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Laikipia Governor Hosts Inaugural Stakeholders Forum for Women's Participation In Development

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Laikipia County governor Joshua Irungu addressing the stakeholders.

Worth Noting:

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The leadership of Laikipia County government recently hosted stakeholders in the Women fraternity for a special economic empowerment forum.

“It was heartening to witness a diverse delegation, including National Government representatives, development partners, UN Agencies, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), financial institutions, and other stakeholders deeply committed to women’s economic empowerment,” area governor Joshua Irungu noted after the meeting.

He added, “This forum served as a prelude to the upcoming open forums conducted by LCDA and this project related county departments, with women leaders. The initiative aims to engage a thousand women in discussions on their vital role in development, the challenges

they confront, and the opportunities for enhancing their participation”.

It was dedicated to providing tangible solutions for women’s empowerment. Recognizing the complexity of their roles and the impediments to their growth with the governor saying he is committed to actively seeking and implementing practical solutions that create opportunities for empowerment and progress.

One transformative solution is addressing the burden of fetching water for household activities. Beyond being a time-consuming task, lack of access to safe and clean drinking water is a pressing concern.

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It focuses on ensuring food and nutritional security through initiatives like dairy goat farming, rainwater harvesting, kitchen gardening, beekeeping, poultry farming, and fruit tree cultivation

Several stakeholders expressed their support of those development interventions, including NRT, Tirus and Esther Foundation, SKDI, EQUITY Bank, and Laikipia Conservancy Association.

During the forum, the governor who

was accompanied by among others, his deputy Reuben Kamuri tasked the CEO LCDA to drive the establishment of a taskforce that will coordinate the support and donations.

The task force will constitute a consortium of members from the civil society, NGOs, financial institutions, and other development partners.

“It is my belief that our collective efforts can have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of countless women in Laikipia County,” said the governor who was also accompanied by his spouse

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Various stakeholders joined hands to mark this year's World Wetlands Day. In Nyeri County, they converged at Muthangira Primary School in Mugunda Ward where the event that was preceded by a tree planting exercise took place. Among those represented were the local County government and Tana Water Works Development Agency. The global initiative objective is to raise awareness on the crucial role the wetlands plays in supporting the both human and the plants. This year's theme was Wetland and Human wellbeing. The celebrations were organized by the County Government in partnership with Nema Kenya and Fauna and Flora a conservation charity organization. Among those who graced the occasion was Nyeri Deputy Governor David Kinaniri Waroe, CECM Water Environment and Climate Change for Nyeri County Joseph Kinyua, World Vision, Kenya Forest Service, Kenya Forestry Research Institute, among other stakeholders. The Deputy Governor encouraged the public to champion wetland conservation saying preserving wetlands ensures sustained water quality, biodiversity, and natural flood control that benefits the communities and the environment.



Laikipia County government is working out plans of uniting all Bodaboda Saving and Credit Cooperative Societies (Saccos) in the area in a bid to harmonize their common objectives of economic empowerment. This will enhance collaboration among Saccos, promote financial stability and security as well as strengthen the local economy through pooling resources together fostering economic development and improving the livelihoods of individuals and communities. Area governor Joshua Irungu says the synergy will bring solution-based business by offering them loans, business capital, spare part financing, saving mobilization and investment Strategies. Last Friday, the governor led his administration in holding a meeting that brought together all the sector leaders in the county. During the meeting that was also attended by among others his deputy Reuben Kamuri, the governor disclosed that stakeholders agreed to start an early mobilization of members before the next meeting scheduled for next month. The governor noted that the sector holds a crucial role in the transportation network, affordable and accessible to thousands.



School-going children in Pokot South Sub-county are facing increasing cases of birth certificate shortages, impacting the issuance of Unique Personal Identifier (UPI) numbers. Pokot South Sub-county Deputy County Commissioner David Boen is calling on parents to ensure their children are registered and issued with birth certificates for smooth government services. Boen stressed the importance of birth certificates in governmental functions, particularly during the enrolment process of children in schools. If there is a low number of learners registered with the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS), the government's allocation of funds for educational support, specifically in terms of capitation fee, would also be reduced. The DCC proposed coordination with the registration office to make registration services closer to the community. The lack of birth certificates is primarily due to the far-off location from the Registrar of Parsons's office, which compels residents to undertake long journeys to acquire crucial government services.



Njoro Constituency MP Charity Kathambi has urged parents to prioritize education of their children in a bid to nurture a future generation that is empowered to bring a positive impact to the society. According to Kathambi, the investment will see to it that they lay a strong foundation, for the society to prosper in different sectors. "By investing in the education of our youth, we firmly believe that we are laying the foundation for a society that is not only knowledgeable, but also empowered to create a positive change," she noted. Addressing parents and guardians at Njoro Boys High School after commissioning six new classrooms, Kathambi, assured the parents and guardians of her commitment towards transforming education standards in the area, through the various ongoing and completed school projects, such as construction of classrooms through NG-CDF kitty. She also launched Changerian flag at the school, meant to give the Institution a new face from the past. The logo of the flag is an eagle to symbolize their effort in soaring above academic storms, hence a motivation to a better performance. "Our children require the necessary support to overcome future hurdles in life, thus we are obliged to give them the right avenue to explore and provide lasting solutions to societal problems," said Kathambi.

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Gov't Urged To Reduce Cost Of Energy In A Bid To Drive Economic Growth

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Worth Noting:

Addressing the press in Nairobi, Thursday, Waringa said the seven key components include affordable and sustainable energy, employing progressive interventions to earn revenue through agribusiness and agri-industrialisation, providing quality and affordable education, providing affordable and accessible medical services, improving security, stabilisation of the Kenyan shilling against the dollar and inter-agency synergy in the three arms of the government.

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Public Service Governance (PSG) President, Amb Esther Waringa addressing the forum

The government has been urged to institute measures to reduce the cost of energy in the country, a move which will drive growth in the manufacturing, transport and other energy driven sectors.

The Public Service Governance (PSG) President, Amb Esther Waringa, said that the escalating cost of living due to high energy cost is stifling economic growth and a lot needs to be done to reduce the cost of energy in the country.

She said that as an institution, PSG has identified seven key economic drivers which if well-handled could spur economic growth.

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Waringa added that in order for the government to reduce the high cost of electricity, it has to revise the energy tariffs and reduce the levies on petroleum products.

She urged the government to reduce Sh70.32 tax for every litre of fuel to Sh55 and to revise the 16 percent tax on kerosene, super petrol and diesel down to 8 per cent.

“We are also advising that all the 47 counties, must employ progressive interventions to earn revenue through agribusiness,” said Waringa, insisting that with the high rate of poverty, there must be an increase of land under agricultural production.

“More seedlings must be given to farmers, more fertilizer and more land utility to enhance production in the next planting period,” She added.

Waringa urged all Governors to prioritise agriculture and give a huge funding to production and the building of storage facilities for agricultural produce to avoid wastage.

“This will create food security and offer job employments, while creating a sustainable income to our people hence reducing poverty. We will have made agriculture a system of de-urbanisation, thus enhancing urban to rural migration,” said Waringa.

Speaking on education, Waringa highlighted that education is the foundational principle for growth and development of a country and that learners must be given a conducive environment for learning.

“Despite the government employing 56,000 teachers, the ratio of teacher to student is still huge, the teacher supply and demand remains a challenge, and requires urgent attention by the government,” she said.

Waringa said that due to increased poverty levels and high costs of living, many children who have performed well in the last exams are still at home and have no financial capability to join form one.

Waringa added that people needed to know the benefits of the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), before the mandatory registration.

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TND To Champion For The Mountain Communities Interest In 2027 General Election

By: Our Reporter
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Worth Noting:

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The New Democrats (TND) political lion voters in this region. We want National Assembly Moses Wetangula TND National chairman Dr Thuo Mathenge (in brown coat) with other party officials after their Saturday meeting.

party will front for the interest of the most voter rich region as the date for the next General Election nears. The party, chaired by business magnate Dr Thuo Mathenge will be championing for the interest of the region and more so the most populous community in the country during the preparation for the formation of the government that will reign after the 2027 General Election.

Over the weekend, Dr Mathenge convened a leaders meeting at Bantu Africa Resort and SPA near Nyeri town to chat the way forward.

The consultative meeting brought together leaders from Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Embu and Laikipia counties sought to device ways of attracting majority of mountain region residents to the party.

And just like the previous weekend when he hosted dozens of grassroots leaders and party supporters at the same venue, last Saturday also saw some officials from other parties like United Democratic Alliance (UDA), Jubilee and Kanu defecting and joining TND.

“We have been meeting to strategize on how best we can popularise TND as the party of choice for over 10 mil-

TND to be the party that will front the interest of our communities, just like the way other communities have been doing,” he said after the meeting.

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To those in the region and supporting other political parties, Dr Mathenge retorted, “UDA is not your party. Jubilee is not your party. The only party that belongs to this area and which locals can be sure will cater for their interest is none other than TND,”.

Saying that under his leadership TND will steer the region forward politically, Dr Mathenge called upon those in other parties and those who are still partyless to seriously consider aligning with The New Democrats party.

The consultative meeting delved into the potential ramifications, benefits, and challenges of such a political realignment. Those present expressed their optimism on the regional leaders and voters supporting the initiative saying the move was long overdue.

Those present included Mwalimu Gachagua who is the party’s Nyeri county coordinator, his Laikipia County counterpart Ndirangu Kuria,

John Gathuru who is from Kirinyaga County and councillor Dick Mukono from Embu County.

Dr Mathenge disclosed that his party is now ready to recruit and register as many members as possible.

He revealed that for one to join TND, all what is required is do it online by dialing *509# and following simple instructions.

Similar meetings will soon be convened in other areas in a bid to popularise the party.



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An analysis shows that counties neighbouring the highest mountain in the country have leapt big in the upcoming activity.

Slots allocation which was based on the population in what seems to be the policy of one man, one vote, one shilling will see the counties in the mountain region take home more than 25 per cent of the availed positions.

The region will be the greatest beneficiary, more so bearing in mind that the Kenya Kwanza government announced that 80 per cent of disciplined forces will be required to be hired from those who have undergone through the NYS training.

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“Dear all MCAs, MPs, Women Reps, Senators, Governors, Media, Clergy, professionals and Wananchi in general. Since I have published the number of NYS slots for each of our 1,450 wards, it is up to you to monitor and ensure that the exercise

that kicks off tomorrow is fair and transparent and your wards get their rightful share. It is time to fix this country once and for all. The Price of Freedom is Vigilance,” Kuria wrote on his Facebook page.

Last Friday, the CS wrote a letter to the NYS Director General James K. Tembur calling on his office to ensure the recruitment exercise was carried out without any incident.

In the letter, Kuria noted that the meticulous distribution was designed to promote equity and fairness and effecting the essence of the NYS in festering national unity.

He told the Director General and his team to ensure that they observe regular monitoring and reporting mech-

anisms are put in place to promptly identify and address deviations from the prescribed distribution.

“Encourage open communication channels for feedback ensuring that any concern and discrepancies are reported and addressed promptly,” the CS said, adding they should maintain the highest level of professionalism throughout the recruitment exercise to uphold the credibility of the NYS.

Those recruited will after a few weeks join NYS training college in Gilgil, Nakuru County where they will receive paramilitary and technical skills training.



Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria addressing NYS officers

Lawmakers Conclude Third Module Of Leadership Training

By: PSCU

Members of Parliament wrapped up the third module of their leadership and capacity-building training at the Kenya Democracy Academy.

Attendees included Members of the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) and the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA), who actively participated in the two-day intensive training facilitated by the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD).

Led by Mzalendo Trust, the module focused on equipping parliamentarians with strategies to enhance their relations with constituents, identify and engage key stakeholders, and develop advocacy and influencing skills crucial to their roles as representatives of the people.

NIMD, a global organisation dedicat-

ed to fostering inclusive political systems, initiated the Kenya Democracy Academy last year, which has been offering the training.

The participating legislators, drawn from both the National Assembly and the Senate, are slated to reconvene next month for the fourth module of the transformative six-month training program.

Parliamentarians pose for a photo after the training.



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Worth Noting:

- It is worth noting that there is a type of environmental inequality that could potentially pose a serious threat. In areas where commercial and rural communities are prevalent, a significant number of individuals who have access to Liquefied Petroleum Gas lighting use it in a careless manner, which in turn increases the risk of explosion.
- Additionally, a fraction of the gas used is released into the atmosphere when the burner is turned on before lighting the matchstick. This practice is particularly common among tertiary institution students, who view it as routine. If this trend were to become widespread throughout the entire town, the environmental consequences could be dire.



Snelling made a groundbreaking discovery while studying gasoline volatility - the first liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) that was during the mid-18th century. This new portable fuel source quickly gained popularity for both domestic and industrial use, replacing the previously widespread use of wood for fuel.

It is interesting to note that a significant portion, approximately 9%, of the LPG supply in Kenya is transported overland from Tanzania. The remaining supply is produced domestically in the vicinity of Mombasa and privately owned terminals. Notably, Michael Faraday's discovery of liquefied natural gas played a pivotal role in the construction of the Liquefied Natural Gas plant in West Virginia - a truly remarkable achievement. This transition has since proven to be highly relevant to Africa, impacting numerous sectors in various ways.

Cooking plays a crucial role in our daily lives as humans. Some foods require

cooking as they cannot be consumed raw. Thanks to significant technological advancements, we now have access to domestic cooking gas, which has made cooking more efficient and time-saving. The primary contents of domestic cooking gas that is, liquefied petroleum gas are hydrocarbons, such as propane (C₃H₈), butane (C₄H₁₀), isobutane HC(CH₃)₃, propylene (C₃H₆), and butylene (C₄H₈). Liquefied Petroleum Gas is a highly flammable mixture of these hydrocarbon gases which is widely used as a fuel in households.

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It is crucial to have an understanding of the makeup of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, which typically contains hydrocarbons. Inhaling these substances can result in respiratory ailments, making it vital to exercise caution. Moreover, these hydrocarbons play a role in the production of greenhouse gases, which can negatively impact the Ozone (O₃) layer and climate, potentially causing skin cancer due to the penetration of harmful rays. Preserving the environment is a collective responsibility that benefits both present and future generations. Taking proactive measures to protect our surroundings comes at no cost, and it is imperative that we work together to safeguard our planet.

In addition, to ease consumers on delivery suppliers delivers the cylinders at the door steps of their customers. Recall, during the transportation the cylinder is shaken increasing the collision between gases particles causing an increase temperature hence the gases tends to expand. Therefore, when the cylinder is not left to cool before fixing the burn possibilities are the gas can easily explode leading to massive destruction of property and loss of lives. So, handle your domestic cooking gas cautiously, save environment.

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Plans for the construction of a Sh550 ultramodern market in Makadara, Thika town, are in top gear with architectural designs almost complete. Kiambu Governor, Kimani Wamatangi, revealed that the National Government has already contributed Sh400 million, while the County Government has availed Sh150 million, adding that the construction works will commence soon, and will take 13 months to be completed. Speaking during a tour of the area, where traders sell their wares in the open air, having to contend with the scorching sun and a times heavy rains, Wamatangi said once complete, the new market will benefit 10,000 traders and give them a good working environment. The new market will also be connected to Wifi, baby crèches for feeding mothers, ample parking spaces, proper lighting and an installation

of cooling and packaging facility of fresh agricultural produce among others. The construction of the new market comes at a time when plans to elevate Thika into a City status are on the top gear. The governor said the upcoming market is set to accommodate the increasing number of traders, some of whom have been selling their wares by the roadside, adding that it will also create employment to many youths. "We are now moving in the right direction as by next year, the new market will be in place. We urge our traders to be a bit patient and once that time comes, we shall not allow people to trade outside by the roadside," Wamatangi said. Wamatangi was accompanied by Kamenu Ward Member of the County Assembly (MCA), Peter Mburu, who called on the residents to support programmes and projects meant to uplift their lives. Mburu emphasized on the significance of backing the Governor, say-



ing this was not the right time for Ng'ang'a, into loggerheads, as each would be beneficiary traders remain Some of the traders who are expected to benefit once the new market is completed

politics, but time to deliver on the pre-election pledges. The construction of the market has recently put the Governor and Thika Member of Parliament (MP), Alice

claimed ownership of the project. Open differences between the MP and the Governor have been witnessed in the recent past, amid bitter exchanges, but on their part, the

optimistic that the dream will finally be realized.

Misses In Bilateral Trade In Africa

By: Martin Mukenya
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A country that has plans to improve its balance of trade with countries they have bilateral trade agreements should prioritize investing and have above average management of its national government airlines so that it's exports can be competitive in the international market due to friendly cargo freight plane rates for its country exports. I have also observed if your national government airlines is well managed can also lower import prices and have friendly air flight costs for international visits by investors, tourists and other international guests. If African countries can buy my one

cent wisdom. We have a better chance to be competitive in the international economy. How do you expect to win markets in countries where your country don't have a single direct air cargo freight planes in countries that don't have very open economies or best international relations. It's not without reason there is a global traditional for each country to have its own national government airlines. -Martin Mukenya Managing Director Greenwise Exports Ltd



CS Njeru Tours And Inspects Dams And Irrigation Schemes In Western Kenya And Nyanza Regions

By: MoWSI

Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Zachariah Njeru accompanied by the Principal Secretary in charge of Irrigation Ephantus Kimotho, officials from the National Irrigation Authority and National Water Harvesting Authority made a 2-day inspection tour of Western Kenya and Nyanza region.

The tour included by site visit to Koro-Soin Multipurpose Dam and Ahero Settlement Scheme in Kisumu County.

Speaking to the Media and the local community representatives at Got Alila Hill site of the dam, the CS said the project will have multiple benefits to residents of Kisumu and Kericho counties where it sits by fostering irrigation, generation of hydro power, flood control along R. Nyando and a boost to domestic water requirements.

The dam, he pointed out, will rely more on gravity-fed Irrigation system and thus ensure low sustainability and

low operational costs

Njeru disclosed that the KSh19.9 billion project will greatly contribute to the food and nutrition security in line with Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The local people affected by the project appreciated the effort and the presence of the government, while urging for finalisation of the outstanding compensation issue.

At 14,868-acre Ahero Irrigation Scheme, the CS said the government was keen to enhance and broaden the irrigation component to meet the country's rice requirements which stand at 700,000 metric tones and slash down over reliance on imports.

Ahero Irrigation Scheme has four electric driven pumps of which three are operational and heavily relies on the use of open earth canals for irrigation purposes.

The CS promised farmers that the damaged pump will be repaired soon but hastened to point out that eventually gravity-driven irrigation was more sustainable and economical as power bills now range at 4.5 million per month and eventually electric pumping system will have to be de-



Cabinet Secretary Zachariah Njeru with others officials and local farmers at the Ahero Irrigation Scheme

commissioned.

PS Kimotho in his remarks, encouraged the locals to take advantage of the available resources, increased government support and opportunities at their disposal to expand Irrigation

activities and rice farming to boost food security and the economy.

Others who accompanied the CS were Acting Irrigation Secretary Eng Vincent Kabuti, National Irrigation Authority Chief Executive Officer

Eng. Charles Muasya and Board chairman Eng. Gilbert Maluki, Chief Executive Officer, National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority John Muhia and Jackline Kemunto of LVSWWDA among others.

Kinglong Kingwin And GB Auto Flagship Partners With Matatu Owners Association

By: John Kariuki
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The auto mobile King long Kingwin in partnership with GB auto signed partnership with Matatu Owners Association (MOA) to enhance seamless transportation of passengers and goods in the country.

The flag off of this partnership is set to reach all matatu saccos, promote the public transport sector vehicles and promote togetherness in the sector.

Moses Muriithi a representative at GB Auto said that partnership with Matatu Owners Association will help members of matatu saccos purchase Kinglong minibus at affordable prices.

Additionally, GB Auto promised to put dealership between Kinglong partnership with GB Auto with Matatu Owners Association, that all mini-buses from Kinglong will be serviced in good time country wide. Kinglong is a 14 seater mini-bus

selling at Kshs 3.5 million, 100,000 km free service and 3 years warrant. The auto motive vehicle is Euro IV engine not only safes fuel consumption but also environmentally friendly.

GB Auto is a leading Auto mobile industry in Egypt, partnered with Kenya Vehicle Manufacturers and launched kinglong Kingwin two months ago in KVM Thika, this collaboration help to enhance e-mobility in the country.

The company looks forward to playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of mobility in Kenya and building lasting partnership with local stakeholders

The matatu industry had become a major source of employment, providing direct jobs to drivers, conductors, stage managers, as well as indirectly to mechanics, vehicle bodybuilders, electricians, food vendors and hawkers.



Kinglong Kingwin in partnership with GB Auto flagship with Matatu Owners Association (MOA)..

Secrets Of Communication With Patients



By: Umaraliyeva Mohlaroyim Muhammadjon

Abstract: This article sheds light on the secrets of doctors' communication with patients. Of course, there are certain conditions for dealing with a patient. The doctor has the moral right to communicate with the patient only after he has studied the patient's approximate diagnosis, personality, profession, social conditions, level, worldview, level of knowledge, and other psychological symptoms, and has mentally prepared himself for this communication.

Key words: Patient, doctor, medicine.

Annotation: V dannoy state osvshcheny sekrety obshcheniya polzovateley s patientami. Nechno, sushchestvuyut opredelennye usloviya obrascheniya s patsinatom. Izuchiv primary diagnosis of your disease, personal doctor, profession, social conditions, level, mirovozzhenie, znaniya, psichicheskoe sostoyanie i moralno podgotoviv sebya k etomu, on budet imet moralnoe pravo obshchatsya s nim. "Lady.

Communication between the patient and the doctor (conditionally) takes place in two circles. As mentioned above, the first, outer circle chain includes the actions of the doctor at the stage of preparation for communication with the patient. The second, internal circle consists of the chain of evidence identifying the patient's personality and the causes of his illness.

The skill level of the owner of the first circle is determined by his ability to "bridge" to the second circle. It is after the construction of this "bridge" that the patient begins to look at the doctor with eyes of trust and hope.

It is important for the doctor to talk with the patient at the beginning of the communication according to his level. If the patient is a craftsman, in a corresponding status, if he is an academician, of course, the ability to treat him according to his high level is one of the main requirements. If the doctor unintentionally does the opposite of this situation, then he will have to remember with regret for the rest of his life that he made an irreparable mistake. The doctor should pay close attention to the environment surrounding the patient. His inner and outer appearance can directly affect his communication with the patient. In particular, the fact that the patient's room is comfortable, tidy, and airy will definitely have a positive effect on his psyche. This is an internal effect. The external effect is seen in the social life around the patient: negative behavior of other patients, junior medical staff or visitors. This influence includes the surrounding noises, the communication of neighboring patients, even the doctor's seemingly pleasant voice, facial expressions, and gestures.

When a doctor starts communicating with a patient, he should be seen as a person with high morals, free of defects in a certain sense. A doctor who fails to define his moral norms will be discredited in the eyes of his patients. A doctor who has lost his reputation naturally has no moral right to communicate with his patient at the required level. The spirituality of a doctor means meaningful thinking, speaking, as well as

all positive behavior in his personality, upbringing and manners, as well as in his practice. Because, I.V. As Goethe said, "speak the word with confidence, and the effect on the listeners will come naturally."

Since speech is characteristic of oral communication, it is not without some defects. In the humorous poem "Speech" by the national poet of Uzbekistan, Erkin Vahidov, it is pointed out that the speech of today's doctor should be free of defects:

In every word "bu", "anu",
"Still", "after", "how",
He says "this is this" - what is this?
What is "that"?
It came to his tongue
If he can't repeat the word.
To the question without adding "this".
Can't answer!
Think for yourself
What is this? Which one?
When will it stay Sharp
"What", "this", "what"?
Make a correct, clear sentence,
Answer the question.
Let every word serve you
To fill your mind.
To a target named content
Let the word be a spoken arrow.
Missed the target.
Not a single bullet!

The attitude of medical personnel to their profession, ethics, as well as various legal relations between doctors and patients are called bioethics and deontology in modern language. If we transfer it to our mother tongue in a simple form, it can be said that the loyalty to the duty between the medical worker and the patient, compliance with the rules of conduct, and good, correct communication and attitude. The thousands of years of experience of our medicine and its case-laws - from Bukrat, Jolius to Abu Ali ibn Sina - have confirmed this. According to them, the mental state of the patient is as important for the treating doctor and nurse as it is for the patient himself. After the interaction, the patient should be convinced of the medical worker's knowledge, experience, sincerity, respect and love for his human qualities.

First of all, don't make anyone feel sick and lie down. However, everyone suffering from pain depends on the achievements of our medicine, the knowledge, experience, human qualities of the doctor and nurse, as well as the nature of the patient and his attitude to his pain.

Buqrat, one of the scientific scholars of medicine, said: "Medicine is the most noble art among the arts." And Bukrat said: "It is better to treat a patient with words than with medicine", Abu Ali ibn Sina supported his opinion and said: "There is a patient who can be treated with words."

Umaraliyeva, daughter of Mohlaroyim Muhammadjon, was born on January 23, 2004 in Altiriq district of Fergana region. Already in his school days, he participated in various events and competitions and took pride of place. On May 21, 2023, at the presentation held in Tashkent, he took a place of pride and was ceremoniously awarded with the badge "Sacrifice of his profession". In addition, he has many certificates and diplomas. At the same time, he participated in several anthologies. For example: "youth bayozi", "talented youth from Uzbekistan" and hakoza. On September 17, 2023, he was awarded the "Active Researcher" medal at the competition held in Fergana.

Uterine Fibroids



By: Iroda Mahmudova

Abstract: This article discusses the main part of the complex of problems faced by women, namely, uterine fibroids. It is often passed without clear symptoms and can be suddenly detected. The emergence of uterine fibroids, its risks, and treatment options are highlighted. Ways to preserve reproductive function without hysterectomy are outlined.

Keywords: Uterine Fibroids, submucosal fibroids, myomectomy, hysterectomy, laparoscopy, reproductive health.

Introduction: Uterine fibroids are well-defined, encapsulated, high-quality nodules that arise from the smooth muscle fibers of the uterine body and cervix. They occur in 20-50% of women of reproductive age, with the majority occurring in women aged 20-50. Uterine fibroids are classified based on their location into uterine body (95%) and cervix (5%). Depending on the location within the uterine wall, they may be intramural within the myometrium, submucosal beneath the endometrial lining, or subserosal outside the uterine serosa. Submucosal fibroids are considered the most dangerous due to their proximity to the uterine cavity. Fibroids may be solitary or multiple, and their size varies, typically increasing with each menstrual cycle.

Main Part: Several factors may contribute to the development of uterine fibroids. Primarily, hormonal changes, namely an increase in the levels of estrogen and progesterone in the blood, are associated with the proliferation of mitotic activity.

The physiological regulators of myometrial cell proliferation are considered to be sex steroid hormones. In some women, the increased number of estrogen receptors in the myometrium may contribute to the development of uterine fibroids.

After menopause, the growth of fibroids is usually not observed as the hormonal levels decline. Other contributing factors include genetic predisposition, abortion, obesity, high blood pressure, stress, and early menstruation. Many the two main types of surgical interventions are myomectomy and hysterectomy. Myomectomy involves the removal of the fibroids while preserving the uterus, which is crucial for maintaining reproductive function. There are various methods of myomectomy, such as laparotomy, laparoscopic, and hysteroscopic myomectomies, each with its benefits and considerations. Gynecologists typically recommend myomectomy as the first-line treatment for symptomatic fibroids, with hysterectomy being reserved for specific indications.

Conclusion: Uterine fibroids are prevalent and often asymptomatic in women, requiring careful monitoring and management. Asymptomatic fibroids can be observed with confidence and caution. The initial approach to treating symptomatic fibroids is often medical therapy, with surgical intervention reserved for appropriate indications. Hysterectomy is an effective treatment for eliminating fibroids but poses challenges to preserving reproductive function. Myomectomy, as a uterus-preserving option, is being increasingly utilized in contemporary practice. The choice between medical and surgical interventions depends on the severity of symptoms, the size and location of fibroids, and the woman's future fertility desires.

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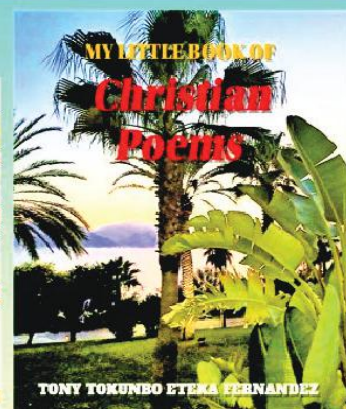
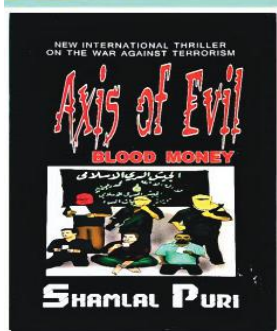
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Kenya Cannot Be Made To Loose Its Lustre And Sheen



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Worth Noting:

- In recent times Kenya has witnessed a myriad of “Diplomatic Blunders” that are notable in stature and that portray a totally divergent diplomatic prowess of Kenya from the Uhuru’s tenure.
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- What could the progression of Uhuru Kenyatta’s foreign policies mean to the Rutos administration?

Kenya’s President William Ruto happened to deputize the most eloquent, charismatic and highly vigorous President Uhuru Kenyatta in the first and second terms of President Kenyatta’s tenure.

The Uhuru Presidency was deemed as “Vijana” presidency and in the History of the country signified a shift from older generation leadership and thinking to more novel, youthful and vigorous political leadership

The first term of the Uhuru presidency saw firsts in Africa and in the world take place. Faced with criminal cases, the Uhuru duo had to deal with a myriad of issues that Kenya had never had an opportunity to face.

Led by President Uhuru, he handed over power to his deputy then (now the president) to fly and face the ICC at The Hague.

President Uhuru had Kenya issue its first printed foreign policy document. This document gave shape to President Uhuru’s 2nd term in office.

Many scholars and state craft professionals have termed President Uhuru’s foreign policy as the best Kenya has ever had. A milestone across Africa has been seen as Africa’s reference point and the belief is that in the future presidents across the African continent will call upon President Kenyatta for counsel and guidance.

Finalizing the written policy provided Kenya with a broad framework on foreign relations, diplomatic engagements in the globalized environment.

The government document even further outlines how the country will evolve due to foreign relations

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What could the progression of Uhuru Kenyatta’s foreign policies mean to the Rutos administration?

The good will emanating from the Uhuru policies would definitely mean advantageous to his predecessor in many variations. These variations would fall within the objectives of the Kenya’s foreign policy i. e a). A Peaceful b). United c). Prosperous as embodied in Kenya’s National



Kenya’s President William Ruto.

Anthem, the Kenya Constitution and its National roadmap (Kenya Vision 2030).

On the same breadth, Kenya has been caught in a universal discourse that has many from Haiti and Kenya disagreeing with the other foreign issue that seems not to augur well with Haitians sovereignty. Internally, Kenya’s executive is facing a disagreeing call by the High court’s not to send Kenyan troops to Haiti .

Several foreign trips to China, meant to seek investments are touted as floppers.

Despite and albeit the huge expenditure by Mr Ruto and his administration, this trips and costly excursions seem to translate into naught and non-beneficial which leaves a lot to question.

What’s the legislative role in foreign policy, development, amendment, implementation etc or is this just at

the disposal of the executive

Ruto has seen Kenyans react to his in and out trips with many quipping he is a foreigner in his own country.

What harm is in an administration diverting from a superb existing government policy that would accelerate and offer continuum benefits. The transition from president Kibaki to President Uhuru saw the West make attempts of disregarding the Uhuru Presidency. But events after only saw the Oval Office make the decision on giving Nairobi an official invite with a 21 Gunnsalute for president Uhuru.

What followed saw, Kenya feature highly in the Obama African tour that had trade deals and extensions of the Agoa treaty (extended).

Vatican made a visit to Nairobi during the Uhuru reign. Not to forget other super powers such as India, Britain, Israel, Japan and China


The Ruto reign has witnessed a visit

by the monarch, and that has drawn a lot of condemnation from the pan Africanists’ and liberal Kenyans

To wrap this up, does Kenyans feel that the nation’s foreign policy is shrouded with unnecessary and frantic excursions that are not translating into tangible or coherent economic advantages?.

The state spokesperson has issued contradicting statements to that of the PS foreign affairs, so has there been a tug and pull by cabinet secretaries in the Ruto administration. Can this mean well in the eyes of our close and far neighbors and partners

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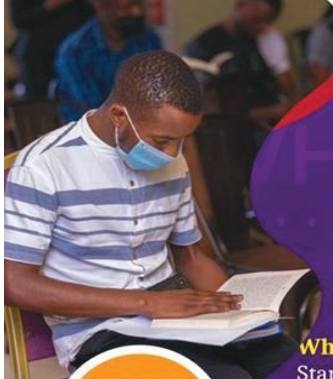


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Francistown International Book Festival The Biggest Festival in Africa Coming To Botswana's Second City

By: Our Reporter
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Dr Paula O.M.Otukile-Director- Francistown international book festival

All roads leads to the second city in Botswana, Oteng Chilume Air-



Mrs Otsile Pule- Secretary..



Mrs Onneile Setlalekgosi- Ramasilo-Marketing manager

port shall receive authors from USA, Zimbabwe, Angola, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia and more on the 8th of March 2024.

More local authors in Botswana writing faith genre, novels, stories, Children's books, and the book designers as well as publishers shall join together in one accord to network and discuss the growth and the improvement of their craftsmanship.

The event shall commence with the book donations at one school. Then the 8th shall be networking and in the evening an awesome red carpet night gala award ceremony to close the event.

The vice chancellor of Universidade Oscar Ribas is expected to be among the guest speakers, and other local University leaders shall be invited from Botswana.

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The Secretary of the event Mrs Ot-

sile Pule said to the publication that more authors were calling to be part of the auditions and the quality of the books locally is of top notch looking at the other African books used in schools locally, the time has come to use and select more books locally in the curriculum.

The Marketing manager Mrs Onneile setlalekgosi indicated an out buzz of more international media having interest in the event like Malawi, Kenya, Angola as well as Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The publicist of the Book festival Mrs Charity Olorato Keobokile-Opelo said her television and print media interviews were going well, they had Mt Kenya times feature, Malawi news brief, and Angola Journal daily newspaper feature, and more requests are coming through to cover the event. She emphasized local media also supports the event as she just came from the Day break show interview from Botswana television.

The Director of the Francistown International Book Festival Dr Paula O.M.Otukile said they plan to include the local banks, Cipa, CosBots, FANFABO, Botswana National Arts Council and more Book stake holders in the planning of the festival because Unity is power.

She said so far their outreaches were going well the highlight being welcomed by the Director of Ba isago college with opened hands together with Gaborone college University of laws Director.



Mrs charity Olorato Keobokile-Opelo-Publicist.

Ensuring Inclusivity And Fairness In Education Funding

By: John Kariuki
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In Kenya, the school capitation system serves a crucial role in facilitating access to secondary education for underprivileged students, aiming to enhance both enrollment and retention rates across the nation. The government allocates funds to each primary and secondary school student annually, with notable increases over the years.

Starting at Kshs10,265 per secondary student in its inception, the grant has progressively risen to Kshs22,244 in 2018. For primary schools, the grant stands at Sh1,420 per learner. However, it's essential to revisit the inclusivity of this system, especially concerning Alternative Provision of Basic Education and Training (APBET) schools, ensuring that learners in hard-to-reach areas receive the support they need.

To truly promote equality, there should be a transparent mecha-

nism for identifying and prioritizing students in need. Currently, it is disheartening to witness well-off families benefitting from the same capitation as their less fortunate counterparts. The education system should implement a tool, similar to the new university funding model, to ascertain the genuine needs of each student, preventing situations where a minister's daughter receives the same support as a student from a marginalized background.

Moreover, addressing bureaucratic hurdles is crucial. Learners without birth certificates, often found in vulnerable communities, should be supported in obtaining the necessary documentation. This proactive approach ensures that bureaucratic obstacles do not hinder educational opportunities for those who need them most.

The timing and completeness of capitation disbursement are equally critical. Releasing funds in bits creates challenges for schools to adequately plan and execute educational activities. Timely and full disburse-

ment would empower institutions to provide quality education without disruptions.

In conclusion, as the Director of Sharp Education Centre and Junior in Kayole, Nairobi, Dr. Paul Wanjohi advocates for a fair and inclusive education system. Reinstating capitation for APBET schools, implementing a needs-based assessment tool, assisting students in obtaining vital documents, and ensuring timely and complete fund disbursement are key steps towards a more equitable educational landscape in Kenya.



Dr. Paul Wanjohi.

Namibia President Takes Eternal Sleep

By: Paula O.M.Otukile
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Namibian President Hage G. Geingob passed away early Sunday while receiving cancer treatment in a hospital in the capital city of Windhoek, the presidential office announced. He was 82.

"It is with utmost sadness and regret that I inform you that our beloved Dr. Hage G. Geingob, the President of the Republic of Namibia, has passed on today, Sunday 4 February 2024 at around 00h04 at Lady Pohamba Hospital where he was receiving medical treatment from his medical team," acting president Nangolo Mbumba said in a statement on the official social media account of the Namibian Presidency.

Geingob had served as Namibia's third president since March 21, 2015, and was re-elected for another five-year term in 2019. He served as prime minister in 1990-2002 and 2012-2015, in addition to other key ministerial and leadership roles.

"His medical team... has been try-

ing its utmost best to ensure that our President recovers," the statement said. "Regrettably, notwithstanding the team's spirited effort to save his life, sadly, fellow Namibians, President Geingob passed on."

"The Namibian nation has lost a distinguished servant of the people, a liberation struggle icon, the chief architect of our constitution and the pillar of the Namibian house," the statement said.

It called on Namibians to "remain calm and collected while the government attends to all necessary state arrangements, preparations and other protocols."

On Saturday, vice president Mbumba told the nation Geingob was in a critical but stable condition after undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer at Lady Pohamba Hospital in Windhoek, the capital city.

On Jan. 19, the Namibian presidency said Geingob's medical team discovered cancerous cells following a biopsy examination.



Namibian President Hage G. Geingob .

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Arsenal Beat Liverpool 3-1 To Close Gap In Premier League Title Race To Two Points



Arsenal's Belgian midfielder #19 Leandro Trossard (L) fights for the ball with Liverpool's Colombian midfielder #07 Luis Diaz during the English Premier League football match between Arsenal and Liverpool at the Emirates Stadium in London on February 4, 2024. (Photo by Ian Kington / IKIMAGES / AFP).

Arsenal blew the Premier League title race wide open as Gabriel Martinelli punished a howler from Liverpool keeper Alisson Becker to inspire a crucial 3-1 win over the leaders yesterday.

Martinelli fired home after Alisson completely missed his clearance in the second half to the delight of the Arsenal fans packed into the raucous Emirates Stadium.

Mikel Arteta's side had taken an early lead through Bukayo Saka before Gabriel Magalhaes's bizarre own goal gifted Liverpool an equaliser late in the first half.

Leandro Trossard bagged Arsenal's third in stoppage-time to clinch the points after Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate was sent off in the closing stages.

Arsenal's vital victory moved them into second, two points behind Liverpool after 23 games

each.

It was Liverpool's first domestic defeat in all competitions since September, when they lost just across north London at Tottenham in the Premier League.

Liverpool's devastating defeat was also a boost to champions Manchester City, who travel to Brentford on Monday.

City are five points adrift of Liverpool but have two games in hand and will go top if they win both.

Liverpool won at the Emirates just a month ago, beating Arsenal 2-0 in the FA Cup third round in part due to a series of key misses by the Gunners.

The sides also drew 1-1 in the Premier League at Anfield just before Christmas after Arsenal blew an early lead.

Arsenal, who would have been eight points behind the leaders if they had lost, finally got one over

Liverpool as they inflicted a first defeat since Klopp announced his long goodbye on January 26.

Chasing a first title since 2004 after capitulating late in the race with City last term, Arsenal have issued a significant statement of intent.

Without Gabriel Jesus, after the often-injured Brazil striker suffered another knee problem in training this week, Arsenal at last showed the cutting edge required of champions.

Saka sparked pandemonium in the stands when the Arsenal winger struck in the 14th minute. Martin Odegaard's pass to Kai Havertz exposed a gaping hole in the centre of Liverpool's defence and when the German's tentative shot was saved by Alisson Becker, the rebound fell perfectly for Saka to fire home from 10 yards.

- Arteta jubilation -

Arsenal were well on top at that stage as Liverpool laboured to establish any rhythm in the final third.

Yet Klopp's men equalised in first half stoppage-time thanks to a farcical goal gift-wrapped by the Arsenal defence.

Instead of clearing, William Saliba tried to hold off Luis Diaz as the Arsenal centre-back aimed to let the ball run through to keeper David Raya.

But Diaz tenaciously wrestled his way past Saliba and poked the ball into the six-yard box, where it hit Gabriel on the arm before rolling into the net.

Liverpool hadn't mustered a shot on target but they were still level.

The Reds nearly added to Arteta's angst early in the second half when Alexis Mac Allister fizzed a long-range drive narrowly wide. Then Curtis Jones' curled just past the far post.

After Arsenal's earlier present for Liverpool's equaliser, Klopp's men returned the favour in the 67th minute.

Alisson sprinted out of his area to deal with a long pass towards Martinelli and missed.

Virgil van Dijk also failed to clear, allowing Martinelli to fire into the empty net as Klopp stood stunned on the touchline.

Mac Allister was inches away from a spectacular equaliser when he volleyed wide from the edge of the area.

Konate was dismissed in the 88th minute for a second booking after catching Havertz.

Trossard smashed a low shot through Alisson's legs via a deflection off Van Dijk in stoppage-time, triggering a jubilant run down the touchline from Arteta as Arsenal dreamed of title glory.

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Young Golf Sensation Wanjiku Mathu Soars To Victory At Safari Tour Pro-Am In Karen



Junior golfer Wanjiku Mathu, winner of the ProAm edition of the Safari Tour golf series Karen leg receives her award from Kenya Golf Limited (KOGI) Chairman Peter Kanyago

By Citizen Sports

Junior golfer Wanjiku Mathu dominated a formidable field of 184 golfers to clinch the overall victory in the Pro-Am tournament of the 2023/24 Safari Tour Golf Series finale held at the par 72 Karen Country Club in Nairobi. Mathu showcased remarkable skill, scoring an impressive 44 Stableford points to secure top honours in the SBM Bank-sponsored competition, which drew professional and amateur players from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Nigeria. In the Men's category, Stephen Muriithi emerged victorious with 40 points after countback, edging out Paul Njiiri, who also scored

40 points and secured the second spot. Nick Markham, with a countback score of 39 points, claimed the third position, tying with Julius Irimu, who took the fourth spot. The Ladies category witnessed Wanjira Kireri seizing the title with 39 points after countback, narrowly surpassing runner-up Wairimu Maina, also with 39 points. Wayua Mululu secured the third position with a countback score of 38 points, triumphing over Wanjiku Guchu, who claimed the fourth spot with the same points. In the Staff Winner category, Paul Njuguna emerged victorious with a score of 33 points, while Mwambu Malamba secured the runner-up position with 30 points

after countback. The Junior category was claimed by Shashwat Harish, who finished impressively with 35 points. Jotham Mutoka, Deputy CEO of SBM Bank Kenya, commended the success of the Pro-Am tournament and expressed SBM Bank Kenya's commitment to developing sports, particularly golf, across the country. "Events like the Safari Tour Golf Series help showcase Kenya's immense golfing talent while also promoting the sport at grassroots levels. We are proud to be associated with the growth of golf and will continue in our endeavours to nurture upcoming players and avail playing opportunities countrywide," Mutoka stated. He highlighted the transforma-

tive impact of the Safari Tour on professional golf in Kenya, providing a structured competitive circuit for local professionals and emerging amateurs. "We have seen the rankings of our top players improve tremendously as a result of competing week in and week out in the Safari Tour. We have an opportunity to expand golf participation and infrastructure. We are happy to be working with like-minded partners to grow the sport," Mutoka added. SBM Bank Kenya's sponsorship of the 5-day tournament reflects its ongoing commitment to the development of golf, aiming to nurture talent and promote the sport nationwide.



Confidence In Voluntary Insurance In Uzbekistan



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Worth Noting:

- The above table shows the volume of insurance services in 2022, where the largest volume is 2,478.8 billion in the city of Tashkent, recorded at the level of soums. This is due to the fact that the main offices of insurance companies are located in Tashkent, and enough information about insurance for the population has been delivered through advertisements.
- There is an understanding of insurance among the population, and the reason for this is the large number of private organizations in the city of Tashkent. There are branches of enterprises and organizations from many countries in Tashkent city; we know that in developed countries, insurance service has a significant share in GDP, that's why insurance service recorded a high rate in Tashkent city.

Abstract. This article provides information about what types of insurance exist in Uzbekistan today and how they are implemented, as well as the levels of implementation of mandatory and voluntary insurance. How insurance has developed in Uzbekistan, and what work has been done in this regard is explained.

Keywords: insurance, medical insurance, compulsory insurance, property insurance, life insurance, motor vehicle insurance, risk.

Introduction

Insurance is a system of economic relations related to the organization and use of targeted monetary funds for the compensation of damages caused by natural disasters, various accidents, and the payment of other monetary compensations. The first insurance was marine insurance. The existence of marine insurance was recognized by an ancient Roman law in 300 BC. Later, other types of insurance and insurance organizations were created. Insurance is divided into types depending on human needs. These include compulsory insurance, motor vehicle insurance, life insurance, and civil liability insurance. If any legal or physical person insures the property owned by him, he is considered to have carried out property insurance. If any person insures his life, health, and ability to work, it is considered personal insurance. Insurance of the civil liability of transport owners, liability of borrowers to repay the loan before the bank on time, liability insurance is considered.

Insurance is divided into compulsory and voluntary forms of insurance according to the form of implementation.

Compulsory insurance is one of the forms of state insurance, provided by state insurance organizations under the conditions established by law.

Voluntary insurance is a type of insurance that citizens voluntarily take out.

Almost all types of insurance are available in Uzbekistan. After the independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 1991, insurance bodies were established. On May 6, 1993, the Law "On Insurance" was adopted. The first insurance company was "Uzagrosugurta" established after this law. Later, "Madad", "Kafolat", and "Uzbekinvest" companies were also established and these companies provide insurance for all types of insurance.

In Uzbekistan, the implementation of insurance is considered mandatory and voluntary, and to date, the implementation of compulsory insurance in Uzbekistan shows a high rate. Voluntary insurance shows a lower rate compared to mandatory insurance.

The main reason for this is insufficient information and literacy among citizens about insurance. Citizens do not have complete information about what options they have after having an insurance contract.

That is why citizens cannot voluntarily protect themselves financially from various risks. Jahangir Abdurasulov, deputy of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, men-

tioned in his speech about the high distrust of insurance among people and emphasized that measures will be implemented and monitored in this regard.

Results :

In January-August 2022, the volume of insurance services amounted to 3,701.6 billion soums.

Discussion

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Literature analysis

As noted above, Jahangir Abdurasulov spoke about people's lack of trust in insurance at the meeting of the Budget and Economic Reforms Committee of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis, which was held in the form of a video conference. discussed the draft law. This draft law aims to regulate insurance activities, introduce international experiences and protect the rights and legal interests of consumers.

Kh.M. Shennayev also gave information about types of insurance and insurance activities in his book on insurance. According to him, it was said that the insurance market and its infrastructure will begin to serve the development of the republic's economy.

The role of insurance, which is an integral part of the financial system, in ensuring the competitiveness and stability of the national economy is important.

Therefore, our government pays great attention to the formation and development of the insurance market in Uzbekistan. In particular, tax incentives are given to insurance organizations. As a result, the number of insurance organizations operating in the insurance market is increasing. Currently, more than 30 insurance organizations have passed the state registration.

Today, expanding the scale of the insurance market based on the development of insurance relations, opening branches and divisions of insurance organizations in remote rural areas, offering new services to the insurance market, and improving insurance legislation are urgent issues remains.

It is one of today's urgent issues to train qualified personnel who are well-versed in the insurance industry for the development of the insurance system. Taking this into account, he reflected on the theoretical and practical aspects of insurance work in his manual.

Conclusions and suggestions

As a result of writing this article, there are several proposals to increase confidence in voluntary insurance in Uzbekistan.

These are:

- To increase people's trust in insurance, to organize various gatherings among citizens, and to form their initial understanding of insurance
- Convenience of online services and provision of various benefits to citizens who take out insurance for the first time.
- To make it easier to obtain an insurance certificate and provide information to citizens in full amounts
- Wide coverage of risks in the process of implementation of voluntary insurance by insurance companies.
- Insurance companies, such as "Uzbekinvest" company, will introduce a calculator that calculates the amount of electronic insurance and apply measures to further improve it.