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By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- The two-day conference will also include panel discussions for industry experts and stakeholders to explore the need and modalities to develop comprehensive AI and drone technology policies and frameworks to ensure responsible innovations and to promote equitable access to their benefits for all communities in the region.
- “This conference promises to be a transformative experience. It will bring together experts and innovators from the realms of artificial intelligence, drone technology, and data analytics from across the region.

Drone Space, a leading innovator in the drone technology industry has organised a conference focusing on the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Drone Technology and Data Analytics.

The conference, set to take place on March 26 and 27, will bring together innovators, professionals, enthusiasts, and industry leaders from the region to showcase the latest advancements and trends.

As the demand for cutting-edge advancements in artificial intelligence, drone technology, and data analytics continues to grow, this conference aims to provide a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and collaboration among stakeholders to streamline its application and address existing gaps in access and training.

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Attendees can expect two days of insightful discussions, hands-on workshops, and exclusive networking opportunities, all aimed at shaping the future of these dynamic industries of AI, Drone Tech, and Data Analytics,” said Drone Space Director Tony Mwangi.

The conference comes at a time when many sectors of the economy are increasingly adopting and integrating artificial intelligence in to their operations to bolster efficiency and maximize their performance. This has already demonstrated AI’s potential with transformative outcomes in sectors such as business operations, healthcare, education, agriculture, financial services, e-commerce among others.

In an Oxford Insights Government AI readiness index report of 2022, Kenya was ranked fifth in Africa for its readiness to adopt Artificial Intelligence in delivery of public services, not only ahead of her East African peers but also setting the pace for the region.

“The objectives of this conference are well aligned with the government’s Bottom-Up Economic Empowerment Agenda (BETA), and we are confident that it will help unlock the enormous potential especially of the youth and enhance their participation in developing home-grown technological solutions to common problems in our economy”, Tony added.

Some of the key highlights of the Conference include; Keynote Speakers which will involve engaging talks by renowned experts in AI, Drone Technology, and Data Analytics, providing insights into the latest trends and future directions.

There will also be a thought leadership panel discussions which will include in-depth discussions on topics like AI-driven drone applications, data-driven decision-making, and ethical considerations in emerging technologies.

Further, there will be an Exhibition Showcase Zone that will cater for an interactive exhibition featuring the latest products, technologies, and solutions from leading companies and startups in AI, Drone Tech and Data Analytics.

Moreover, there will be an Innovation Showcase that will involve a dedicated space for startups to pitch and demonstrate their groundbreaking solutions, attracting potential investors and collaborators.

The conference will also be a Hands-on Workshops for practical sessions allowing participants to gain hands-on experience with the latest tools, platforms, and technologies in AI, drone Tech, and Data Analytics.

The event will take place at Sarit Expo Centre, Westlands – Nairobi with exhibitors who register early being expected to be offered discounted rates for those who register before Monday next week. Those interested can visit www.aiconference.co.ke and <https://ticketyetu.com/event/ai-conference-62/register>.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



The Golazo Company, which was working with the late Chicago marathon and world record holder Kelvin Kiptum, will establish a foundation to support his two children and their education. Belgium-based Coach Marc Corstjens said the company would pay all earnings due to Kiptum to his family, as it was a duty and a sign of respect for the late athlete. Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Wisley Rotich called on Kenyans to stop speculating on the cause of death and wait for the police to conclude investigations. The NTSA has stated that the vehicle had no prior mechanical problem, but the governor called on KeNHATo consult with KFS on removing trees along the road reserve where Kiptum and his coach died. The family has already started burial arrangements, and the late athlete may be laid to rest on Saturday 24th. Athletics Kenya will work with the family of the Rwandese Coach, Gervais Hakizimana, who died with Kiptum in his burial preparations.



The Kenya National Commission for UNESCO's Acting Director of Information, Ms. Angela Muchai, has urged media trainers in universities to update their curricula to meet the needs of 21st-century journalists. She highlighted aspects of media training that universities can embrace, such as climate change reporting, media information literacy, and the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the media. Muchai encouraged media faculties to establish linkages and collaborations by bringing together media students, faculties, and practitioners to ensure they are knowledgeable on emerging industry issues. She further urged journalists to create content that addresses development issues within society and to upgrade their skills to meet market needs. The Media Council of Kenya's Media Training and Development Director, Victor Bwire, also emphasised the need for media practitioners to sharpen their skills, create their own content, and collaborate with scribes from different counties to file impactful stories. Media Council of Kenya



A Kenya News Agency (KNA) survey revealed that flower dealers in Malindi Town reported low sales of flowers and Valentine's gifts on Wednesday during Valentine's Day.

The economic slump in the tourist town and the country has led to many freshly cut flowers withering in various stalls, forcing florists to incur losses on a day they expected to make huge sales. Natural and artificial flower sellers, such as Patrick Macharia and Baraka Katana, have had to sell flowers at lower prices than usual to attract more customers.

Macharia reported selling very few flowers on Valentine's Day compared to last year, while Katana managed to sell eight flowers at a loss.

Moses Owino, a Malindi resident, purchased flowers for his loved ones to make his family feel special and appreciated.

Alex Wanje, however, did not mark the day, stating that "Valentine's Day is a day just like any other." The situation has forced florists to sell flowers at lower prices, with some customers bargaining too much due to the harsh economy.



The Kenya Investment Authority (KenInvest) is implementing measures to facilitate investment in new and existing projects by enacting the Kenya Investment Promotion and Facilitation Bill 2023. The bill aims to simplify administrative procedures, enhance transparency, and reduce bureaucratic hurdles. It proposes a digital one-stop-one-go for investment facilitation, aligning with the Kenya Investment Policy to remain responsive to the evolving investment landscape. Governor Jonathan Chelilim emphasises the importance of robust regulatory frameworks for investments to guarantee a sustainable and favourable business environment. The North Rift Economic Block (NOREB) has significant market potential, with reliable infrastructure, automated services, and partnerships. Stakeholders are urged to support the bill, citing collaborations with the National Government to develop Export Processing Zones, CAIPs, special economic zones, and model markets.



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State To Boost Blood Testing Centers, Says Medical Services PS

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Worth Noting:

- On blood collection achievements, the PS said at the moment, 39 counties can prepare blood components whole blood, red blood cells (RBCs), platelets, and fresh frozen plasma, ensuring that patients receive the specific blood products they require for treatment. He added that this will be rolled to all the 47 counties.

- The system, he said, enhances accountability of donated blood and blood components from vein to vein and is accessible on the E-Citizen platform enabling blood donors to register from the comfort of their homes.



Blood Ambassador Charlene Ruto.

The government plans to expand the number of regional blood testing centers from six to 10 in efforts to increase capacity, Medical Services Principal Secretary Harry Kimtai says.

The move meant to enhance turnaround time for blood test-ins, will be effected in proposed regional centres including Bungoma, Kisii, Meru and Nairobi and is propagated to provide safe and quality blood to those in need.

In a speech delivered during Valentine's Day Blood Donation and Sensitization launch at Mt Kenya University (MKU), Kimutai said all the centres will be well equipped, blood collection points set up and personnel trained in the 43 county satellites.

"The Kenya Blood Banking Infor-

mation Management System that was launched last year known as the Damu-Ke system has enabled hospitals to digitally request blood for transfusion from blood banks across the country," he said in speech read on his behalf by his Administrative Secretary Letty Wambua.

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"To further improve our efficiency in vein-to-vein visibility of blood and blood components, the Ministry is deploying Vein 2 of the system in transfusing hospitals and enhancing interoperability with hospitals' patient management systems," Kimutai said.

He was accompanied by Acting CEO Kenya National Blood and Transmission Services Maurice Wakwabubi and the first daughter, also the Blood Ambassador Charlene Ruto,

MKU Council Chairman Dr Vincent Gaitho said the University is also a Center of Excellence in Medical and

Health Training and Research where a number of partners have joined hands with scholars and researchers to contribute to the national and international needs in health-care.

"For instance, courtesy of the Japanese International Corporation Agency (JICA) the Centre of Malaria Control within the Institute of Tropical Medicine were both launched here at Thika Campus,

"This state-of-art center was made possible through Interdisciplinary Research for Integrated Community-Directed Strategy for Sustainable Freedom from Malaria, and is a KES 450 Million project, with Sh 300 million allocated for joint activities in Kenya and Sh 150 million for joint activities in Japan.

He added that researchers can visit Mount Kenya University and make use of the Malaria Centre where research on Malaria Vectors and parasites can be done up to the DNA Levels.

On his part, Wakwabubi said they target to get over 500,000 units of blood during this exercise which commenced today across the country.

"Due to the increased cases of terminal illnesses and maternal deliveries that require huge amounts of blood, the demand is high and thus the request for people to donate blood," said Wakwabubi.

Charlene called on Kenyans to get out and donate blood saying the blood demand in the country was huge owing to the many terminal ailments that require blood in the country.

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President Ruto Visits Othaya, Praises Area MP Wambugu Wainaina For His Exemplary Work

The Occasion Served As The Best Public Engagement, Wambugu Wainaina Have Had With Kenya Kwanza Administration Since He Assumed The Office Of Othaya Leadership

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Leaders led by President William Ruto, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua at Gichiche in Othaya yesterday.

Worth Noting:

- The President was in Othaya for the launch of Changachicha Irrigation project which is benefiting about 1,500 farmers. The President the government would inject KSh100 million into the project so that it can benefit more farmers and assist in addressing food security in the country.
- The Head of State who was accompanied by his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua heaped praises upon the MP saying he had information that he was in good touch with the locals.
- “Continue with your good work. Concentrate on the grassroots activities which are beneficial to the locals” he told the MP as hundreds of local residents present applauded.

President William Ruto yesterday lauded the work of Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina for the good work he has been doing in his constituency.

The President said what the Othaya MP was doing was what was expected of law makers and thanked the constituents for electing him as their August House representative.

The President who addressed the MP in his official and two other nicknames; Mount Kenya and Kirima told a meeting at Gichiche in Chinga Ward that he had lost count of the number of times that the MP has been pestering him over various issues affecting the Othaya residents.

“This MP has been on my neck. He has been contacting me over implementation of projects in Othaya which are beneficial to his constituents,” President Ruto said, adding, “if i don’t pick his call, he sends sms or I am told he is at the gate seeking to meet me”.

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he was in good touch with the locals. “Continue with your good work. Concentrate on the grassroots activities which are beneficial to the locals” he told the MP as hundreds of local residents present applauded.

President Ruto who urged residents to be abt patient of the delayed projects said having settled outstanding loans left by the Jubilee government, his administration was now focused on development matters and pledges he made to Kenyans.

It is at this point that the President said he will sit with the MP and other leaders to prioritize on projects implementation.

The Changachicha project being done by the National Government through the Water Irrigation Authority will boost food production through the use of irrigation water in the areas of Karandi, Mucharage, Kariki, and Ngaru among others.

The project will create wealth and job opportunities for about 2,000 direct beneficiaries and about 10,000 indirect beneficiaries.

Upon the launch, the community is set to generate millions of shillings annually into the economy by irrigating high-value commercial horticultural crops which contribute to the Big 4 Agenda on Food Security and Nutrition.

On local roads, the President assured Othaya residents that funds have been set aside to upgrade local roads and soon contractors will resume job.

taking over the leadership.

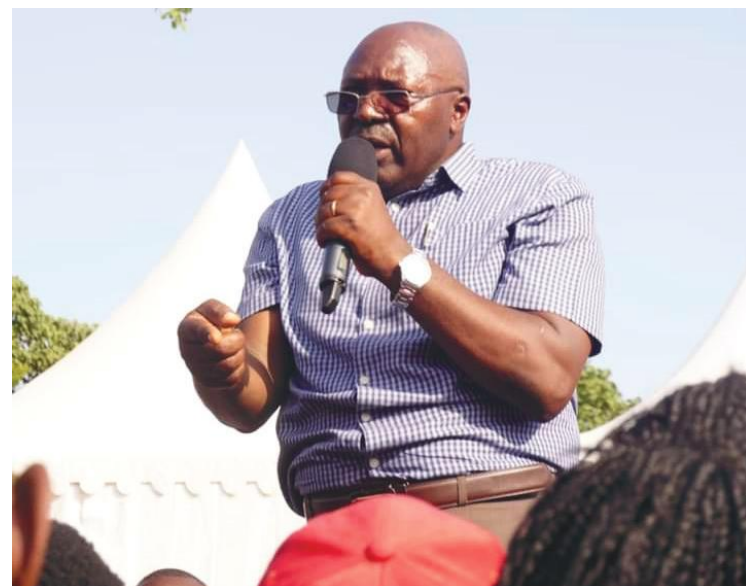
Some of these include lowering the cost of farm inputs like fertilizer and increasing the coffee, tea and milk proceeds.

Upon being given a chance to greet his constituents, the Othaya MP outlined some of the issues him, the NG-CDF as well county and national governments had undertaken as he pledged to continue serving them to the best of his capability.

Some of the other leaders who accompanied the Head of State were Water, Sanitation and Irrigation CS Zachary Njeru, Energy PS Alex Wachira, Nyeri Governor Muthahi Kahiga, area Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Murang’a Governor Irungu Kang’ata, as well as MPs John Kaguchia (Mukurwe-ini), Eric Wamumbi (Mathira), Duncan Maina (Nyeri Town), Sabina Chege (Nominated MP), Betty Maina (Murang’a Woman Rep), Tana Water Works Development Agency chairman Wanyaga Gathaka, Nyeri Speaker Mwangi Gichuhi and several MCAs area representative Kiruga Thuku, Nyeri County Assembly Majority Leader James Kanyugo, former Starehe MP Njagua Kanyi, and former KTDA company secretary Patrick Ngunjiri.

Before going to Othaya, the President and his team had visited, toured, commissioned and launched several projects in different parts of Murang’a County.

Today, he is expected to launch affordable housing program in Nyeri County as well as commission a water project in Mathira constituency.



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina

PS Commissions Chandaria Workshop At Meru Women Prisons

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Worth Noting:

- “The government has taken a holistic approach to its policy-making by addressing social barriers and tackling social exclusion issues such as cultural practices, attitudes, discrimination, and gender-based violence.”
- “Therefore, the idea that this workshop will be run as a social enterprise with proceeds aimed at assisting the women inmates with skills development and to reintegrate back into society is a testament that the initiative aligns with the government’s effort to empower women,” said Ms. Beacco.
- Indeed, she added, the fact that such initiatives give individuals the skills they need to unlock their potential in employment and become assets to their communities cannot be overemphasised.

Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco on Wednesday commissioned a modern workshop at Meru women prisons constructed by support of the Chandaria Foundation.

According to Dr. Beacco, the Meru workshop, which is second to the first one at Lang’ata women’s prisons, is meant to empower women and is part of the modernisation of prison industries, which aligns with the government’s plans for correctional services in the County.

The Sh12 million Meru workshop project is designed to host a bakery and clothing section where women inmates will acquire skills in these areas.

“I am gratified to note that the workshop has been equipped with commercial equipment and the female inmates have been provided with raw materials plus a seed capital of Sh1.2 million to kickstart production,” said Dr. Beacco.

She added, “The constitution of Kenya guarantees gender equality and women’s empowerment, and today Kenya is on track in the implementation of the Beijing platform of action. Gender equality is at the centre of Kenya’s national development and enjoys political commitment at the highest level.”

She said she was also delighted to note that Kenya continues to strengthen the legal and policy framework that secures and underpins gains made in achieving gender equality and women’s empowerment.

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“At this juncture, I wish to thank the Chandaria Foundation for this great initiative that perfectly complements our programmes at the correctional services.”

“I have no doubt whatsoever that this rehabilitative initiative will certainly help many people get back on their feet and eventually become contributing members of society,” said Ms. Beacco.

She called on Kenyans and well-wishers to adopt the idea of adopting a ward in Kenyan prisons where they will rehabilitate them to change the attitude of the inmates in terms of reforms.

“As the government, we are doing our best to improve the environment in the prison sector; we cannot do it alone. It is essential that Kenyans join hands and do this work together,” PS said.

On her side, Chief Justice Martha Koome, in a statement read on her behalf by Meru law courts Presiding Judge Edward Murithi, said the inauguration of the Meru workshop marks a significant milestone in the ongoing



Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco.

efforts to reform and rehabilitate individuals within the criminal justice system.

She said this was a testament to the enduring spirit of humanity and compassion that guide our collective endeavours.

“I extend my heartfelt and sincere thanks to Dr. Manu Chandaria and the Chandaria Foundation for your unwavering commitment and philanthropic work.

Your support has been instrumental in transforming the women in prisons, offering them not just hope but tangible skills to build a brighter future for themselves and, by extension, their communities,” said the CJ.

She added that the facilities at Lang’ata and Meru have not only equipped inmates with valuable skills but also fostered a sense of self-reliance and economic empowerment through its innovative profit-sharing model.

She said such initiatives are critical in aligning Kenya’s criminal justice system with modern technological

principles focusing on reform, rehabilitation, and reintegration of prisoners into society.

“This initiative perfectly encapsulates the modern philosophy of technology that the National Council on Administration of Justice (NCAJ) advocates for, a philosophy where rehabilitation and reforms are paramount.”

“It underscores the belief that our prisons should not merely be facilities for containment but environments where individuals are allowed to transform their lives and prepare for a successful reintegration into society,” said CJ Koome.

In this light, she added, the Chandaria workshops embody our collective vision for a justice system that heals and restores.

She further said that the partnership between the prisons and the Chandaria Foundation exemplifies the transformative power of collaboration between the public sector and philanthropic entities.

“It is a clear call for action for more organisations to step forward, join hands with government bodies, and contribute to the pyramid of our society,” said Koome.

Commissioner General of Prisons Brigadier Retired John Warioba said that, as a service, they are recognising the potential for positive change through empowerment and skill development.

“This project in Meru that commenced in August 2023 is also meant to cultivate self-worth and lay a social foundation for successful integration into the society.”

“Through baking and textile work, our inmates will acquire tangible skills that will lead to meaningful employment prospects while serving time and upon release,” said Mr. Warioba.

He also urged members of society to avoid stigmatisation by paving the way for much-needed societal acceptance and inclusion during re-entry.



Correctional Services Principal Secretary Dr. Salome Beacco, donates items to prisoners at Meru Prison. Photo by Dickson Mwiti.

East Africa Is Ripe For AU Chairmanship – Mudavadi

By: Prudence Wanza

East Africa as a region within the African Continent is ready to produce the next chairperson of the African Union, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said.

Mudavadi said the region is ripe and come next year's elections it will front a candidate for the position.

Mudavadi, who is also the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs reiterated the quest for East Africa to rise and be counted within the African Union set-up.

"South, Central and West Africa have had a share in serving as chair at various times since 2002. East and North Africa are yet to have that opportunity," he said.

Mudavadi spoke during a media briefing at the sidelines of the ongoing 44th ordinary session of the AU's Executive Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

This is ahead of the 37th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State & Government from AU member states coming up on 17th and 18th February 2024.

President William Ruto is expected to attend the Heads of State and Government sessions.

"We shall be putting forward a substantial case as East Africa through key consultations among the East Africa Member States when we settle on our candidate," said Mudavadi.

The Prime CS also emphasised on the need for African nations to ensure that peace prevails at all times with high levels of security being guaranteed to the citizenry of the continent.

This he said is in the wake of the global disruptions and relocations that have led to serious humanitarian crises in parts of the globe.

"Peace is key to every step towards prosperity within the society, not only economically but also socially. There are no winners in wars and there are no losers where there is peace," he remarked.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi

Mudavadi also outlined the benefits of AU's participation in the Group of 20 (G20) and the need to deepen

implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement moving forward.

The theme of this year's AU assembly is preparing Africans through education for the 21st Century.

Government Acquires New Mobility Equipment To Boost Security In Terror-Prone Counties

The equipment, which includes armoured personnel carriers and mine resistant ambush protected vehicles, will be distributed to officers in Wajir, Mandera, and Garissa Counties.

By: Prudence Wanza

The Government has acquired new mobility equipment for security officers deployed in regions affected by the threat of terrorism.

The equipment, which includes armoured personnel carriers and mine resistant ambush protected vehicles, will be distributed to officers in Wajir, Mandera, and Garissa Counties and other vulnerable areas starting next week.

Speaking during the operationalization of Eldas South Sub County in Wajir, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki said the equipment will ensure safety and security of the North Eastern, Upper Eastern and Upper Coastal Region.

"The Kenya Kwanza administration, under the leadership of President William Ruto is committed to secure every part of the Country and deal ruthlessly with persons involved in contraband trade, trafficking in narcotics, human trafficking, banditry and livestock rustling," said Kindiki.

The CS stated that all the gazette Sub-Counties in Wajir County and other parts of the Country will be operationalized within the current financial year, to ease access to Government services.

Kindiki further revealed that the government will from next month recruit and train more National Police Reservists (NPRs) to supplement the efforts of multi-agency security officers deployed in Wajir County to combat financiers, planners and orchestrators of terror attacks.



Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki.

Living A Victorious Life Pt 2



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Moving from one level to another level can only be possible through the Holy Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says “ BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE,...ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.”. I declare you shall move to the next levels of business, ministry, calling, career. Let every stagnation be broken by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the mighty name of Jesus.

The will of God is to be able to keep your momentum towards your destiny. “ “And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another helper, that HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER (John 14:16).” And in Verse 26 the same Chapter says “ but

the HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER will send in My Name. He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

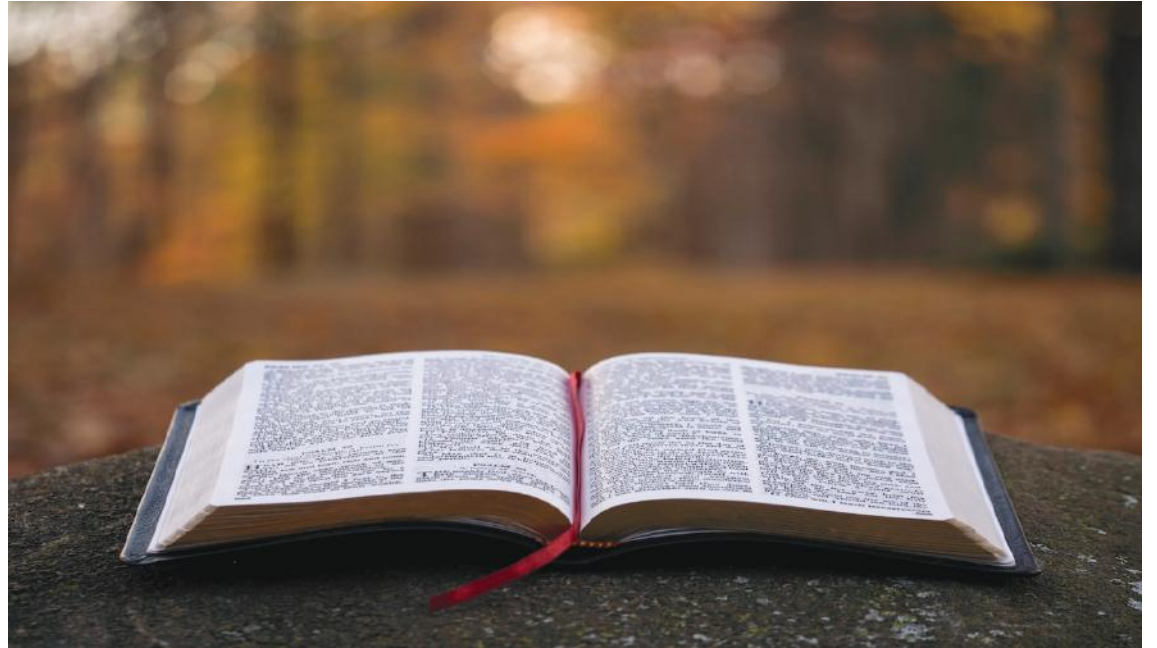
Did you know that the Holy Spirit is your advocate/ legal counsel. In prayers there are legalities and illegalities. It is not a free zone, “ kuna sheria huwa zinafwatwa, hata Mungu anza, hata shetani ako nazo; anatumia legalities to attack,...” Ukiomba kwa Roho/ in tongues, Roho Mtakatifu anakua mtetezi, anashinda zile sababu zimewekwa.

The extent of success in your life, depends on two things:

1.)Kiwango cha kubadilishwa; level of transformation, as we have read in 2 Cor 3:18, and

2.) This is the work of the Holy Spirit. You must allow this to be done, not from outside, but within, and it is not instant, but gradual(METAMORPHOSIS).

Say “I will do the extra ordinary in my generation by the Spirit of God.” There is a power that is propelling my destiny, and it is UNSTOPPABLE. “The Lord is my strength, he makes my legs like that of a deer, to rise to my high places.” “ As a



man thinketh, so he is.” “Badilishwa mawazo yako, uweze kuona kufanikiwa.” When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you become a dynamite. The power of the Holy Spirit, breaks every barrier. You shall break every opposition, you shall receive all the resources, because of the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will give you new ideas, He will reveal solutions. Do NOT ever get familiar with

the Holy Spirit.

“NOT by might, nor by power, but by MY SPIRIT, declares the Lord of hosts.”

HALELUJAH, AMEN& AMEN
Evangelist Eric Musa:

(My message continuously: If you are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is written;

“NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you and I unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM

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Contrary To His Critics, Gachagua Have No Hand In Arrest Of Kikuyu Elders



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Worth Noting:

- The police who arrested the elders had been misled. This is because most of them including their commanders were not members of the Kikuyu community.
- So, they did not understand how the Kikuyu elders conduct their traditional ceremonies. These elders hailed from the surrounding areas. We had entrusted them to take care of Mukurwe Wa Nyagathanga shrine.
- Besides prayers, they were there to ensure the place is well maintained and clean.
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- Kamau, I have told you that the police raided the shrine after receiving misleading information from one of senior Azimio leaders from the county of Muranga.



Women aged more than 70 years arrested at Mukurwe Wa Nyagathanga

I have been following with keen interest the developing story surrounding the arrest of the Kikuyu council of elders.

The elders, majority of them women aged more than 70 years, had gathered at Mukurwe Wa Nyagathanga in Muranga county for the traditional prayers.

The shrine is considered to be a special 'holy' place by members of the Kikuyu community.

This is because this was the origin of Kikuyu and Mumbi and they used to live here. They gave birth to nine daughters who consequently started started giving birth. Apart from siring the initial descendent of Kikuyus, the history is silent on who were their husbands.

Back to the arrest of the elders, media reports indicated that the police arrested them on suspicion of being members of the outlawed Mungiki sect.

As expected, the critics of DP Rigathi Gachagua, who were known to be members of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya coalition drawn from Mount Kenya region, would not wait for the dust to settle.

They would sensationally claim that Gachagua was behind the elders' woes. They would not substantiate their claims or produce an iota of evidence.

Two days ago, Captain (rtd) Kungu, the

patron of Kikuyu elders' outfit called Kiama Kia Ma, was hosted by Kamau wa Kangethe of iNooro TV.

Responding to the questions on arrest of elders and flurry of mixed reactions that this matter have continued to elicit, Kungu stated.

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Kamau, I have told you that the police raided the shrine after receiving misleading information from one of senior Azimio leaders from the county of Muranga.

The information was first relayed to the county commissioner who ordered the police to immediately swing into action.

Some goats had been slaughtered to mark the ceremony. You know the el-

ders only take one or two pieces of the meat.

So, the local youths had flocked the shrine to feast.

The youth fled when they saw police arriving in style with a fleet of their vehicles.

Elders never panicked. They stayed put.

The police found calabashes with blood and tobacco sniffing containers. They wrongly believed these were paraphernalia used to administer the oath and the youth who fled had gone to take it. This is what prompted them to arrest the elders.

For the DP, the incident extremely perturbed him.

Captain Kungu recalled how he immediately invited him and other elders of Kiama Kia Ma to a meeting.

When we arrived at his residence in Karen, he was chairing the cabinet meeting. This is because the President was out of the country.

Gachagua left someone else to chair the meeting and come out to meet us.

We briefed him on what had transpired. He had received the intelligence reports and he was in the process of ensuring the charges facing them were dismissed.

This because the elders had not violated any known law. The constitution al-

lows freedom of worship. These include the traditional prayers.

During the meeting with Kungu led elders, the DP made frantic efforts to ensure the elders' freedom is restored.

He called the Muranga county commissioner and Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

Kungu further recalled that there was a television screen in the room where their meeting with DP was taking place.

We saw lawyers Ndegwa Njiru and Jeremiah Kioni, both of Azimio, hitting out at DP. They alleged that he was behind the elders' woes.

To DP, the claims were annoying. This is because they were not based on truth and were designed to taint his name for political reasons. However, this would not distract him achieving his goal.

The DP was aware that the matter was already in court. As a strong believer in the constitution and rule of law, he would use legal means.

Kungu stated: The DP's intervention had borne the fruits. The elders had no case to answer.

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Gov't Assures Of Faster Processing Of Passports, ID Cards

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The government has put in place guidelines that will assist in fast-tracking the issuance of passports and ID cards.

In its commitment to improve the welfare of Kenyans in all aspects of life, the Government has undertaken to meet its promises that bind it to a covenant of socio-political inclusion and economic empowerment of all citizens, and respond to the people's needs, which include faster processing of these vital documents.

Speaking during a press briefing at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, the Government Spokesperson, Dr. Isaac Mwaura, said the covenant put the government on its toes and true to its commitment, through the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

While acknowledging Kenya's complaints of delayed issuance of passports, Dr. Mwaura confirmed that the problem is being addressed, attributing its persistence to delayed

supply and slow delivery by suppliers of the 34-page passport booklets, which normally goes for Sh. 4,550.

He disclosed that the documents are usually printed outside the country for security reasons, leaving only the applicant's Bio-data page to be printed locally upon application.

However, Dr. Mwaura reaffirmed that a consignment of the booklets has been sourced and will land in the country soon, and the problem will be a thing of the past.

"In the meantime, those with urgent needs for a passport are advised to apply for the 50-page passports, which are in plenty," he advised.

On the issuance of National IDs, Dr. Mwaura said that the Government is aware of the problem of acquiring identity cards by eligible youths, which has been caused by a Court Order, suspending the production of the 3rd generation Identity Cards, pending an appeal by the Government.

The Government Spokesperson, further revealed that 600,000 applications for the cards are pending at the civil registration offices country-wide, even as some other 684,000 IDs lie uncollected by the applicants



Government Spokesman Dr Isaac Maigua Mwaura.

across the country.

He assured the public that once the appeal is granted, the government will embark on massive production

of the vital identification documents with the aim of clearing the backlog within the shortest time possible.

"We appeal to those who have yet

to collect their documents to do so in order to avoid inconveniences in their official, as well as private transactions," said Dr. Mwaura.

Aga Khan University Hospital Launches Home Care Services

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Aga Khan University Hospital today launched its Home Care Service as part of its strategy to increase access to quality care. This initiative is guided by the hospital's commitment to take its services closer to where people work and live.

The hospital first introduced home care services as a pilot programme in 2022 targeting oncology patients especially those undergoing chemotherapy treatment and palliative care. The success recorded during the pilot stage has paved the way for the full rollout.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, hospital CEO Rashid Khalani said that the new service is yet another innovation that offers flexibility for patients and caregivers whilst ensuring that they receive quality care.

"For patients who need continuing care like those under treatment for chronic diseases, we are coming to your home so that you don't miss the care you need because of any incon-

venience.

For working caregivers whose work schedule is often interrupted to take their loved ones to the hospital, we are asking them to entrust us with their care at home, while they continue with their daily routine uninterrupted," said Mr Rashid.

Dr Julius Kipng'etich, Group Regional CEO, Jubilee Holdings, who was also the Chief Guest at the launch ceremony lauded the hospital for spearheading healthcare innovations in the country.

"This new service by the Aga Khan University Hospital is timely. Having home care services is a big step towards achieving Universal Health Care, and it also shows relevance to today's needs of the patient," said Dr Kipng'etich

Among the services offered under the Home Care Service, include, nursing care, physiotherapy, chemotherapy, doctor visits, counselling psychology, nutrition support, palliative care, collection of samples for laboratory testing, free delivery of medications, and wound care among other follow-up care services.

This service is part of the hospital's



Jubilee Holdings Limited Group CEO Dr. Julius Kipng'etich and Aga Khan University Hospital CEO Rashid Khalani confer during the launch of the hospital's Home Care Service as part of its strategy to increase access to quality healthcare. The service will see that patients access crucial medical services in the comfort of their homes..

decentralization of services from the main hospital to the neighbourhoods and will augment the services of-

fered by the wide outpatient network of 53 centres spread across Kenya and Uganda.

The Home Care Service is currently

available in Nairobi and its environs, with plans to expand to other areas.

PS Kaituko on Regional Maritime Transport Policy

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Principal Secretary in the State Department of Shipping and Maritime Affairs Geoffrey Kaituko has taken a moment to share with us more insights onto the Regional Maritime Transport Policy. Here is what he has to say:

“The overarching objective of the Regional Maritime Transport Policy for the Eastern, Southern, and Northern African regions should be multi-faceted, aimed at establishing a competitive, comprehensive, efficient, and sustainable Maritime transport system that supports regional development and integration. It is my believe, the Policy we are developing promotes growth of shipping and Maritime activities including other support functions such as ship building, registration, ship financing and insurance, ship brokerage and management and training of competent personnel both seafarers and land-based workers. Maritime affairs in the region must be managed holistically in a collabora-

tive and coordinated manner to avoid duplication of efforts among regional states. The policy should guide on synergizing efforts including proper rationalisation of resource available in different states in the region. I believe, at the end of this workshop, the consultant will be able to develop a policy which caters for all our needs as a region.”

Water transport accounts for the moving over 80% of all the cargo involved in international trade - over 12 billion tons each year - with Africa contributing a paltry 6%, that is interestingly growing rapidly at an average rate of 8% which is higher than the world's average of 2.5%. Unfortunately, for Africa these volumes are transported almost exclusively by multinational shipping lines domiciled outside the continent. This leaves the African continent exposed, very vulnerable and at the mercy of these multinational service providers who dictates the terms and conditions of carriage. There is need for the region to collaborate more and create synergies that will give it a bigger say and capacities in handling of its cargo and the general shipping and Maritime affairs of the region.



PS Shipping and Maritime Affairs Geoffrey Kaituko.

Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority Launches Strategic Plan for 2023-2028



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In a recent event, the Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority (UFAA) unveiled its 3rd Generation Strategic Plan, spanning from 2023 to 2028. The plan aims to streamline the processing and payment of claims, marking a significant stride towards enhancing efficiency and financial inclusion in Kenya's financial services sector.

CEO John Mwangi's Vision
UFAA's CEO, John Mwangi, emphasized the pivotal role of the strategic plan in advancing the organization's objectives. He underscored UFAA's evolution since the enactment of the UFAA Act in 2011, highlighting the strides made in establishing a robust regulatory frame-

work. Mwangi lauded UFAAM as a technological frontrunner, facilitating online claim filing and tracking, and offering diverse payment options, including mobile money and bank transfers.

Mwangi outlined UFAA's commitment to expedite payments, aiming for a 30-day turnaround for original claimants and a 90-day process for deceased individuals, significantly reducing previous timelines.

Chairperson Francis Njenga's Insights

Chairperson Francis Njenga hailed the strategic plan as the culmination of a meticulous two-year journey. He showcased UFAA's substantial financial growth, with real-time cash assets soaring from Sh 0 to 32 billion shillings and shares expanding from negligible figures to 1.719 billion units, now valued at 30.5 billion as of December 1, 2023.

Njenga emphasized UFAA's prudent investment practices, ensuring risk-free ventures under the oversight of regulatory bodies like the Central Bank of Kenya and the National Treasury. He highlighted



UFAA Officials

UFAA's proactive stance in addressing financial transparency, advocating for disclosures of Unclaimed Financial Assets in financial statements.

Strategic Plan's Ambitious Agenda
The strategic plan aligns with broader policy initiatives, integrat-

ing the Sustainable Development Goals, Kenya Vision 2030, and the Bottom-Up Economic Regime. Njenga underlined UFAA's commitment to fostering financial integrity and safeguarding the rights of asset owners.

In conclusion, UFAA's strategic

plan underscores a concerted effort towards enhanced efficiency, transparency, and financial inclusion, reflecting a forward-looking approach to addressing Kenya's evolving financial landscape.

Autumn



Annotation: I named this photo late autumn as the author of the article. This picture needs a name just like everything else has a name. In addition, I tried to express all the bad words in the picture. Picture discovered the autumn season as a beautiful landscape through artistic means.

Key words: Light, silence, beauty, elegance, charm, artist, image, landscape.

Late autumn As the sun quietly lowered its rays and set, as if reminiscent of a candle beginning to fade, the city streets became quieter and quieter, the people who crowded the streets could now be seen only through the lit windows of high-rise buildings.

Nature is full of miracles. Just as the dawn shows its charm, the late autumn nights also offer their beauty. The combination of artistic elegance has discovered a special elegance in the hearts of photographers and artists, who use their brushes to place such beautiful images on a simple piece of paper and bring a sheet of paper to life with all its naturalness. Of course, this process is the result of hard work and

great patience. It should not be forgotten that the more the artist can show his skills, the more the work will express the highest level of artistry. Why did I emphasize the late autumn season? After all, the artist expressed his skills through the means of images in the process of turning day into night of this season. The artist was able to create such great elegance that the result was a wonderful harmony between the two. What a beautiful sight! In the photo, the city buildings, in turn, add beauty to the nature, making the photo even more attractive, as if the night is illuminated by lights. High-rise buildings have achieved their elegance through the lights of people who work tirelessly all day long and relax from their work.

The sky is depicted so beautifully that all the wonders of nature seem to be in this picture. In addition, after autumn, there will be a rainy season. The picture shows the earth in a wet state. So the rain has passed by scattering its drops like dice. It is not difficult to notice it even from puddles on the ground. After the rains, the clouds cleared. Very beautiful Russians appeared. In a word, the picture is very elegantly made. It seems to depict the artist's heart. How? You say, as if a grief has happened, and after a great pain, tears come out through raindrops. After that, the heart calmed down. In the photo, it is clear that the artist depicted his sad feelings and his state of calmness in the silent and restless cities at night.

In conclusion, picture is very beautifully expressed through artistic images. The picture is extremely elegant, the person watching it can look at his own soul as if holding a mirror and see his experiences easily. Everyone's views are different, and people who see this picture express it in different ways.

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Anthropometric Indicators Of School-Age Children In The Biology Of Individual Development



By: Tursunaliyeva Mohinur

Abstract: In the current era, it is important to follow the laws of individual development to educate young people maturely and well, to shape their abilities. Also, in the current period, the assessment of physical indicators of students and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle are becoming important.

Key words: Individual development, anthropometry, body strength, Pinje index.

INTRODUCTION

Individual developmental biology studies the laws of organism ontogenesis. The main task of science is to study the macro- and micro-morphological, physiological-biochemical, molecular and genetic processes occurring in the developing organism and to identify the factors and mechanisms affecting these processes and to use them in practice.

The main part. Normal growth and development is very important for the body. Fatigue, pessimism, and deficiencies in metabolism also occur due to abnormal growth and development. We can evaluate our own body parameters even without a doctor's supervision. The direction that measures these indicators is called anthropometry. Determination of body mass index. $P/H^2 \times 10000$

P- Body mass (in kilograms). H- Body length in cm.

The results are calculated by putting the above formula, if the results; If it is less than 16, it is considered underweight, 16-18.5 is underweight, 18.5-25 is ideal i.e. normal body weight, 25-30 is overweight, 30-35 is the first degree of obesity, 35-40 is obesity. the second degree, the third degree of obesity if it is above 40.

Determining body strength (Pinier index). $A - (B + C)$

A-Height, B-Body mass(kg), C-Chest at expiration cage circumference (cm).

Assessment; Less than 10 - strong body structure, 10-20 - good body structure, 21-25 - moderately strong body structure, 26-35 - weak body structure, above 36 - very weak body structure.

The following results were observed when

anthropometric measurements were carried out on 37 8-year-old schoolchildren. Results according to the body mass indicator: 2162% of 37 students were underweight, 7567% were underweight, and 1 student had normal body weight. Overweight and other levels of obesity was not observed among students. According to determination of body strength (Pignet's index), it was found that all students have a very weak body structure. Similar measurement work was carried out in 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15 years of age in total about 200 students. As the age characteristics of the students increased, the indicators also increased in a positive direction. However, the number of students with underweight and weak body structure is also somewhat higher. This is the result of a decrease in physical work in our daily life, not doing sports, not having a rational and complete diet. Unhealthy lifestyle and physical inactivity can lead to diseases of the cardiovascular system, malignant tumors, chronic inflammation of respiratory organs and several negative consequences. A healthy lifestyle is a person's adherence to daily routines, exercising the body based on active movement, playing sports, eating a full and high-quality diet, following hygienic rules, and refraining from harmful habits. Activity is a natural motivator. That's why energetic, restless people are always fresh, strong, energetic and energetic even in old age.

CONCLUSION

The main part of the work is to assess the physical condition of school-age students by taking anthropometric measurements of their individual development. The results of the study were somewhat negative. 48 of students were underweight and 54 had weak body structure. Based on the results, it can be said that unhealthy lifestyle, inactive movement, lack of sports, lack of full and quality food and harmful habits are increasing in our lives. Therefore, it is necessary to make our contribution in establishing a healthy lifestyle in our society by explaining to the students the negative consequences of an unhealthy lifestyle.

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Mother



I made mistakes upon mistakes.
To trace my life
I hurt your heart.

Mother, my mother, my loving mother
I am the cause of your gray hair
But I want to live my life
I am your daughter who did these things.

Mother, my sun laughed
I laughed before my enemies
Sorrows are lifted from your shoulders
I'm sorry mom, I'm sorry mom.

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I hurt your mother tongue a lot,
I couldn't find the words to go to you,
Asking for forgiveness in my heart,
But I couldn't talk next to you.

Mother, look, I am also a mother.
I can't forgive my children's mistakes,
If they hurt my heart,
I wonder about your situation.

Mom, I'm sorry, I'm your daughter

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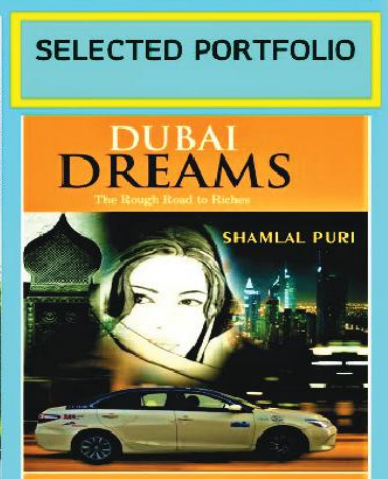
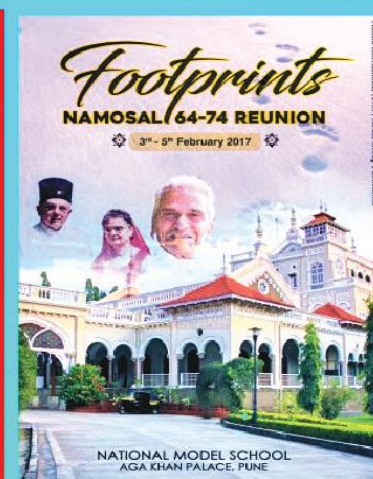
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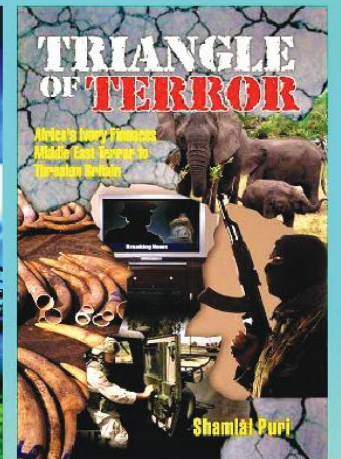
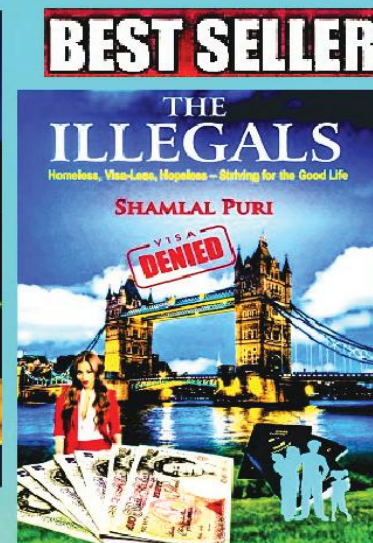
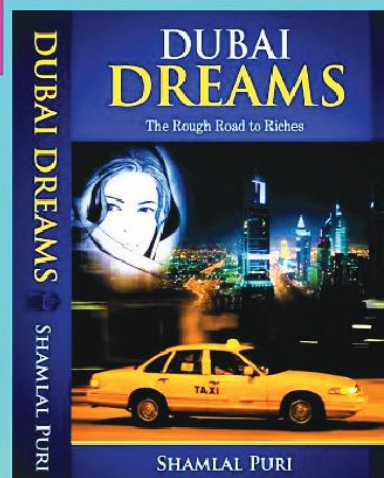
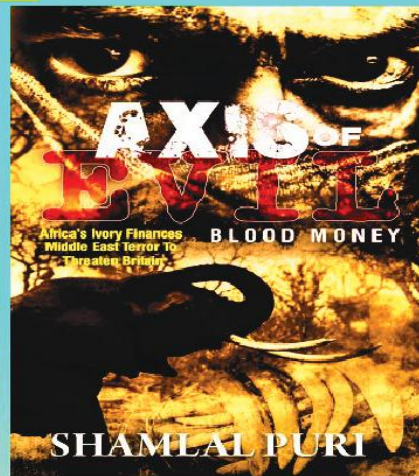
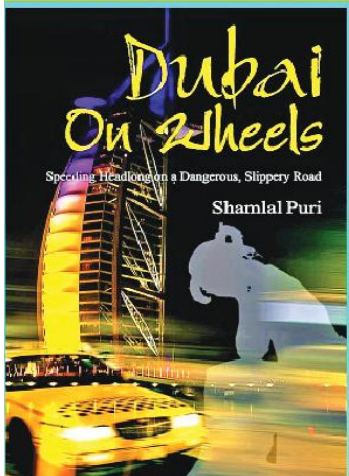
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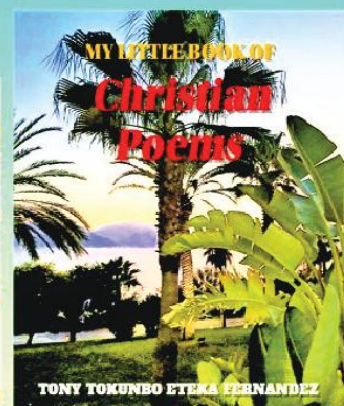
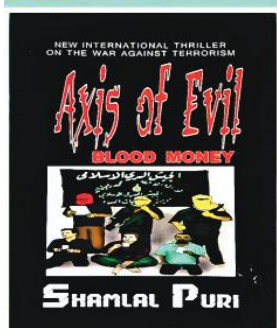
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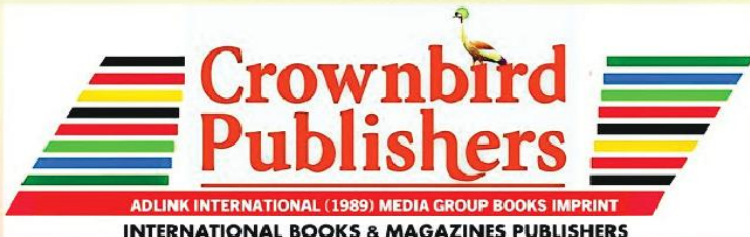


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Egerton-Gulu Universities To Partner In Science, Innovation

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Worth Noting:

- Speaking at the Njoro Main Campus, Professor Mungai, indicated that the two universities also held discussions over the Eight-year 'Transforming African Agricultural Universities, to meaningfully contribute to Africa's Growth and Development (TAGDev) Programme' that they are jointly implementing with support from the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) and the MasterCard Foundation.

- The TAGDev Programme, which ends in 2024, provides scholarships to students from across Africa with a focus on training competent and highly skilled African youth, developing the capacity of African universities to train and nurture graduates with relevant skills.

Egerton University and Gulu University in Uganda are in the process of working on an academic partnership dedicated to achieving academic excellence through fostering research, science, and technology capacity.

According to Egerton University's Director of Research and Extension, Professor Nancy Mungai, the move is also aimed at sharing academic facilities as well as expertise through the networking of peers.

Professor Mungai stated that through the partnership, the two institutions intend to exchange students and develop joint scientific and/or technological research projects, among others.

"The partnership between Egerton and Gulu University will drive innovation, foster academic excellence, and nurture a new generation of skilled professionals equipped to tackle the complexities of agricultural development in East Africa and beyond," stated the director.

Professor Mungai disclosed that a delegation from Egerton University had visited Uganda, where they also held deliberations with a team headed by Gulu University's Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and the Environment, Dr. Collins Okello, on areas of mutual interest, including supervision of post-graduate research projects, curriculum development,

research, joint organisation of conferences, workshops, and webinars, and capacity building in agricultural sciences.

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It further aims to transform African agricultural universities and their graduates to better respond to developmental challenges through enhanced application of science, technology, business, and innovation for rural agricultural transformation.

At Egerton University, the programme has offered full scholarships to 122 students (55 undergraduates and 67 postgraduates) and partial support to 59 students at both

the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The students are drawn from Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Ethiopia, Somalia, Nigeria, Benin, Lesotho, Rwanda, Cameroon, Liberia, and Zimbabwe.

The two teams further shared knowledge and ideas on topics of international importance, such as climate change, cybersecurity, public health, food safety and security, and the environment.

Professor Mungai indicated that universities have an important role to play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, which will be achieved through strategic partnerships regionally and internationally among themselves and with businesses, communities, and industries.

She said the collaboration is aimed at facilitating the exchange of knowledge and good practices between the two institutions' faculties/schools.

"We want to educate and train our students to become real scientists and not seekers of academic papers, and I believe such partnerships can help students change their mindset when tackling issues from a global perspective," she stated.


Professor Mungai pointed out that one of the objectives of the TAGDev Programme was to strengthen

agribusiness/entrepreneurship at the two universities and selected Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions, as well as increase collaboration and mutual learning among institutions and agencies implementing and influencing innovative Tertiary Agricultural Education for rural transformation in Africa.

She said the TAGDev programme at the universities has been focusing on the delivery of transformative activities to ensure the production of entrepreneurial graduates with leadership skills and the potential to create an impact in rural communities.

"The programme is providing opportunities for transformative research and outreach using the extended RUFORUM Community Action Research Programme (CARP+) to enhance university-led community impact. The CARP+ is further supporting the strengthening of TVET institutions through greater collaboration and joint action between universities and TVET institutions," Professor Mungai explained.

The Director indicated that Egerton University is committed to building international partnerships to nurture global citizenship, engage the global research community, and attract talented students and funding.



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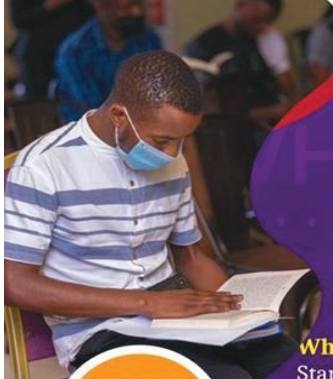


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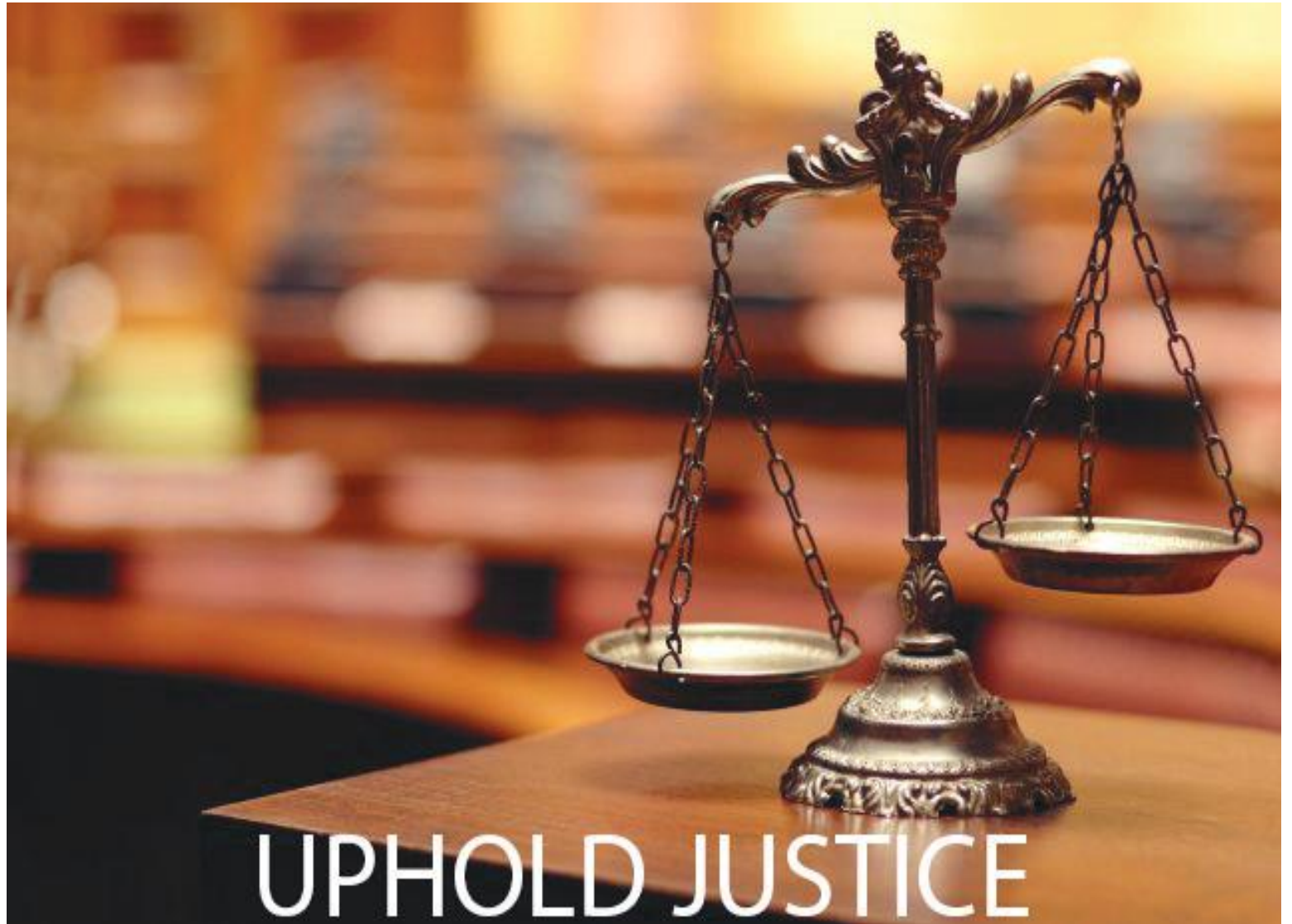
Upholding Justice: Confronting Abusive Constitutionalism and Contempt of Court in Kenya



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Worth Noting:

- To overcome these impediments to justice, Kenya must embark on a path of institutional reform, rooted in transparency, accountability, and respect for the rule of law. Strengthening judicial independence, enhancing access to justice, and fostering a culture of legal compliance are essential steps towards building a society where the rule of law reigns supreme. Moreover, fostering a culture of dialogue and reconciliation can bridge the divides that fuel abusive constitutionalism and contempt of court orders, paving the way for a more inclusive and harmonious future.
- In the end, the pursuit of the rule of law and justice in Kenya transcends mere legal or political considerations; it is fundamentally a moral imperative. It reflects the collective aspiration of a nation to uphold the principles of fairness, accountability, and human rights.



In Kenya's journey towards upholding the rule of law and achieving justice, two formidable obstacles loom large: abusive constitutionalism and contempt of court orders. These twin specters undermine the very foundation of democracy, corroding the trust in institutions and eroding the fabric of society. Abusive constitutionalism, characterized by the manipulation of legal frameworks to consolidate power and stifle dissent, strikes at the heart of democratic principles. When those entrusted with safeguarding the constitution twist its provisions for personal or political gain, the rule of law becomes a hollow promise, and justice remains elusive.

Contempt of court orders compounds this challenge, as defiance of judicial authority undermines the integrity of the legal system. When court orders are flouted with impunity, the sanctity of the judiciary is compromised, and the balance of power essential for a functioning democracy is tilted askew. Such disregard for the rule of law perpetuates a culture of impunity, where the powerful act with impunity while the marginalized are left to languish in the shadows of injustice. In Kenya, where the legacy of colonialism still casts a long shadow, the

struggle for justice is often marred by systemic inequalities and entrenched interests.

However, amidst these daunting challenges, there lies a glimmer of hope. The resilience of civil society, the courage of activists, and the dedication of legal professionals stand as beacons of hope in the fight for the rule of law. Through tireless advocacy, grassroots mobilization, and strategic litigation, they chip away at the pillars of abusive constitutionalism and contempt of court orders, inching closer to the realization of a more just and equitable society. Their efforts serve as a reminder that the rule of law is not a static concept but a living, breathing aspiration that demands constant vigilance and unwavering commitment.

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In the end, the pursuit of the rule of law and justice in Kenya transcends mere legal or political considerations; it is fundamentally a moral imperative. It reflects the collective aspiration of a nation to uphold the principles of fairness, accountability, and human rights. The quest for justice embodies the resilience of the human spirit, as it stands as a testament to the unwavering determination of individuals and communities to overcome adversity and strive for a better future. In the face of challenges and setbacks, the commitment to justice serves as a guiding light, inspiring citizens to advocate for change, demand accountability, and work towards a society where the rule of law prevails.

As Kenya charts its course towards a brighter future, it is essential to recognize the interconnectedness of the rule of law, justice, and human dignity. Upholding the rule of law is not merely a legal obligation but a moral imperative rooted in the inherent worth and dignity of every individual. It requires a commitment to fairness,

impartiality, and the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms for all members of society. By embracing these principles, Kenya can foster a culture of accountability, transparency, and respect for the rule of law, laying the foundation for a just and equitable society where every person is treated with dignity and respect.

Let us heed the call to uphold the rule of law, to seek justice for all, and to build a society where the promise of equality and fairness is not just a distant ideal but a lived reality. This requires collective action, political will, and a steadfast commitment to the principles of justice and human rights. By working together to strengthen legal institutions, promote access to justice, and address systemic inequalities, Kenya can fulfill its promise as a nation where the rule of law reigns supreme, justice prevails, and every individual can thrive in dignity and freedom.

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Zoho Partners With MOMO Pencils To Support The Education Of Underprivileged Children In Kenya And To Spread Environmental Awareness

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Zoho, a global technology company, today announced that it has partnered with MOMO Pencils, a leading manufacturer of eco-friendly stationery in Nairobi, for the “Hope for Literacy” program that works towards eradicating inter-generational poverty in Kenya. Under this program, Zoho will work with MOMO Pencils to provide access to quality education for children from underserved communities in the country. The partnership will also aim to spread awareness at schools about the importance of environmental sustainability and eco-conscious community development. “MOMO Pencils’ “Hope for Literacy” program strongly aligns with Zoho’s values. At Zoho, we have always believed in serving the local commu-

nity, uplifting the underserved, and fostering development that is responsible and sustainable. Our growth approach—which we refer to as Transnational Localism—reflects the same values, wherein we grow with the local community by opening local offices, hiring talent locally, conducting upskilling initiatives, and working with regional bodies to empower local businesses with technology. In continuation of this commitment to supporting progress at grassroots level, we are looking forward to working with MOMO Pencils to make a lasting and positive impact on society and the environment,” said Veerakumar Nataraajan, Country Head, Zoho Kenya. “In Kenya, where millions of children face barriers to quality education due to poverty, the “Hope for Literacy” program was established to bridge the literacy gap by supporting the education of 1 million school-going children from marginalized families.



We’re delighted to have Zoho join us as one of our partners in this journey of transforming Kenyan families, schools, and communities,” said Mahamud Omari, CEO, MOMO Pencils. As part of this alliance, Zoho will host around 25 students from Creative Minds, a primary school in Athi Riv-

er at its Nairobi, office, as part of the MoU signing on February 14. The students will be introduced to the future of work and the various career opportunities available in the STEM fields. Additionally, to drive environmental awareness among students, Zoho and MOMO Pencils will jointly donate

25,000 wood-free pencils across 10 schools in Kenya and plant 1000 tree saplings in those schools throughout this year. Zoho will also provide life skills mentorship support to students on these school visits, starting with the Creative Minds school on February 16, 2024.

NJERI MAINA: No Relenting on War Against Illicit Brew



Kirinyaga County MP Wakili Njeri Maina

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Kirinyaga County MP Wakili Njeri Maina has reiterated that there’s no relenting in the war against illicit alcohol. Wakili Njeri said that the menace has become unbearable with the latest loss of lives being in Kirinyaga after the consumption of the dangerous alcohol.

“Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has been firm on this and we are sending a stern warning to all those involved in the sale of the illicit alcohol that their days are numbered. We also would like to call upon the authorities to be very tough on the perpetrators so that once culpable; they should face the full force of the law. It’s so disheartening that in Kirinyaga, more than 23 people died after consuming illicit alcohol,” Njeri stated. We are urging the Mount Kenya region to implement the draft regulations that we passed last year May. This should be adopted by all counties in the Mount Kenya region. The communities also have a role to play as whistle-blowers to flush out the criminals who have been selling illicit alcohol, especially to our youths

Jubilee Party Fully Behind Raila Odinga



Mr. Raila Amolo Odinga .

By: John Kariuki
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The Jubilee Party led by the Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni has declared unequivocal support for the candidacy of Mr. Raila Amolo Odinga for the AU position. Kioni in a news conference on Thursday in Nairobi, termed Mr. Raila Amolo Odinga, the Azimio la Umoja leader as the best candidate for the job.

Raila Odinga on Thursday officially declared his interest in the African Union (AU) Commission chairmanship. The former prime minister has said he is ready to serve in that position, having previously held the position of AU High Representative for Infrastructure. Odinga, who was accompanied by former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo, said he has consulted widely over the matter. Kioni also announced that the Jubilee Party is still strong and vibrant and that it

is the party that will redeem Kenya from oppression and heavy-handedness being executed by the incumbent. Most Kenyans have been crying foul over the punitive taxes the regime has over imposed on them. On the same vein, Teddy Kenyatta, the Chairman of Nairobi Jubilee MCAs noted that they are solidly behind the Party leader His Excellency Hon Uhuru Kenyatta and that nothing will sway them.

Positive Outlook As The Kenya Shilling Strengthens Against The US Dollar

By: Our Reporter
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The Kenyan currency yesterday made a significant gain against international currencies led by the mostly traded of all, the US Dollar.

Consequently, stakeholders in the sector and the government made diverse comments, appreciating the move.

While addressing various meetings in Murang'a and Nyeri counties, leaders led by President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua pointed at the move as a sign of good things to come for the country.

At the same time, the Kenya Bankers Association (KBA) noted, "Today's move is rightly attributable to growing confidence in Kenya's macroeconomic performance and outlook, including the recent floatation and successful pricing of a US \$1.5 Eurobond and the successful issuance and sale of an 8.5-year Infrastructure Bond".

In a statement signed last evening by John Gachora who is the chairman, Kenya Bankers Association

and NCBA Group Managing Director, the banking stakeholders further noted, "At market close this evening, the dollar buying and selling rates printed at an average price of KSh145 and KSh148 respectively, reflecting considerable gains from recent trading ranges,".

The statement added, "given that Kenya liberalized its capital account in the 1990s, the exchange rate is expected to move in either direction to reflect the forces of supply and demand at any given time. It is instructive to note that as significant players in the domestic market, the majority of our members participated quite strongly in the KSh70 Billion Infrastructure bond, and banks hold just about 50 per cent of outstanding public debt stock,".

Data from the Central Bank of Kenya confirms that the Infrastructure bond received total bids worth KSh 288 billion, and CBK accepted KSh240.9 billion with KSh218 billion in competitive bids.

Expectedly, the infrastructure bond elicited considerable foreign investor appetite, leading to the shilling rally, especially on the back of the sovereign's successful Eurobond issuance that beat back quite convinc-



Kenya Shilling Strengthens Against The US Dollar

ingly earlier difficult risk concerns. "These developments are commendable, and as the KBA fraternity, we salute the Government of Kenya and the Central Bank of Kenya for their economic stewardship through a tumultuous time in the country's economic history," the statement further stated.

The statement also commend banking customers and local bank

depositors for their confidence and commitment to invest in the local market.

In his conclusion, the Bankers Association said "At KBA, we will continue to engage with the Government, the Central Bank of Kenya, and all economic agents as we seek to foster an even more conducive business environment necessary to foster greater prosperity for our peo-

ple,". Kenyans welcome the new development saying various dealers will now be able to import cheaply while others said the trend was shortlived as it was as a result if a Chinese New year holiday that started this week with resultant being closure of businesses in the Asian economic giant.

House Committee Question NLC's Performance Amidst Laws Amendment Bill Rejection

By: PSCU

Lawmakers have questioned the performance of the National Land Commission amidst the Commission's rejection of proposals in the 2023, Land Laws Amendment Bill.

The National Assembly Lands Committee chaired by Joash Nyamoko met with the National Land Commission led by Commission Chair, Mr. Gershom Otachi, Vice Chair, Mrs. Getrude Nguku Commissioner, Mr. Reginald Okumu and CEO Mrs. Kabale Tache in consideration of the Land Laws Amendment Bill, 2023.

While making submissions, Otachi, highlighted the constitutional implications of the proposed changes. He underscored the importance of constitutionalism, highlighting concerns that some amendments may erode

the principle of checks and balances as stipulated in Article 175(a) of the Kenyan Constitution.

NLC's objections to the proposed amendments in the Land Laws Amendment Bill, 2023 primarily revolve around Article 107 of the Land Acquisition provisions, which they argue removes land acquisition from their jurisdiction.

The Commission also expressed reservations about potential conflicts of interest, especially in cases where the national government oversees compulsory land acquisition, thus encroaching upon the autonomy of county governments.

Furthermore, the proposed amendments, according to the NLC, may contravene national values enshrined in Article 10(2)(c) of the Constitution, particularly regarding good governance and equitable access to land.

In the meeting, NLC advocated for retaining funds for compensation of

Project Affected Persons (PAPs) under their administration, citing constitutional mandates vested in them for managing public land on behalf of both national and county governments.

"We urge the Committee to support us in strengthening the Commission's role in ensuring transparent and accountable land management," Mrs. Nguku urged.

However, Committee Members pressed the NLC on operational performance, highlighting concerns over delays in compensating PAPs and delays in resolving land disputes. The Commissioners cited resource constraints as a hindrance to their effectiveness.



Kirinyaga Central MP Gitari during yesterday's session.



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Sports >> *With an apparently insatiable appetite for success, Kenyan drivers are counting the days of this weekend's inaugural African Karting Cup with great expectations.

Kenyan Duo Krrish, Nojgaard In Confident Mood Ahead Of African Karting Showpiece



Krrish Vadgama poses at the Zwartkops Kart Circuit in Centurion, Gauteng.

By **Citizen Sports**

With an apparently insatiable appetite for success, Kenyan drivers are counting the days of this weekend's inaugural African Karting Cup with great expectations.

Reigning Kenyan Junior Rotax Champion Krrish Vadgama and Martin Thyge Nojgaard will be representing the country in the OKN senior class for drivers in the 14 and over category.

The two Kenyans are among the 36 drivers earmarked to run six practice sessions on Friday prior to action proper on Saturday.

On Saturday, they will start with an early morning warm up session which will be followed by Qualifying.

After Qualifying, drivers will run three races of 12 laps ahead of the 15 lap Final Heat that will

determine the winners.

Kenya Motor Sport Federation (KMSF) wished the two young riders success as they embark on the much-anticipated race weekend.

"The presence of the two drivers down South demonstrates Kenya's longstanding objective to nurture young karting drivers and prepare them for a brighter future in motorsports," said Maina.

"Several Kenyan greats including Tejas Hirani, Baldev Chager and Azaad Manji (Autocross champion) honed their skills with go-karts at a tender age and the current generation of drivers are doing just the same," added Maina.

Motorsport South Africa are hosting the first-ever African Karting Cup (AKC) from February 16-17 at the Zwartkops Kart

Circuit in Centurion, Gauteng.

Organised by ROK Cup South Africa, the African Karting Cup is a prestigious new karting event, which aims to discover and support the next generation of racing talent in Africa.

Backed by the FIA, the competition is tailor-made to provide pathways into global competition, including wild card draws for the FIA Karting World Cup OK-N, and free African Karting Cup OK-N tickets for OK-Junior winners.

Maina added that the African Karting Cup is a great avenue to highlight the region's incredible talent.

The race has brought together racers from FIA Member Clubs across Africa participating this year.

This inaugural event has welcome competitors from various

countries, including Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, and Angola, among others.

Each driver will be provided with identical karts – powered by Vortex engines and clad in OTK chassis – to ensure equitable and closely matched competition, across tight, 20-strong grids.

The competition follows the continent-wide karting cup format first introduced in the Middle East in 2021.

The MENA Karting Cup has gone from strength to strength over the past three years – most recently welcoming 165 drivers from 15 different countries to an event at the Lusail International Circuit in Qatar.

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Sports >>> *The 24-year old enjoyed a historic year in 2023, and in only his third career marathon, shattered Eliud Kipchoge's world record by running 2:00:35 in winning the Chicago Marathon in October.

Organizers Announce Postponement Of SOYA In Honor Of Kiptum



Kelvin Kiptum.

Organizers have announced the postponement of the 20th Sports Personality of the Year Awards (SOYA), in honour of departed marathon world record holder Kiptum, who was one of the five nominees for the top award.

The awards were initially scheduled for February 23, just a day before Kiptum's burial date, and organizers have now said the Awards will be staged March 1.

For becoming the first man to ever run a marathon in under two hours and a minute, Kiptum was the top contender for the 2023 male Athlete of the Year award and had been nominated alongside fellow athlete Daniel Simiu and Emmanuel Wanyonyi as well as budding rugby star Patrick Odongo and volleyballer Simon Kipkorir.

The late Kiptum tragically passed away on Sunday night, alongside his Rwandese coach Gervais Hakizimana in a road accident near the Kaptagat Forest.

Kiptum had been on the verge of another history chasing feat,

as he prepared for the Rotterdam marathon in April, where he was going to attempt a sub-two-hour marathon race under legally world record accepted conditions.

He was also in Kenya's provisional team for the Olympic Games in Paris this year.

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For a world record that has been mostly broken in the more favorable Berlin course, this was the first time a world record was set in Chicago since Moroccan Khalid Khannouchi's feat of 2:05:42 on October 24, 1999.

Kiptum had on April 23 last year blown away the field to win the London Marathon capital in a course record time of 2:01:25 seconds, the second fastest time ever in marathon history.

His achievement was enough to have Kiptum win the 2023 World Athletics male Athlete of the Year

Out of Stadia Award. This achievements were seen as more than enough to see the fallen star clinch the 2023 SOYA gong.

There are other two athletes in the final nominee shortlist; Simiu and Wanyonyi.

Simiu clinched silver in the 10,000m at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, and World Half Marathon in Latvia on October 1. He also finished sixth in men's 10km at 44th World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Australia but the position was enough to hand Kenya the team gold and title, the first since 2011.

Meanwhile, Wanyonyi, 19, transitioned to the seniors with a solid showing in 2023, helping Kenya to the mixed relay gold medal at the World Cross Country Championships.

He then clinched silver in the men's 800m at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest in a time of 1:44.53 before winning his maiden Diamond League Trophy at the Prefontaine

Classic in Eugene in September in a new PB (1:42.80)

Also nominated is volleyballer Kipkorir who became the first male Kenyan player to win the Confederation of African Volleyball(CAVB) club title with his Tunisian side Mouloudia Sportive de Bou Salem.

They beat Egyptian giants Zamailek in the final played in May in a championship where he was named in the CAVB seven-player dream team and best blocker.

Budding rugby star Odongo meanwhile earned his nomination after helping Shujaa clinch a ticket to the Olympic Games in Paris. Odongo scored seven tries at the Africa Cup in Zimbabwe, including two in the final victory over South Africa, which was the qualifier for Paris 2024.

He also scored two tries in the final as Kenya thrashed Samurai Barracudas 19-0 to retain Safari Sevens title.

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Organization And Safety Measures Of Engineering-Geodesic Works In Construction

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Worth Noting:

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- In the period of preparation for construction, the basis for geodetic surveying is created, engineering preparation of the area is carried out, and the main and main axes are laid out.
- Axes of structural and planning elements are established on the construction site, geodetic support of construction and installation works is carried out, executive research is carried out step by step in the completed objects, and deformations are controlled if necessary.

Keywords: geodesy, surveying, project, construction, topographical plan.

ABSTRACT

Geodetic works in construction are the requirements of measurements, calculations and regulatory documents in drawings and in kind, which ensure the correct and accurate placement of buildings and structures, as well as the installation of their structural and planning elements in accordance with the geometric parameters of the project.

Geodetic works are an integral part of the process of designing and manufacturing buildings. It follows that their content and technological sequence should be determined by the main production stages and technology.

When choosing a place for construction, geodetic work includes the collection, analysis and summation of materials necessary for design. In addition, for especially complex

physical-geological processes and high-precision structures, geodetic observations are sometimes organized to monitor deformations of the earth's surface.

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It is prohibited to carry out geodetic work in dangerous areas: near loading and unloading operations, providing materials and structures with a crane; it is forbidden to walk on the crane boom when measuring and leveling railway tracks.

At the same time, in places of installation of the device, platforms with a fence and a solid ladder should be placed. When carrying out execution surveys, leveling water and sewage wells, measuring with a tape measure or installing a railway in the wells, you need to make sure that no life-threatening gas accumulates in them. At the construction site, the wind is 6 points, heavy snow, rain and visibility are limited, the air temperature is 10 ° C and below the specified norm, as well as in the installation and operation zone, the geodetic without helmets and safety belts in the installation horizon. it is forbidden to carry out work.

Geodetic work in construction has its own characteristics, which mainly determine the organization of geodetic work on construction sites. When organizing geodetic work on the construction site and carrying it out, the safety standards and regulations specified in "Construction safety" and departmental instructions must be observed. making is an integral part of the construction process.

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