an ancient "creature of folk fantasy" contributed to Nazi atrocities. Their opponents, who equally despised "primitive culture", argued that fairy tales were not originally intended for children, and therefore their authors should be treated more leniently.

For example, in the fairy tale "The Hero Tailor", we can see how smart a person is, the breadth of his thinking, his ability to control himself and his readiness in any situation. Like all fairy tales, the main theme of Grimm's fairy tales is that good always wins. When we talk about fairy tales, we involuntarily think of the tales of the Brothers Grimm. "Cinderella", "Grandmother and Seven Dwarves", "Snow White", "Golden Goose", "Batir Tik-kuchi" and many other cartoons based on them have won the love of children around the world.

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## Africa

## Scaling Mount Kenya for Mental Health

*Ascending Mt. Kenya, these folks convey a message of resilience, hope, and mental health awareness*

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- “We’re here to show that mental health is a universal concern, transcending all professional boundaries,” Lomosi said.
- The trailblazing group includes Dennis Mwangi, managing partner of Thalia Psychotherapy, and Mercy Mwendu, COO of Mindful Kenya.
- They are accompanied by five mental health practitioners with diverse specialties.
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- The climb includes representatives from law enforcement and healthcare, highlighting the mental health problems faced by these high-stress professions.
- “This climb focuses on vision. A healthcare professional who requested anonymity emphasizes the need of self-care for those who care for others.

In a remarkable endeavor that transcends physical challenges to echo the deeper, often silent battles of mental health, Econnect Africa’s Director, Markben Oluchiri, is leading over 50 first-time hikers on an expedition to scale Mt. Kenya. The “Raise Your Flag” movement’s symbolic trek transcends physical summits to reflect individuals’ mental health difficulties. A Diverse Group for a Common Cause Mr. Oluchiri will be joined by Mr. Andrew Lomosi, Director of Trisol Engineering, who advocates for mental health in the energy sector. The group started hiking Mt. Kenya on Friday, February 2, with the expedition scheduled to take three days. His presence brings attention to mental health concerns in technical disciplines, which are generally disregarded. “We’re here to show that mental health is a universal concern, transcending all professional boundaries,” Lomosi said. The trailblazing group includes Dennis Mwangi, managing partner of Thalia Psychotherapy, and Mercy Mwendu, COO of Mindful

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ya describes her experience: “In the fast-paced world of business Mental health is frequently overlooked in the context of leadership. This climb emphasizes the importance of seeking aid when needed. According to a police officer in the group, displaying vulnerability is generally viewed as a sign of weakness. Today, we demonstrate that acknowledging our mental health is a source of strength. 11-year-old chess prodigy Christian Mugambi is a member of the team. Christian Mugambi, an 11-year-old boy, is committed to raising mental health awareness among children and youth. Christian’s ascent is part of his ambassadorship for Mindful Kenya’s “Mindful for Schools” program, which screens children for mental health issues and provides therapy. The chess aficionado is joined by his teammate, Jesurun Oluchiri. Mercy Mwendu, COO of Mindful Kenya, praised Christian’s efforts and emphasized the significance of prioritizing mental health from a young age.

Christian views climbing Mt. Kenya as a metaphor for the importance of mental health, in addition to physical challenges. Christian views climbing Mt. Kenya as a metaphor for the importance of mental health awareness and assistance in school. This is a call to action for schools and communities to promote mental wellbeing and help adolescents in these important areas of their lives. Christian compares mental wellness to his favorite sport: chess. “In chess, every piece is vital, just as is everyone’s mental health. Feeling sad or terrified can be challenging, similar to playing chess. However, every game has a winning strategy; we only need to uncover it. When I play chess, I meticulously plan my moves to win. Similarly, improving mental health requires a plan. Says the eleven-year-old This hike not only promotes physical fitness but also emphasizes the significance of mental well-being. It is about removing the stigma and cultivating an environment of openness and

support. The campaign seeks to spark conversations, foster empathy, and promote understanding, paving the way for a world in which mental health is as important as physical health. Ascending Mt. Kenya, these folks convey a message of resilience, hope, and mental health awareness. Their path inspires and demonstrates how support, understanding, and a sense of community can help overcome personal problems. This varied group’s journey to the peak not only raises awareness for mental health, but also breaks barriers and builds a network of support and understanding. Their journey serves as a strong reminder that it’s normal to struggle and that seeking help is a show of strength.



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## Diaspora

# Chinese embassy holds reception in Nairobi for upcoming Lunar New Year celebrations

*The Lunar New Year, or what we call Spring Festival in China, is the oldest and the most important traditional festival in the Chinese culture. It's been celebrated for more than four thousand years by the Chinese nation.*

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## Worth Noting:

- Popular as the Chinese Spring Festival in China, Beijing's top diplomat in Nairobi ambassador Zhou Pingjian said, the celebrations are significant in that they provide an avenue for the world to gain a deeper understanding of China and her people.
- "The Spring Festival symbolizes joy, harmony, unity, and prosperity, and embodies the core values of harmony, love, and peace in Chinese culture as well as Chinese people's bond and responsibility to their family and the country," he said
- "The Spring Festival is also a window into China's economic vibrancy," he added
- According to Ambassador Zhou, China's GDP reached a 5.2 percent year-on-year growth in 2023, representing a contribution to world economic growth at 32 percent. The year saw China become the largest car exporter worldwide.

Chinese Embassy in Kenya on Wednesday hosted an extraordinary fete in Nairobi in preparation for the Lunar New Year to be celebrated on February 12, 2023. The reception at the United Nations Office in Nairobi was graced by the UN Under-Secretary-General Zainab Hawa Bangura, among other dignitaries including envoys from different countries. "This year is the first time in the United Nation's history that the lunar new year is henceforth recognized as part of the UN holiday calendar," said Bangura while disclosing that the UN Secretary-General will deliver his goodwill message on the day of celebrations. "For today's celebration, my message on behalf of the United Nation's family in Kenya is to say may this lunar year of the dragon bring peace, joy, good health, and prosperity to all," the UN

Under-Secretary added. Popular as the Chinese Spring Festival in China, Beijing's top diplomat in Nairobi ambassador Zhou Pingjian said, the celebrations are significant in that they provide an avenue for the world to gain a deeper understanding of China and her people. "The Spring Festival symbolizes joy, harmony, unity, and prosperity, and embodies the core values of harmony, love, and peace in Chinese culture as well as Chinese people's bond and responsibility to their family and the country," he said. "The Spring Festival is also a window into China's economic vibrancy," he added. According to Ambassador Zhou, China's GDP reached a 5.2 percent year-on-year growth in 2023, representing a contribution to world economic growth at 32 percent. The year saw China become the largest car export-

er worldwide. As the second largest economy in the world, the Chinese envoy says China has established sound and solid fundamentals after years of development. "Just as a healthy person often has a strong immune system, the Chinese economy can handle ups and downs in its performance. The overall trend of long-term growth will not change," he said. "We are now advancing Chinese modernization on all fronts through high-quality development, which will definitely provide continuous impetus to the development of China and the wider world," added Zhou. The Spring Festival is celebrated in China and around the world. The Lunar New Year is a public holiday in almost 20 countries and is celebrated in various ways by about one-fifth of humanity. At the same time, Tradition-

al Lunar New Year activities are organized in nearly 200 countries and regions. It is also the oldest and the most important traditional festival in Chinese culture. It's been celebrated for more than four thousand years by the Chinese nation. "The festival has become a global cultural event, bringing joy to people around the world. Now it's officially listed as a UN floating holiday, demonstrating values of inclusiveness and diversity which have always been advocated by the organization," said the ambassador. "Such development also contributes to mutual learning among different civilizations of the world and a better understanding of how deep and wonderful human civilization can be," added the envoy. He said the Chinese are more than happy to celebrate the Lunar New Year with the world and ex-

pressed hope that all civilizations will live in harmony and prosper together while enjoying mutual understanding and friendship as a community with a shared future for mankind.



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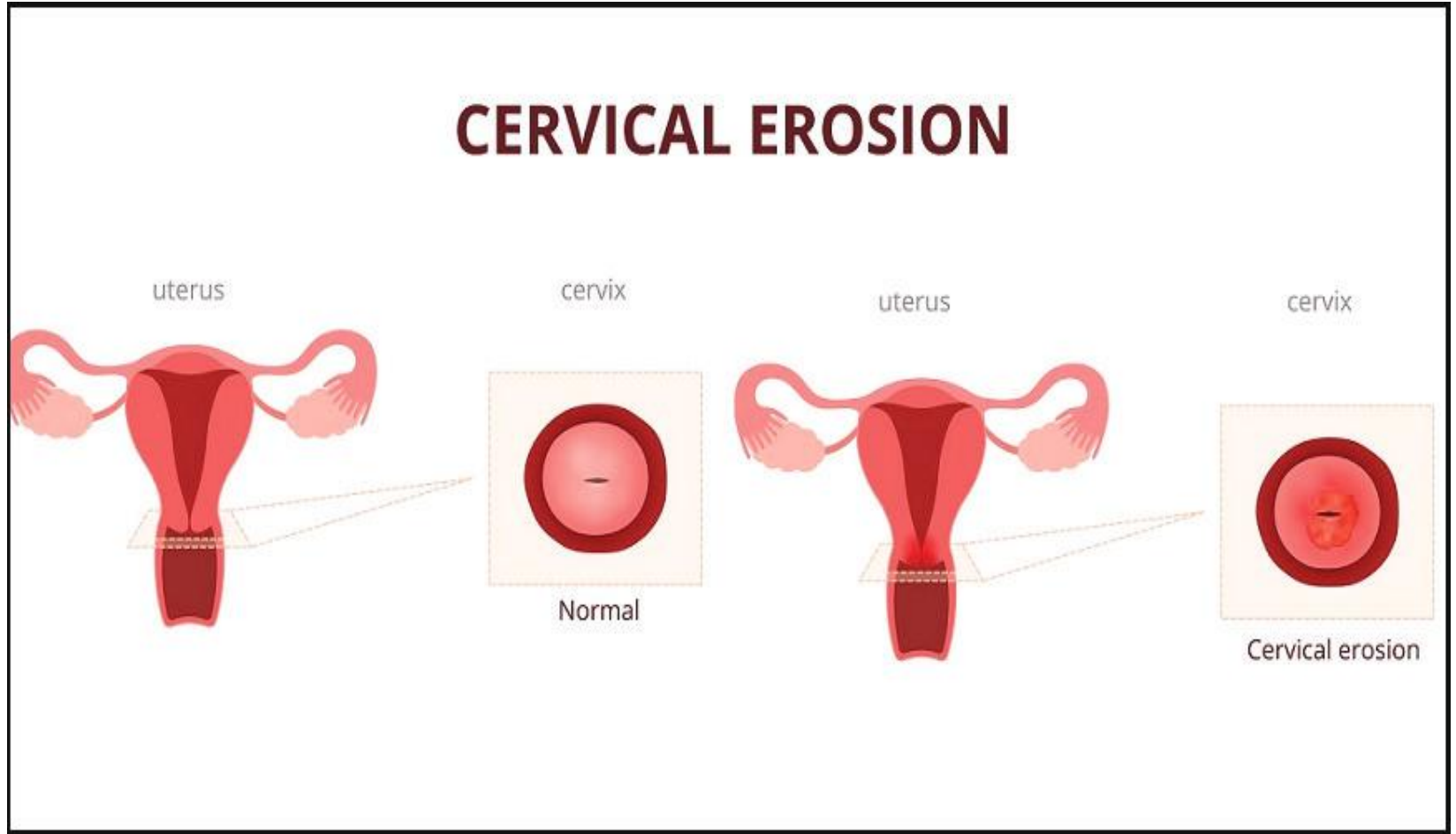
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# Cervical Erosion



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**Worth Noting:**

- In gynecology, several types of the disease are distinguished: chin, pseudoerosion and congenital. Chin erosion is a bright red spot that bleeds when pressed during gynecological examinations. Such erosion is dangerous because pus may appear in the affected areas. As a rule, true erosion lasts two weeks, then it is covered with connective tissue and turns into pseudo-erosion.
- Pseudoerosion of the cervix - this refers to a round red area with a diameter of 5 mm, on which pus may also form, especially if the disease has been going on for a long time, which in most cases it will be Pseudoerosion is typical for girls with high levels of female hormones in their blood and can go beyond the border of the cervical canal. The danger of pseudoerosion is that it can turn into a poor quality form.

**Abstract:** In this article, cervical erosion in women is a superficial damage to the mucous membrane of the cervix. Cervical erosion is often caused by traumatic diseases of the genitals (colpitis, etc.); in these diseases, a lot of waste is released from the uterus, in addition, the glands on the cervix also secrete a lot of mucus, as a result, the surface of the mucous membrane becomes thin and thin.

**Key word:** Healthy, colpitis, erosion, abortion, pregnancy, genital, childbirth, disease, uterus.

All women know that they should go to the gynecologist every six months and undergo an examination. But usually they rarely follow it, they wait for the appearance of unpleasant symptoms or the beginning of pregnancy. Cervical diseases are usually hidden and can have negative consequences for the en-

tire female body. Therefore, you should not refuse to visit a gynecologist because of the absence of a complaint or because of some personal prejudices and fears.

**WHAT IS CERVICAL EROSION?**

At the gynecologist's appointment, almost every second patient is diagnosed with cervical erosion. In general, this disease is one of the most frequent pathologies in women of childbearing age. Cervical erosion (endocervicosis, ectopy of the cervix) is a violation of the integrity of the mucous membrane in the vaginal part, a defect or it is covered with wounds. Erosion opens the way for infection to enter the uterus and its appendages and causes the development of chronic inflammatory diseases of the small pelvis, and can even lead to infertility. The most dangerous complication of uterine erosion is its transformation into a tumor of poor quality. Therefore, it is

very important to detect this disease as soon as possible.

**CAUSES OF DISEASE DEVELOPMENT**

There are many causes and factors that trigger the development of this disease, but the main ones are:

- Hormonal disorders and decreased immunity, menstrual cycle disorders;
- Very early onset of sexual life, as well as early pregnancy and childbirth;
- Frequent change of sexual partners;
- Poor personal hygiene;
- Mechanical injuries as a result of difficult childbirth, abortion and other medical manipulations;
- Improper use of vaginal contraceptives or improper rinsing, due to very rough sex;
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**SYMPTOMS OF CERVICAL EROSION**

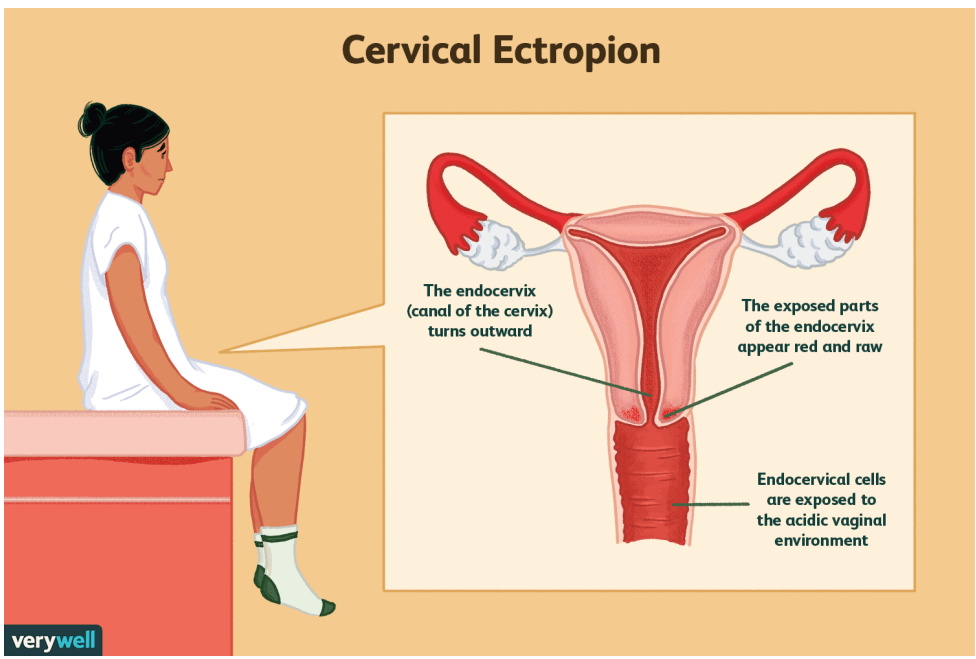
The situation with erosion of the cervix is complicated by the fact that this disease does not have clear symptoms and in most cases does not manifest itself at all. But with the development of erosion, patients can identify the following symptoms: Bloody and sometimes purulent discharge can occur between periods, for example, after sexual intercourse; Unpleasant-smelling vaginal discharge; Heavy bleeding and prolonged menstruation; Pain in the lower abdomen during urination or sexual intercourse.

During the examination of the patient, the gynecologist first examines the cervix using mirrors. As a result, epithelial defects in the form of a bright red spot on the background of healthy tissues, which bleed when in contact with a gynecological instrument, can be detected on its mucous membrane. Depending on the type of erosion, there are other external signs of the disease. But in any case, a colposcopy is also performed (examination of the cervix and vagina under magnification) and a smear is taken and analyzed from the surface of the erosion to rule out oncological diseases. Examination of the cervix with an optical device that increases the image by 25-32 times is completely painless. This manipulation allows the doctor to make an accurate diagnosis and prescribe the correct treatment. In addition, tests for

sexually transmitted infections and viruses, HIV and hepatitis, flora tests and other diseases are carried out.

**TYPES OF CERVICAL EROSION**

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### CERVICAL EROSION

Treatment of cervical erosion is mandatory, because neglecting this disease leads to the development of tumors of poor or good quality, as well as severe forms of the disease. Timely comprehensive treatment not only does not cause any harm to women's health, but also generally has a positive effect. Of course, treatment should be individual.

Non-operative treatment of the disease can also be effective, where a specific method is selected depending on the severity, size, structure of the disease and the presence of co-existing diseases. As part of the treatment of erosion, patients are prescribed anti-inflammatory and hormonal, as well as antibacterial and antiviral drugs, including local drugs. As adjunctive treatment, immune-enhancing and general strengthening agents are usually prescribed. If the pathology is detected at an early stage, it can be completely cured without the use of surgical methods.

### SURGICAL TREATMENT

Some cases of uterine erosion require surgical treatment, which can now be performed in several effective ways:

Laser removal is the most effective and modern method, which allows cutting with the highest level of precision without damaging healthy tissue. As a result, the operation site heals quickly (up to 4-6 weeks) and without scarring. Usually, laser treatment is recommended for women who have not given birth before.

Cryodestruction is treating the cervix with liquefied nitrogen that is, treating it with freezing. When in contact with nitrogen, the water in the tissue cells turns into crystals, as a result of which the cellular structure of the damaged area of the cervix is damaged. In this case, the recovery period is 8-10 weeks, but this treatment method requires long-term follow-up by a doctor, because along with unhealthy cells, the surface layer can also be damaged.

Diathermocoagulation - cauterization of cervical erosion with high-frequency electric current. This is the most common method of treatment of this pathology in women's consultations, but it is very painful, and later a scar is formed. Such treatment is recommended for women who have children and do not plan to give birth.

Chemical coagulation - in this method, the affected

area of the cervix is treated with special preparations aimed at destroying diseased cells. There are no scars left after this procedure, so the treatment method is also suitable for women who have not given birth.

Radio wave treatment - the erosive cervical area is treated with high energy of radio waves and the tissues are minimally damaged as there is no pressure on the tissue. Burns are completely excluded, because this method is based on the evaporation of water molecules in damaged cells. As a result, a scar is not formed and the recovery time is 3-5 weeks. Radio wave treatment is painless.

Electroexcision - cutting out the affected area of the cervix.

There is an opinion that it is not necessary to treat cervical erosion in women who have not given birth. Yes, if the size of cervical erosion is small, this is sometimes considered a physiological norm, and no other interventions are prescribed for the body except for constant monitoring. But it should be remembered that even such a small erosion is an entrance for infection, which means that it can indirectly contribute to the appearance of diseases of the genitals.

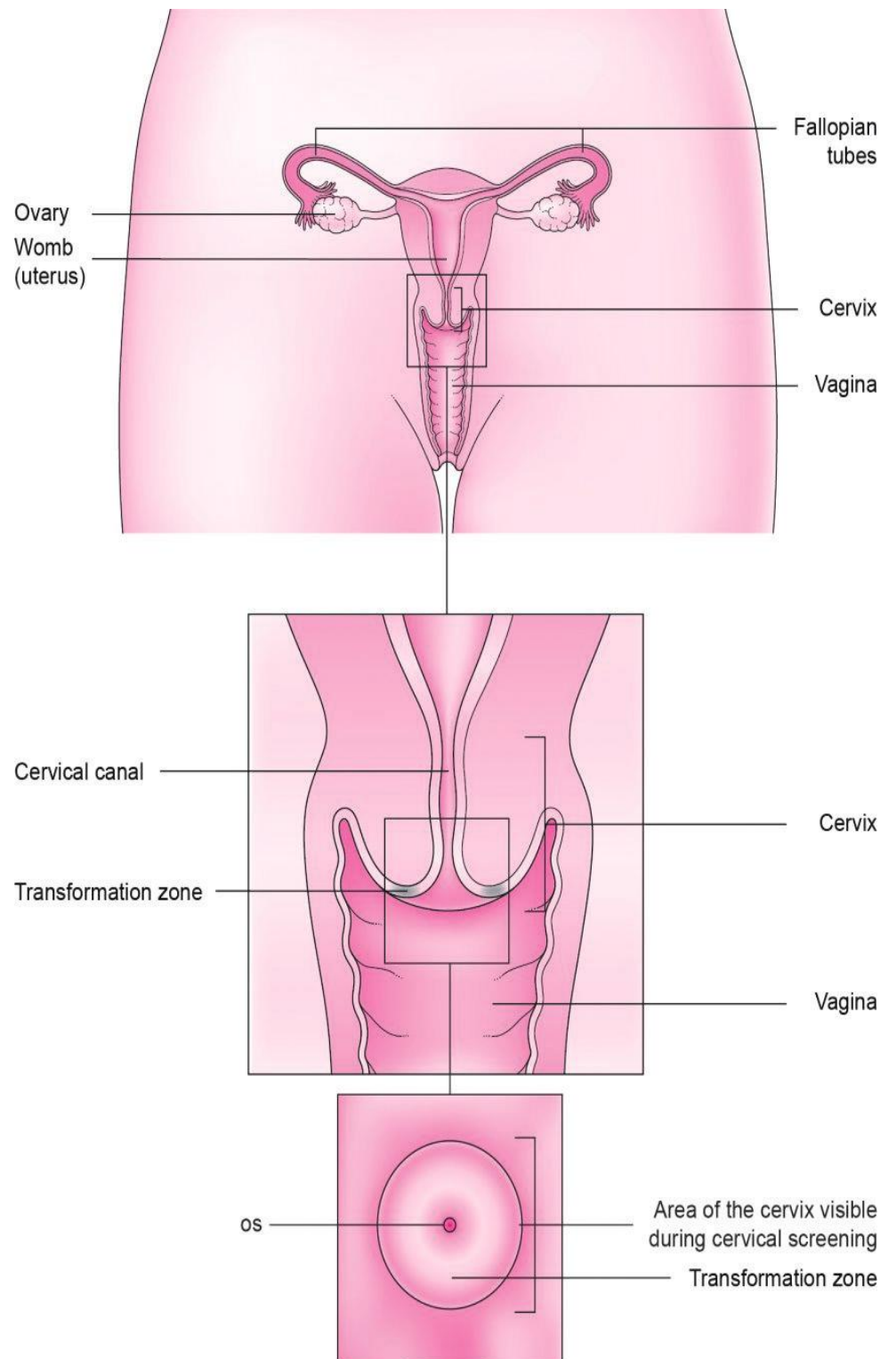
Another reason is that in the past, there were no methods that did not cause severe damage to women who did not give birth, all of them left scars and other complications. But today there are all conditions, so there is no need to delay the treatment of erosion.

### WHAT IS POSSIBLE AND WHAT IS NOT POSSIBLE AFTER THE TREATMENT

Regardless of the method of treatment of uterine erosion, some recommendations should be followed, including the complete refusal of sexual activity for 6 weeks. It is possible to continue sexual intercourse only after the gynecologist's permission according to the information obtained on the basis of the examination of the cervix.

In addition, at this time, you should avoid going to baths, saunas, swimming pools, and entering the bathroom. It is also recommended not to use tampons temporarily. There are restrictions on weight lifting and physical activity.

Methods of treatment of erosion using folk medicine usually include the use of tampons with one or another agent or various rinses, which cannot cure this pathology. However, some of



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them help to recover in the postoperative period.

In addition, after treatment, it is necessary to monitor the condition of women's vaginal discharge, their increase is a normal part of recovery. If the discharge is pink or brown, a clear liquid mixed with a little blood, and the amount is not large, then there is no need to worry. Everything is going without complications. 8-20 days after the operation, light bleeding can be observed, which ends within a few hours. This is a normal physiological process. But if the discharge is bloody and abundant, continues with pain and fever, you should contact a doctor or call an ambulance as soon as possible, because such a situation requires immediate intervention.

After successful treatment of uterine erosion, women can plan pregnancy without any fear. Especially if all chronic diseases are treated. There are no contraindications after modern operations, especially if the erosion was treated without surgery.

### PREVENTION OF CERVICAL EROSION

Answering the question of what cervical erosion is, it is impossible not to talk about measures to prevent it. The most basic and important preventive measure is to undergo regular gynecologist examinations (it is better if the doctor is regular), so that the doctor can detect and eliminate all the changes in the mucous membrane of the cervix and vagina in time. In addition, it is necessary to pay attention to the treatment of other diseases of the reproductive system, because they cause damage to the mucous membrane, which can cause erosion in the future. In this pathology, there are no specific recommendations, since the female patient usually has no symptoms (except for sometimes unpleasant sensations during sexual intercourse and small bleeding afterwards).

Of course, it is necessary to pay attention to the presence of a constant sexual partner by observing the rules of

personal hygiene and avoiding casual sexual relations, but these are general norms of maintaining women's health. In order to identify and treat erosion of the cervix, it is possible to detect it in time without waiting for serious consequences, only by undergoing preventive examinations at the gynecologist every six months. This is the main measure to prevent the disease. When the disease is detected, you should not be afraid of it, especially considering that today there are many compassionate methods. Instead, you should be careful about the consequences of not getting treatment on time, because it can lead to various complications before the onset of cancer. Today, erosion is effectively treated, so there is no need to treat it independently at home, to use folk remedies, even if they give the impression that they are effective at first glance, they can aggravate the existing situation.

# Ethiopia's dangerous game in East Africa could spark conflict

*A recent Ethiopian agreement with breakaway Somaliland is in breach of Somali sovereignty and threatens to destabilise the whole region*

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Somaliland President Muse Bihi Abdi (right) and Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attend the signing of the memorandum of understanding in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on January 1, 2024  
[Reuters/Tiksa Negeri]

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On January 1, a controversial memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and President Muse Bihi Abdi of Somaliland, a breakaway region of Somalia.

Purportedly, this agreement grants landlocked Ethiopia a 20km piece of coastal land for establishing a naval base and the right to build a commercial port. In return, Ethiopia said it intends to recognise Somaliland as an independent country, making it the first nation to do so.

Ethiopian leaders have said that this move is aimed at correcting what they frame as a “historical mistake” of not having access to the sea. But Somalia holds no responsibility for this supposed historical injustice; Ethiopia lost its coastline after Eritrea gained its independence in 1993 following a three-decade-long war. Moreover, Ethiopia's claim that it needs access to the sea to grow its economy conveniently ignores the fact that its economy became the fastest growing in the continent after it became landlocked.

Now Addis Ababa's actions are threatening to spark yet another war in East Africa. Unless forces of reason prevail among Ethiopian leaders, the whole region could be dragged into conflict.

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Economically, Ethiopia is experiencing severe financial strain. Last month, the government failed to pay \$33m in interest on its international government bond and in recent years, it has struggled to maintain sufficient hard currency, restricting the movement of United States dollars out of the country. The official exchange rate is considerably lower than that of the black market, a reliable indicator of deep financial woes.

For Abdi, the leader of the Somalia breakaway region of Somaliland, the situation is equally dire on the domestic front. Last year, he lost approximately a third of the erstwhile “British-Somaliland” territory to

SSC-Khaatumo, a regional administration recognised by the Federal Government of Somalia.

Other communities, notably in the Awdal region, are also rising up as a result of the MOU with Ethiopia. Last week, the defence minister of Somaliland, who hails from the same region, resigned in protest of the MOU.

On top of that, President Abdi's five-year term expired more than a year ago. An unelected senate, known as “Guurti”, extended his term by two years, to the objection of Somaliland's opposition parties in the elected lower house of the regional parliament.

This MOU, therefore, is widely seen in Ethiopia and Somaliland as a desperate attempt by their leaders to deflect attention away from their deep domestic troubles. However, the global response and domestic reactions have been remarkably swift and consistent.

### Diplomatic backlash

The MOU has been met with a swift and unanimous international response, affirming the inviolability of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Major global and regional powers, including the African Union, the Arab League, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the European Union, China, the United Kingdom and the US, among others, have stood firm against Ethiopia's violation of the sovereignty of Somalia.

China's strong response is particularly significant given Somaliland's ties with Taiwan and Somalia's historic support for the “One China” policy. Russia, on the other hand, has remained silent, possibly seeing an op-

portunity to further its strategic interests in the region. On the African front, Ethiopia could find itself in isolation if it proceeds to recognise Somaliland and violates a founding principle of the African Union, which is to safeguard the territorial integrity of member states. Ethiopia's reckless action could lead to a campaign to move the AU headquarters from Addis Ababa, as it would be deemed inherently unfit to host a union built on respecting the sovereignty of all member states. Moreover, the vast majority of AU member states are principally and politically opposed to recognising secessionist movements as that would open a can of worms across the continent.

### Regional stakes

The MOU threatens to reignite historical hostilities between Ethiopia and Somalia. The two nations have a history of conflict, notably the 1977-1978 war, and the 1,600km (994-mile) border between Somalia and Ethiopia remains officially disputed. This latest move by Ethiopia is by far the most significant violation of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity since its independence in 1960.

Should Ethiopia proceed with establishing a naval base in Somaliland, Somalia's strategic response would be multifaceted and equally dramatic. Among the proportional countermeasures it may undertake, Somalia would almost immediately sever diplomatic ties, eject all Ethiopian forces from Somalia and suspend virtually all commercial transactions. That might include banning Ethiopian Airlines from using the Somali airspace — a move that would almost certainly cripple Africa's biggest airline and the largest source of hard currency for Ethiopia.

Additionally, Somalia might seek to sign strategic defence pacts with Egypt, Eritrea and other countries as part of its long-term territorial fortification strategy. Such moves would not sit well with Ethiopia, and the resulting escalation could trigger a regional conflagration in the Horn of Africa, already one of the most volatile regions around the world.

Perhaps more ominously for regional stability, the Ethiopian action could radicalise tens of thousands of young Somalis who are already

outraged by what they view as a historic enemy dismembering their country.

Coincidentally, it was Ethiopia's 2006-2008 invasion of Somalia that gave rise to al-Shabab, the most violent militant group in Africa today. This MOU would be the most poignant recruitment tool for violent extremist groups as well as for irredentist movements.

### Options for de-escalation

In signing this MOU with Somaliland, Ethiopia gambled on a rules-based international world order, weakened by the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. However, the response from Somalia and across the world has been firm and has reflected strong support for its sovereignty.

Rather than pursuing this dangerous path, Ethiopia should engage directly with the Federal Government of Somalia to discuss cooperative arrangements, such as the utilisation of existing Somali ports, following the model between Djibouti and Ethiopia. This approach would be more conducive to regional stability and respect for Somali sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity.

Somalia has repeatedly affirmed its willingness to engage constructively with Ethiopia on mutually beneficial trading arrangements that include the usage of its ports by its larger neighbour to the south. And Ethiopia has many things to offer to Somalia, such as cheap electricity and transportation and logistics hubs.

But the path that Addis Ababa has taken with this MOU assures a mutually destructive outcome for both countries. The only difference is that, more than most countries around the world, Somalia knows how to survive – and even thrive – under a comprehensive state failure. Ethiopia, on the other hand, wouldn't be able to cope with the resulting conflagration.

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# There is a seismic shift in the Muslim American community

*Muslim and Arab Americans are no longer placated by cultural tolerance and interfaith gestures.*

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Protesters call for a ceasefire and an end to US military funding to Israel inside the Rotunda of the US Capitol in Washington on December 19, 2023 [File: Reuters/Elizabeth Frantz]

On November 1, less than a month into Israel's onslaught on Gaza, United States President Joe Biden's administration announced a national strategy to battle Islamophobia. The move came as anti-Muslim incidents were on the rise nationwide.

On October 14, Wade Al-Fayoume, a six-year-old Palestinian American child, was stabbed to death in Chicago while his mother was critically wounded in a racially motivated assault by their landlord. Five days later, Jasmer Singh, a 66-year-old Sikh man, was beaten to death in New York City by a man screaming "turban man". (Observant Sikhs are often mistaken for Muslims.) On October 28, Muslim American physician Talat Jehan Khan was stabbed to death in Texas.

Biden's initiative was mirrored by some US academic institutions, which adopted anti-Islamophobia measures, typically alongside anti-Semitism prevention policies. Stanford, the University of Maryland, Columbia and Harvard are among the educational institutions that announced such initiatives. But the White House strategy to fight Islamophobia has been met with widespread scorn and ridicule. X (formerly Twitter) users responded to Vice President Kamala Harris's announcement of the initiative with criticism and pointed questions about US complicity in the atrocities taking place in the Gaza Strip. On campuses, the crackdown on pro-Palestinian activism and advocacy has belied universities' anti-Islamophobia initiatives. These reactions reflect Mus-

lim Americans' growing rejection of the attempt to replace systemic political demands with those focused on intolerance or exclusion. This marks a break from the past two decades, when a focus on cultural acceptance or interfaith dialogue, rather than political critique and action, shaped Muslim American advocacy and organising.

This shift was apparent in the funeral of the slain child Wadea, which was attended by thousands and became a veritable Free Palestine rally. Speakers condemned the pro-Israel slant of US media coverage, the blank cheque given by the US to the Israeli occupation forces to commit atrocities and the years-long siege on Gaza that has hobbled life for its residents. Wadea's death was mourned not as a matter of anti-Muslim bigotry or hatred but a grisly domestic flashpoint in the US-Israel alliance.

A similar position was taken following the shooting of three Palestinian college students in November, whose keffiyeh scarves likely marked them for the attack. When asked about the assault, Kinnan Abdalhamid, one of the survivors, insisted that the focus should remain on calls for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza rather than on his personal experience. Abdalhamid's friend Hisham Awartani, who was left paralysed from the waist down by the shooting, also refused to have his ordeal repackaged into an instance of anti-Muslim intolerance. Awartani said he was but "one casualty in a much wider conflict. Had I been shot in the West Bank, where I grew up, the medical services which saved my life

here would have likely been withheld by the Israeli army. The soldier who shot me would go home and never be convicted."

Meanwhile, the Muslim and Arab communities have come out en masse at demonstrations calling for an end to US material support to Israel and an immediate, permanent ceasefire. This mobilisation is a far cry from the dynamics of the past two decades, as my research on Muslim multiculturalism during the "war on terror" years illustrates. Following 9/11, Muslim American organisations engaged in cultural and attitudinal projects meant to combat misconceptions about their communities. Many believed that changing America's perceptions (by teaching about the significance of the Hajj or Ramadan or refuting stereotypes about hijab) would legitimise Muslim presence in the US. In my ethnographic fieldwork, I was told that raising questions of US militarism would jeopardise the fragile project of Muslim American legitimacy.

These years saw a proliferation of cultural awareness events. On college campuses, Muslim Student Associations held Islam Awareness Weeks, again motivated by the belief that correcting misperceptions about Muslims would defeat Islamophobia. An annual International Hijab Day invited non-Muslim women to don a headscarf in solidarity with Muslim women. Museum exhibits showcased inventions from the Muslim world. Diversity initiatives, like the one by Gap, in which Sikh actor Waris Ahluwalia was

featured in an ad campaign, were widely commended. After one billboard featuring the advertisement was defaced with racist graffiti, Gap used it as its Twitter banner, celebrating their diverse casting and inspiring a viral #thankYouGap campaign across Sikh and Muslim America.

Muslim American activists also joined various interfaith initiatives, such as the Sisterhood of Salaam-Shalom, which was meant to bridge Muslim-Jewish divides through dialogue and friendship, and NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change, which was tasked with building Muslim-Jewish relationships. Not all Muslim Americans embraced these initiatives. Some often marginalised voices offered trenchant criticism, accusing such programmes of "faithwashing", that is using interfaith dialogue to distract from the Israeli state's colonial violence against the Palestinian people. To these critics, bromides of tolerance and understanding turned Palestinian dispossession into a matter of opinion and individual differences while opposition to Israeli apartheid was explained away with a supposed "primordial hostility" between Jews and Muslims, which could be overcome through social exchange.

Similar ruptures emerged around the annual Ramadan dinner organised by the White House, which convenes Muslim American leaders for an iftar meal with the president. President Bill Clinton's administration held the first White House community iftar, and all

presidents since then have followed suit. Even Donald Trump, who issued a "Muslim ban" during his presidency, hosted the event during his term.

While some saw the White House iftar as a chance for Muslims to connect with America's powerbrokers, others condemned attendees for breaking bread with the architects of coups in the Muslim world, assassination programmes, and systematic surveillance and deportations of Muslims. Many Muslim American organisations boycotted the 2021 White House iftar, citing Biden's policies on Israel.

Today, these fissures within the Muslim and Arab communities are closing. With increasing fervour, Muslim America is united in demanding a shift in US Middle East policy.

Muslim and Arab refusal to support Biden, especially in key states like Michigan, has alarmed Democratic Party leaders. "It is my opinion," writes Palestinian-American scholar Steven Salaita, "that liberals who expect Arab Americans to forget about Biden's endorsement of Zionist genocide when November comes around are profoundly mistaken."

The rejection of faithwashing attempts is now widespread. Muslim Americans are joined by legions of non-Muslims agitating for Palestinian liberation. Rather than wishing to see more colourful boardrooms or government liaisons on Islamophobia, they now keep a weather eye on the enduring system of apartheid and its undeniable project of ethnic cleansing and genocide. Biden's national strategy on Islamophobia has fallen flat among Muslim voters. Whether this is enough to push this voting bloc beyond two-party electoralism, opting instead for third-party options and mass-movement organising, remains to be seen. Yet it marks a seismic shift in Muslim American consciousness, which no longer accepts cultural tolerance and interfaith understanding as a remedy to the problems of empire.

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## ‘Israelism’: The promised land needs a new narrative

*Israelism, a controversial new film on the relationship between Israel and Jewish identity, tells a story which we all need to hear.*

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“If you want to change the world, you need to change your story”, so says Michael Margolis, CEO and founder of Storied, a strategic consultancy that specialises in storytelling for disruption.

As a filmmaker, the quote makes perfect sense to me. Stories provide us with an emotional sustenance which can galvanise, hearten and sustain humanity through its most complex and arduous challenges. But stories, unlike mere ideas, or arguments, speak to the heart, a space beyond hardened misconceptions which can impede our ability to relate and connect to our shared humanity.

In a new, controversial documentary film called *Israelism*, two young American Jews raised to unconditionally love Israel, experience a profound and life-changing awakening as they bear witness to the brutality of the Israeli occupation of Palestine. As they join a growing movement of young American Jews battling the old guard to redefine Judaism’s relationship with Israel, the protagonists take us into the battle over the very soul of modern Jewish identity.

The film has been touring US campuses, where its release during the ongoing genocidal assault on Gaza has led to numerous calls for censorship and cancellations of scheduled screenings by campus authorities. In the midst of a highly censored public debate around the Israeli occupation, the efforts to censor the film is a reflection of the times – even the Jewish voices for peace being targeted by the machine which has for so long sought to silence Palestinian calls for liberation.

*Israelism* tells a story which we all need to hear, not least because today the United States is the only force that can rein in Israeli extremism. It offers a small window into how powerful special interest groups in the US groom young Jews into blindly supporting Israel, and how some, like its protagonists, manage to escape it.

But to a non-Jew like myself, the most compelling element of the film was its candid depiction of the emotional bond most Jews have been made to develop with Israel, and the difficulties they experience when they attempt to step outside of the powerful, unifying narrative that sustains this bond.

While its many critics, including myself, view Israel as an ethno-na-



Activists with Jewish Voice for Peace, gather to protest the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and chain themselves to the fence outside the White House, Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, in Washington. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

tionist, racially supremacist rogue state, at odds with international law and operating an apartheid system, Jews are taught from a young age that the modern state of Israel is the embodiment of Jewish self-actualisation and freedom.

That’s no small narrative to dismantle because, in part, it is true. After years of persecution and exile, Jews do finally have a home. Except it is not their home. It’s that of the Palestinians. The displacement of Palestinians from their land to actualise the Zionist myth of a “land without people for a people with a land” is no less objectionable than the persecution and exile imposed on the Jews historically.

While the main characters in *Israelism* come to see that their dream of Israel has been built on a lie, what was missing from the film was an alternative story.

Academic Barnett R Rubin poetically describes the Jewish narrative about modern Israel in his article titled “False Messiahs”: “Repeated in every era, this grand narrative – slavery to freedom, exile to redemption – was the constant, if sometimes barely audible, background music of the Jewish people’s understanding of their encounter with history.”

Rubin paints a poignant picture of Jewish history, replete with the horrors of anti-Semitic European persecution through the centuries, exile, and a deep longing and hope for a place of safety and security. Political Zionism does not emerge out of a vacuum, he explains, but from the inability of European states to guarantee the safety and security of the Jewish people. With the pogroms and eventually, the culmination of European racialised violence in the form of the Holocaust in the mid-

20th century, the toxic intersection of colonialism and Zionism sets the stage for our current crisis.

“Israeli Jews are settler colonialists with a historical memory of indigenous origin,” writes Rubbin. “They developed an ideology and a political rather than purely religious movement of ‘return’. But their historical memory was not shared by the land’s inhabitants. The historical memory of the Jewish people did not create the right or capacity to confiscate or occupy a single dunam of land against the will of its possessors. The historical memory of one people, however tenacious, creates no right to rule over another.”

That narrative of dispossession, persecution and triumph is what is buttressing support for the current state of Israel. While a growing movement of critics is dismantling this, the next generation of haunted residents of this contested land, desperately need a new story of hope to replace it.

Today, as the Israeli founder and executive director of Idealist.org, Ami Dar, writes, “If everyone, everywhere, truly accepted that seven million Jews and seven million Palestinians are not going anywhere, and that any possible future has to include and encompass both, the whole energy around this conflict would shift.”

For that shift to happen, we need new stories. Stories which recognise and honour claims to the land which, whilst presented as competing, are not inherently so. After all, Indigenous philosophies might push us to consider that land belongs to no one and that in fact, the Abrahamic stewards of the land have a common mission to preserve and protect its sacred nature and

honour all its inhabitants.

Rubbin seems to suggest that a “decolonised” Zionism, one divorced from the corrupting supremacy of colonialism, and therefore more of a cultural longing for a place, than a political or territorial claim to it, should be distinguished from the violent settler ideology currently unleashed: “The Palestine they [the Jews] longed for was the embodiment of their hopes, rather than a few provinces of the Ottoman empire with Arab Muslim and Christian populations.” And so it may be from within those hopes, married to the longing of the Palestinians for a return to their land, for autonomy over their lives, and for peace, that the next story might be weaved. And while it is arguably those same elemental dreams which render the current power struggle so apocalyptic, they also render a story which honours them profoundly compelling.

While the focus of *Israelism* is on the need for Jews to dismantle the Frankenstein that is Israel’s violent occupation, what is missing is a narrative of hope.

A growing number of Jews are joining the ranks of anti-Zionism and the mass protests of Jewish Voices for Peace and Jewish elders have proven powerful counters to the otherwise assumed consensus around support for the current Israeli state. But counter-narratives require more than simple opposition to last.

The story being sold to young Jews around the world is profound, moving and utterly compelling. And this means that any struggle to free Jews from this mischaracterisation of the state of Israel as a redemptive embodiment of Jewish self-actualisation will necessarily require

an equally, if not more compelling, counter-narrative. One which honours legitimate Jewish fears of history repeating itself, provides the community and communion of a shared dream, of cosmic dimension, but also promises to liberate the Palestinians.

As Rubin also points out: “What is objectionable about colonialism is not the immigration or settlement of a population of a different ethnic or national origin, or of people that are in some sense non-indigenous, but the domination of one group over another. It is impossible to rewind and rerun history. But it is possible, indeed necessary, to assure a future where Palestinians and Israelis have equal rights.”

As Israelis become increasingly disillusioned with Netanyahu, Jewish voices within and outside of Israel need to confront the impact of militaristic ideology on their culture, politics and identity. The Israel Democracy Institute survey, a monthly gauge of Israeli sentiment on current events, found diminishing levels of optimism for the country’s future security and democratic character. If the nihilistic TikTok videos mocking maimed Palestinian children weren’t a wake-up call, the telegram groups in which thousands revel over snuff movies of Palestinian civilians being tortured and killed should be. Any denigration of the humanity of another necessarily diminishes our own. This loop of dehumanising violence should not be varnished by propaganda tales any longer.

While honouring legacies of suffering and exile, opposition to the apartheid state must also make way for the promise of a new dream. Nelson Mandela’s freedom movement wasn’t led merely by opposition to white supremacy – it was guided by a dream of coexistence, equality and justice for all. Contrary to narratives of Palestinian contrariety, Palestinian leadership has consistently and generously made space for the Jewish presence on their land. It is now up to the new generation of Jews to reimagine their history in a way which honours all God’s children equally – and in that new story lies the true promised land.

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