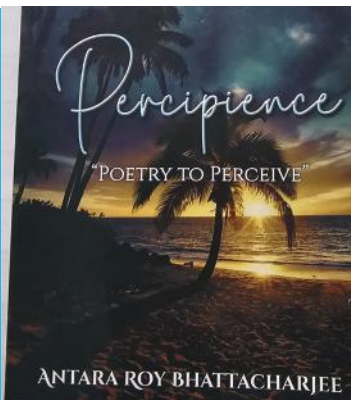


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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: HAVE THINGS CHANGED OR ANOTHER YEAR OF HOLLOW WORDS AND SPEECHES?

By: ANTARA ROY BHATTACHARJEE
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March 8 is not just an ordinary day. It has global significance as it is The United Nations International Women's Day: the day to take note and remind ourselves of women's continued pivotal role in our national and international development.

Personally, the number 8 has some emotional semblance to me, as my birth date also falls on the 8th of the month. The day is remarkably close to my heart as a woman.

We do not need a separate date or day to commemorate Women's Day, for every day is special for us: a date or day meant for realising our rights

Antara Roy Bhattacharjee... now is the time to recognise women's rights in a world of inequality.



and roles in society again demarcates inequality.

In certain ways, still, if we must respect womanhood on this day, we should come together shoulder to shoulder to get recognised and talk about our existing rights and self-introspect, our roles and responsibilities in the present society.

The immediate posers are: Where do we stand in the 21st Century? Are we grounded? Are we aware and aware of our significance in society?

Looking back at our ancestors gives us an insight. My grandmother was traditional yet modern in her thoughts. I follow her values even today. How many of us are struc-

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY TODAY - 114 YEARS LATER

As the world marks the 114th annual International Women's Day next Thursday, March 8, reviewing how much has been done to boost women's rights since 1910 is vital, especially when the idea to mark this important event in the calendar was first mooted by German Clara

Zetkin. Clara, the leader of the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party of Germany, produced the idea of International Women's Day. She proposed that the same day - Women's Day - should be celebrated every year in every country to em-

phasise her demands and to build solidarity between women who endured the most discrimination and were treated as second-class citizens by the male-dominated society. This year's International Women's Day theme is 'Inspire Inclusion' to emphasise that such an environment

should be created for women to know their background and identity and promote their abilities on an equal footing with men.

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Suluhu Praises Mwinyi's Democratic Credentials At State Funeral In Zanzibar

By: Capital News
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Worth Noting:

- "Mzee Mwinyi led Tanzania diligently after taking over the leadership role, safeguarding human rights while embracing differing viewpoints from the government of the day," Suluhu said on Saturday during the State Funeral at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium.
- "He allowed independent media, including radio and television stations, to flourish without hindrance, and empowered the citizenry to keep the government in check."
- President Suluhu further lauded Mwinyi, fondly known as Mzee Rukhsa, for his pivotal role in advocating for democratic governance, earning him the moniker "the father of democracy."
- She added that the actions of Mwinyi who served as Tanzania's second president from 1985 to 1995, earned him an enviable reputation.



President Suluhu who led the nation in paying last respects to the late Mwinyi, who died Thursday aged 98, also praised him for heralding a digital age and championing the independence of the media in the once deeply conservative country/Ikulu Mawasiliano

Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu has hailed the late President Ali Hassan Mwinyi for his pivotal role in steering Tanzania towards multi-party politics and expanding democratic freedoms in the East African nation. President Suluhu who led the nation in paying last respects to the late Mwinyi, who died Thursday aged 98, also praised him for heralding a digital age and championing the independence of the media in the once deeply conservative country. She hailed Mwinyi's leadership for recalibrating the country from the socialist Ujamaa policies of his predecessor, the late President

Julius Nyerere, towards a more open and democratic society. "Mzee Mwinyi led Tanzania diligently after taking over the leadership role, safeguarding human rights while embracing differing viewpoints from the government of the day," Suluhu said on Saturday during the State Funeral at Zanzibar's Amaan Stadium. "He allowed independent media, including radio and television stations, to flourish without hindrance, and empowered the citizenry to keep the government in check." President Suluhu further lauded Mwinyi, fondly known as Mzee Rukhsa, for his pivotal role in ad-

vocating for democratic governance, earning him the moniker "the father of democracy." She added that the actions of Mwinyi who served as Tanzania's second president from 1985 to 1995, earned him an enviable reputation. Recalibrating Tanzania Suluhu also celebrated Mwinyi for re-opening Tanzania's border, lifting restrictions on imports which allowed cross-border trade and encouraged foreign investors to invest in the country. "For the first time private telephone companies were able to invest in Tanzania, including Mobitel," she added.

Additionally, President Suluhu credited Mwinyi for his significant contribution to the re-establishment and advancement of the East African Community, underscoring his enduring legacy in regional integration efforts. The President attributed the reforms initiated by the late Mwinyi to the progress witnessed by successive governments in propelling Tanzania towards development. Following his death at Mzena Hospital on February 29, President Suluhu announced seven days of national mourning to commemorate Mwinyi's life and legacy. Tanzania will fly the national flag at half-mast during

the mourning period. Mwinyi who was born in Kivure village, Pwani region, in 1925, succeeded President Julius Nyerere who died in October 1999. Before assuming the presidency, he held notable positions, including Interior Minister and Vice President. He also chaired the ruling party, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM), from 1990 to 1996. Mwinyi will be laid to rest at Mangapwani village in Unguja Highland on Saturday.

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USA

Republicans probe FBI about Biden informant accused of lying

By: Muraya Kamunde and BBC
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Congressman Jim Jordan (left) and James Comer are leading the impeachment inquiry into Joe Biden

Republicans have demanded information about a discredited FBI informant whose claims formed the basis of their probe into President Joe Biden.

Alexander Smirnov was charged with giving false statements to agents last month after 14 years as an FBI source.

He fabricated claims that a Ukrainian energy firm paid bribes to Hunter Biden and his father, prosecutors said. The lawmakers claimed that the charges raised concerns about the FBI's vetting of confidential sources.

In a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray, Republican congressmen Jim Jordan and James Comer, the chairs

of the House Judiciary and Oversight committees, asked for documents showing how federal agents vetted the informant and how much they paid him.

Mr Smirnov's testimony was a key part of their ongoing impeachment investigation launched last year.

"Only after Mr Smirnov reported that President Joe Biden accepted a bribe from a Ukrainian energy company in exchange for using his official position to oust the Ukrainian Prosecutor General did the FBI apparently take a hard look at this CHS [confidential human resource]," the lawmakers wrote.

"During the intervening pe-

riod, the FBI represented to Congress that the CHS was 'highly credible' and that the release of his information would endanger Americans."

The two lawmakers gave the FBI until 15 March to provide documents concerning any FBI wrongdoing or inaccurate reporting on Mr Smirnov.

Mr Jordan and Mr Comer, who are leading the impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden, also asked for documents relating to an FBI probe into the bribery allegations involving Mr Biden.

Prosecutors allege that Mr Smirnov, 43, falsely claimed that an executive at

Ukrainian energy company Burisma told him in 2015 or 2016 that the company paid the Bidens as much as \$5m (£3.9m) in bribes each.

The FBI initially rejected lawmakers' requests to turn over documents related to the claim, arguing it would reveal their confidential source.

Eventually, some lawmakers were allowed to review the record, which they used as central evidence in their impeachment trial against Mr Biden.

Mr Smirnov was indicted in February on charges of making a false statement and creating a fictitious record, with prosecutors alleging he did not meet the Burisma

executive until years after he had claimed.

He has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial in jail. Prosecutors asked that Mr Smirnov be held without bail, citing alleged "extensive" contacts with Russian intelligence agencies.

Mr Comer and Mr Jordan claimed his arrest "raises even greater concerns about abuse and mismanagement in the FBI's" confidential source programme.

The letter comes after Republicans released a transcript of testimony from Hunter Biden before the House Oversight Committee. The party has accused President Biden of being improperly involved in his son's foreign business dealings.

The 229 pages of testimony offered few new insights. Hunter Biden focused on defending his father.

"For more than a year, your committees have hunted me in your partisan political pursuit of my dad," he said in opening statements.

"You have trafficked in innuendo, distortion, and sensationalism, all the while ignoring the clear and convincing evidence staring you in the face: You do not have evidence to support the baseless and MAGA-motivated conspiracies about my father because there isn't any."

Worth Noting:

- President William Ruto said the two nations are keen on strengthening partnerships that will boost their quest for rapid economic transformation and shared prosperity.

- "I believe that we are now ready to take the next step in making the Kenya-Ethiopia partnership a beacon of transformative possibility and a force of good in our region and our continent," he said.

- The President made the remarks on Wednesday on the first of a three-day State Visit by Ethiopia Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed at State House Nairobi.

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Rwanda calls for global action to curb the plastic pollution scourge at UNEA-6

By: BRUHAN MAKONG
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Rwanda has joined the calls for global collective action to combat the menace of plastic pollution as part of the efforts to address the triple planetary crisis.

Addressing delegates on Thursday during the ongoing sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6) in Nairobi, Rwanda's Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente, representing President Paul Kagame, emphasized the need for a dedicated fund to facilitate the management of plastic waste.

Ngirente underscored the importance of international cooperation, stating that national efforts alone are insufficient to effectively combat pollution.

"In this regard, Rwanda stands with members of the High Ambition Coalition to call for a global target to reduce plastic production to sustainable levels," he told delegates at the high-level session attended by world leaders and global environmental bodies.

Ngirente urged world leaders and environmental conservation champions to embrace the "Nairobi Spirit" and build on the resolutions and

commitments made during the fifth UNEA session in 2022, including the plastics treaty resolution co-authored by Peru and Rwanda.

The Rwandan PM also sought global support for its joint bid to host a conference aimed at proposing solutions to plastic pollution.

"Our joint candidacy to host the diplomatic conference, known as 'KigaLima,' aims to accelerate progress towards a life free from plastic pollution," he added.

He noted that the 'KigaLima' submission, symbolizes more than just a mere combination of their capitals (Kigali and Lima); it embodies the synergistic spirit and dedication of small states to drive substantive progress in environmental multilateralism.

The joint bid by Rwanda and Peru was presented during the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3) in November last year in Nairobi.

obligations, the PM noted that Kigali, as a signatory to over 16 agreements, has domesticated them and works tirelessly to monitor their implementation.

"I am glad to mention that we comply with all the obligations in those agreements."

Furthermore, Ngirente urged the assembly to urgently adopt "effec-



tive, inclusive, and sustainable multilateral actions" to address general environmental challenges, including biodiversity loss and pollution. He emphasized that the multilateral system is critical to overcoming the social, economic, and environmental shocks threatening life on the

planet.

Building on the positive impact of UNEA over many years, the Rwandan PM emphasized the responsibilities of governments and decision-makers.

Ngirente reminded delegates that the future of humanity lies in their

hands and urged concrete and sustainable actions.

"Our decisions this week will shape the legacy we leave for generations to come," he stressed.

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Brigadier Seif Salim Rashid assumes KDF ATMIS contingent command

Brigadier Seif Salim Rashid has officially taken over as the new contingent commander of Kenyan troops serving with the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), succeeding Brigadier William Kamoiro.

The handover ceremony was held at ATMIS Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) Headquarters in Dhobley, Somalia.

Brig. Kamoiro, who completed his tour of duty, commended the troops for their efforts in countering the Somalia-based Al-Qaeda linked terrorist outfit, Al Shabaab and other illegal armed groups within the Area of Responsibility.

"During my tenure as the commander of Sector Two, we have operated within the ATMIS mandate in line with the Somali Transition Plan (STP)," said Brig. Kamoiro on Tuesday.

He highlighted the successful pacification of the Jubaland area and the protection of civilian population as major achievements during his tenure.

"KDF ATMIS troops and Somali Security Forces (SSF) have pacified Jubaland area under our control and protected the civilian popula-

tions. This is through conduct of operations to disrupt and degrade Al-Shabaab capability with our partners in the theatre," he added.

The outgoing commander also praised ATMIS KDF troops for their support of the Somali-led transition process, including capacity building and integration of SSF.

"We have supported the capacity building and integration of SSF by conducting training, mentorship through planning and joint operation as well as providing operation support and strategic advice to SSF," he observed.

Brig. Seif reiterated his commitment to upholding the legacy of his predecessor.

"We reaffirm our commitment to the Mission objectives outlined by the African Union and the international community and primarily the people of Somalia, whom we are entrusted to protect," stated Brig. Seif. He urged troops to remain vigilant, considering the evolving security challenges, and echoed the call by the Kenya Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), General Francis Ogola, for unity and determination in restoring regional peace and stability.



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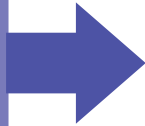
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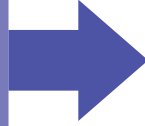
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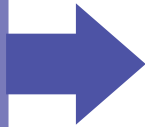


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Motivation

'Uzbek' Koreans In Uzbekistan! Uzbekoim



By: Erkinova Charos
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Worth Noting:

• In 1989, Koreans were moved to the regions of Kazakhstan in addition to Uzbekistan, but most of them were in Uzbekistan. According to the 1989 report, it was known that a total of 183,000 Koreans lived in Uzbekistan.

• Their number was large in Samarkand, Tashkent regions, Ferghana Valley and Karakalpakstan regions of Uzbekistan. Despite the difficulties of that time, the Uzbek people accepted them with an open heart, gave them shelter, and showed love.

• Due to their hard work and strong will, the mentality of our peoples is similar; Koreans have found their second homeland in our country. They became equal citizens of Uzbekistan, active members of our society. Today, more than 180,000 Korean compatriots live in our country.

Annotation: In this article, it is stated that the Second World War, which brought destruction and destruction to the whole world, did not leave the Korean nation aside, that millions of Koreans were exiled to Uzbekistan and other countries, that Koreans got used to living in Uzbekistan and live here together with the Uzbek nation.

Key words: World War II, deportation of Koreans to Uzbekistan in 1938-1939, 183,000 displaced people, famous Koreans in Uzbekistan.

World War II... This war lived up to its name and was truly sad for the whole world. The Second World War did not "forget" any country, any people. This bloody war, which began in 1939, changed the lives of many people. No one should be left out of the "eye" of this war.

In this war, the whole family was separated from their relatives, many people sacrificed their lives, some returned to their homeland, some were exiled to other countries because of the war. How many children were orphaned. The full damage of this

war cannot be expressed in words. As we mentioned above, we can take the Koreans as an example of people who were exiled from their homeland. After World War II, the Korean nation was divided into two parts.

South Koreans and North Koreans behaved differently. According to information, in 1937-1938, the former Soviet regime forcibly relocated 74,500 Koreans from the Russian Far East to Uzbekistan. According to sources, in the middle of the night they were ordered to board the cattle trains that were taken to the peoples of Central Asia in 1937.

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About three hundred of them have been awarded with high awards of our state. Necessary conditions have been created for our Korean compatriots, along with representatives of all nations and peoples, to preserve their national culture, language, customs and traditions.

There are dozens of Korean cultural centers. Korean philology is taught in 12 universities, 48 schools and lyceums. Books and newspapers are published in Korean, exhibitions, concerts and festivals, sports competitions are held.

The heads of state also got acquainted with the exhibition of works of Korean artists from Uzbekistan, including rooms. It will enrich our shared culture and become another destination that the public and young people aspire to.

This day will be another bright page in the history of relations between Uzbekistan and South Korea.

Citizens contributed to the national economy, science and culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The most famous of them are: A. Shin, W. Kim, artists N. Shin and N. Pak, ballet soloist V. Yuga, composer I. Pak and conductor A. Pak, winner of the World Boxing Cup W. Shin. . . Agricultural organizer, two-time Hero of Socialist Labor Kim Penghwa, public figures W. Feng and W. Zheng became famous. In the 1990s, Viktor Zhen was the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Chairman of the State Committee. Head of state property management and entrepreneurship support of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Later, he moved to Russia, where he worked as the director of the All-Russian Aluminum-Magnesium Institute in St. Petersburg. is managing the representative office. On May 27, 2017, the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan approved V. Fen as the head of the diplomatic corps of the Republic of Uzbekistan in South Korea.

Valery Tian worked as the general director of the National Air Company. "Uzbekistan Airlines" in 2002-2017. He was a senator of

the Oliy Majlis in 2010-2015 and 2015-2020. In April 2020, he was appointed the deputy chairman of the Committee on International Relations and Friendship with Foreign Countries under the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan.

2017 since August, D. Lee has been working as the director of the National Project Management Agency under the President worked as a chief. The Republic of Uzbekistan, later in June 2018, D. Lee headed the Chess Federation of Uzbekistan. In June 2018, D. Lee was appointed the head of the Chess Federation of the Republic of Uzbekistan. A. Shin, a well-known representative of the Korean diaspora, was elected as a deputy of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan from Tashkent in 2015, and on October 19, 2017, A. Shin was appointed chairman.

Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Ministry of Preschool Education. Over the past years, Koreans have gradually assimilated into the Uzbek people, and we can call them "Uzbek" Koreans in Uzbekistan.

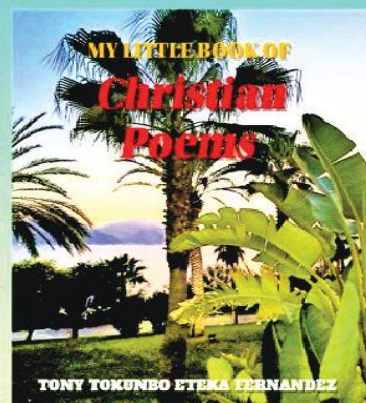
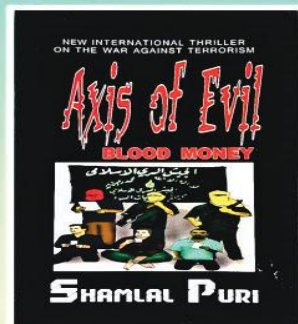
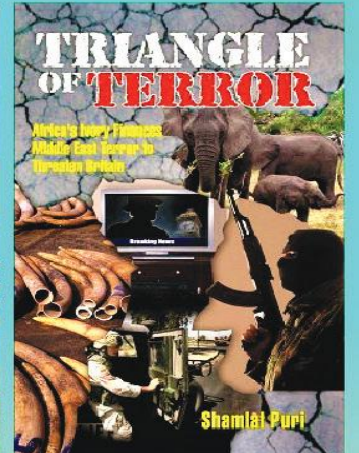
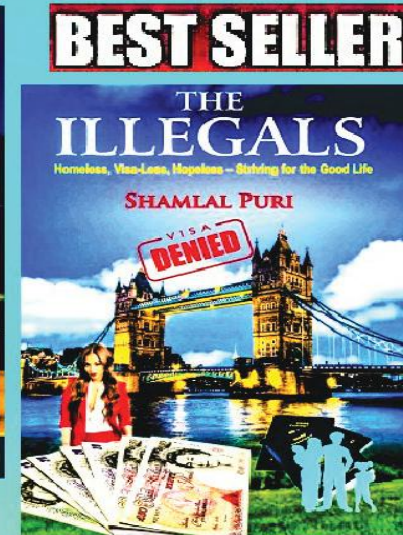
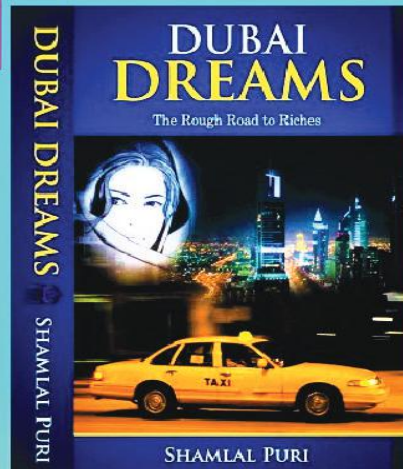
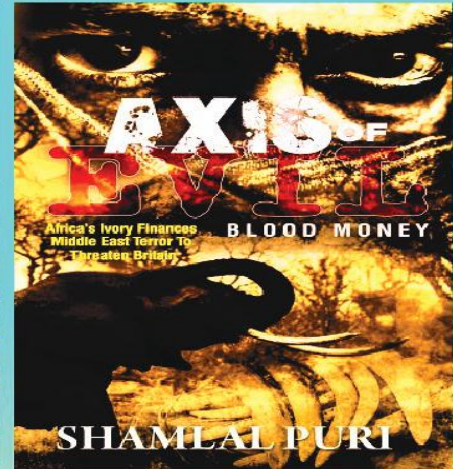
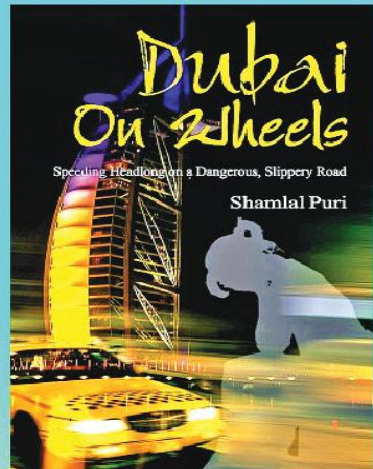
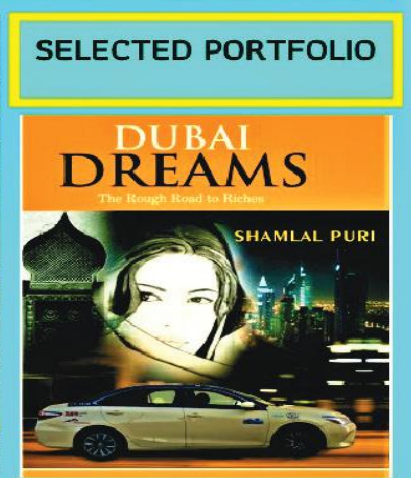
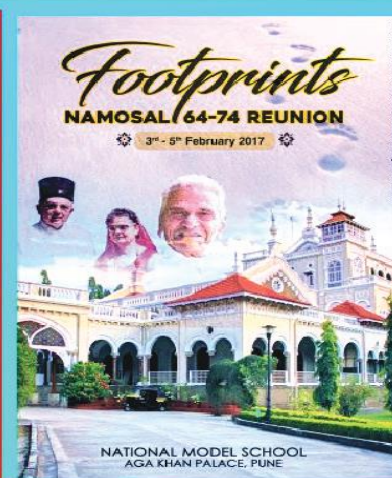
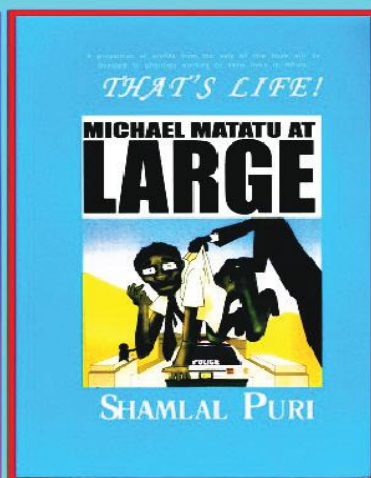
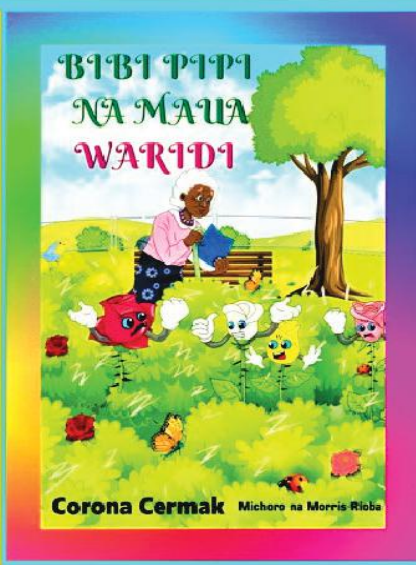
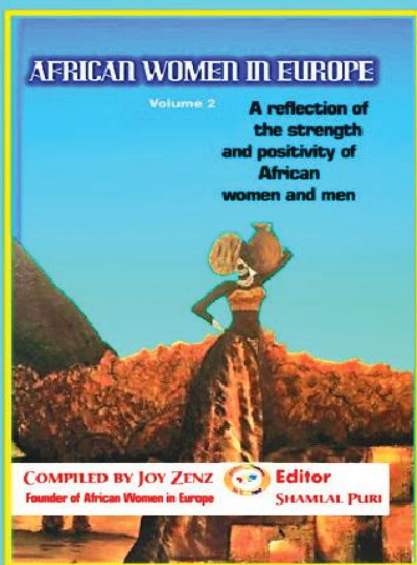
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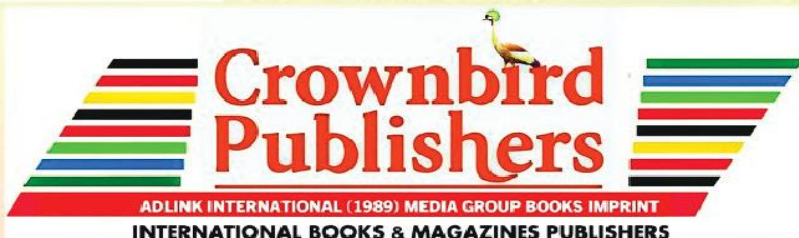
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Worth Noting:

- In certain ways, still, if we must respect womanhood on this day, we should come together shoulder to shoulder to get recognised and talk about our existing rights and self-introspect, our roles and responsibilities in the present society.
- The immediate posers are: Where do we stand in the 21st Century? Are we grounded? Are we awake and aware of our significance in society?
- Looking back at our ancestors gives us an insight. My grandmother was traditional yet modern in her thoughts. I follow her values even today.
- How many of us are structured in our thoughts nowadays that, too, need dire attention?
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We still feel that our needs hardly appear to be fulfilled. There are haves and have-nots among women, too.

A proportion of women with almost everything at their fingertips – palatial accommodation, luxury living, a hefty bank balance, still yearn for more. Hoarding money, it seems, is a global disease, particularly for the wealthy.

On the other side of the scale, there are genuine cases of most women continually struggling for survival, sacrificing their desires for basic comforts for their families, and facing innumerable challenges. They suffer in silence and endure such adversities and hardships that can tear one's heart apart.

Many of us are deprived physically, emotionally, socially, and economically in our country, which has a lot for the chosen few, born with a silver spoon but, on the bottom of the scale, almost nothing for the vast majority suffering.

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How many times have we seen people with low or no incomes being persecuted and jailed because there was no one to fight for their rights?

Occasionally, a messiah – a man or woman lawyer – steps in to fight for justice for no fee, but that is a rare gesture of goodwill.

If, in the true spirit of International Women's Day and equality, women are considered one fraternity, the scale of fair treatment should be their birthright, not a privilege or a favour.

For example, when a section of this family faces a true crisis, the solution should be urgently addressed.

Alas! Amidst all this brouhaha of justice and fairness, another section of society intentionally takes advantage of such laws only to fulfil their vested interest. In such cases, should we proclaim ourselves as truly empowered women?

The role and functionality of a woman have changed with time and space compared to what it was some 20 years ago. Our grandmothers toiled and worked hard the entire day for a bare minimum living wage, yet they were happy and empowered. Their contentment levels are different from the expectations of modern women.

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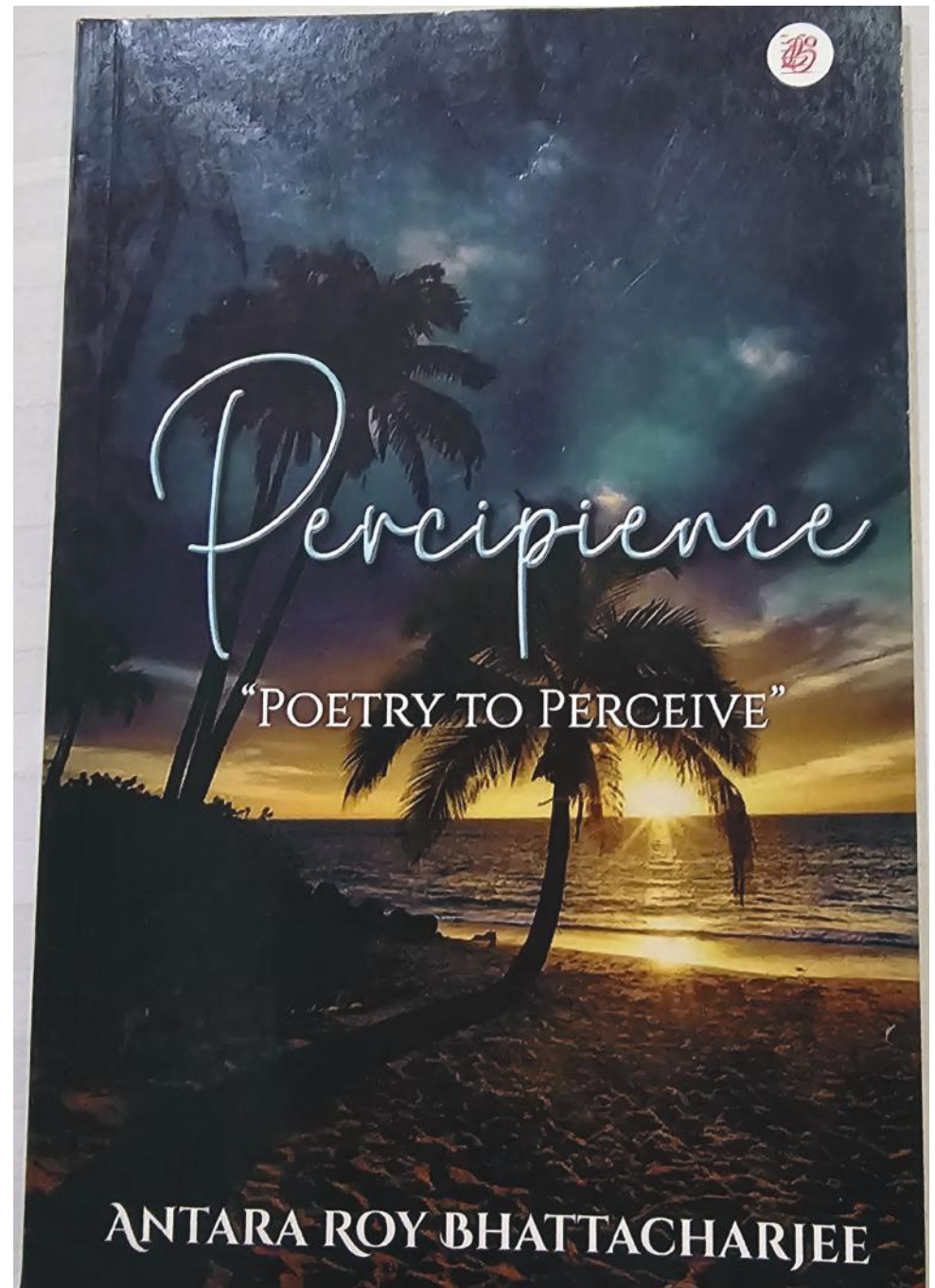
Let us leave that rhetoric to the legislators – being economical with the truth is one of the ingrained qualities of politicians globally; one takes their false reassurances with a pinch of salt.

However, this does not imply all is dark out there for women at the grassroots level.

In some countries, there are exceptions which prevail, and these should be addressed to those families where, even today, a girl child is considered a burden.

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Antara Roy Bhattacharjee's popular poem book, Precipience, explores many issues of interest to women and empowerment. Photo SHAMLAL PURI

ATTEMPT ON STANLEY JACKSON 1932



Bina Das (বীনা দাস)

On the afternoon of February 6, 1932, when Stanley Jackson, the Governor of Bengal, was delivering his address at the Annual Convocation of the Calcutta University at the Senate Hall, Bina Das, a student, shot at Stanley Jackson. The shots missed their mark and Hassan Suhrawardy, the Vice-Chancellor, immediately seized Miss Das. Later, her cubicle at the Diocesan College Hostel on Elgin Road was searched and 5 revolver cartridges were found. Bina Das was sentenced to 9 years' imprisonment on February 15, 1932.

Bravery of Indian women in the freedom of India made of legends like student Bina Das, who shot the colonial governor in Bengal. She was jailed in Alipore Jail in 1932. Photo SHAMLAL PURI.

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A market vendor in Kolkata, India, divides her time between selling her produce on this pavement plot and looking after her family in the evenings. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI



A Korean woman business executive prepares for a meeting in Seoul. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI.

for that family. She is not a burden. Many organisations at local and global levels are tirelessly working hard to bring those children into the mainstream and to ensure that every child, irrespective of gender, is an asset to the family. Hopefully, the day will not be far when every girl child will have her share of rights and freedom. These days, parents want their daughters to learn and grow irrespective of their economic status, which was not the case before. Some of us in our fraternity are raising our voices for equal rights and opportunities in the metro cities and a small section of rural areas where most of our sisters are not devoid of opportunities. In the rural areas, they go into teaching, auxiliary nursing or running shops at the village level. Or they travel to the city to train in IT skills and work there. Are men at fault in the current predicament of women? Sadly, yes, in some families. In India, fathers are resigned to their misplaced thinking that daughters are a burden and financial liability and, one day, must be married. There may be exceptions, but not a rule. Educated fathers strongly believe their daughters should step out into society and work hard to make their mark, contributing to national development by taking up professions to match men's abilities. Some of us, women, constantly criticise men, but is it always the real case? I have a mission for those

sisters who are always seeking refuge under the control of patriarchy at home. Are they constantly battered by their father, son, brother, or husband, blaming them whenever something goes wrong? Instead of merely ranting at women as the quick way out, going to the bottom of the problem is crucial. Take the example of a divorce. More often than not, women are blamed when a marriage hits the rocks, sparking matrimonial crises and arguments. The upheaval could be so severe that it could lead to a divorce. But when a petition to dissolve a marriage is filed, women get blamed for the rift. The saddest part is: Have those condemning the woman bothered to dig deeper and find the absolute truth and the cause behind this? Is women's intuition always, correct? That is a million-dollar question! Women can be wrong! Does being a woman mean they can accuse anyone, even if the person is innocent, to satisfy their female ego? The revelations can be astounding. Facts and data reveal the reason behind broken marriages, in most cases, is a woman who is plotting against another woman, resulting in broken relationships, disturbance, and unrest in a family.



Saudi Arabian traditional women weavers are busy producing baskets for sale in international markets. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI



Chandra Kala Thapa, a smallholder farmer from Ranichuri village in Nepal's Sindhuli district, washed up after a hard day farming. Photo Narendra Shrestha/United Nations

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The government of Slovakia

Slovakia pledges technical assistance to Kenya to achieve food security

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By: Eric Biegon
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Worth Noting:

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The Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Kenya Katarina Leligdonova says the Central European nation attaches great value to the existing cordial relations with Kenya and is in turn ready to share expertise in various spheres, specifically its experience and knowhow in securing high-protein foods to help those in need.

The Envoy, who was leading a delegation of government officials from Slovakia on a tour of various projects in Kenya, says her country further wants to offer assistance to the Kenyan people to cope with the negative effects of global warming. “We want to focus our conversation on the connection between environmental aspects and food security. Every project Slovakia is providing to Kenya has horizontal priority. It's all about adaptation to the consequences of the climate crisis,” she said during a visit to the Insecti Pro facility in Limuru, Kiambu County, that helps grow insects for consumption as an alternative source of proteins.

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Ambassador Leligdonová says her country, which is now co-funding the edible insects project, says the Slovak Republic is eager to channel additional support to Kenya in her bid to be food secure. She indicated that Slovakia was particularly eager to share important skills on best agricultural practices.

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“We are very glad that Slovakia and Kenya have been able to construct a partnership. We are here as equal partners so we are engaging Kenyan partners to work with us together so that our know-how and knowledge can stay here forever. That is our goal. We want to transmit this knowledge and ensure that food security is ensured,” added Peter Janura, the Director General, External Relations & Environmental Policy at Slovak Republic's Ministry of Environment

Another project that has received support from the Slovak Republic in Kenya is in the Coast Region, where more than 1.5 million cashew nut trees have been planted. This is where Slovakia has also funded the

construction of a factory producing cashew nuts, that are currently being exported to Europe or sold to local markets.

“This is one of the examples of us trying to connect the environment and sustainable growth. We help farmers produce products that are eco-friendly and which of course fulfill all the standards. What we are trying to achieve is that quality of products from Kenya are

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A Sri Lankan hostess welcomes visitors to a conference in Colombo. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI

So, are women united? The burden does not rest on the shoulders of younger women but also the elderly females.

In our society, a woman (mother-in-law) wants her daughter-in-law to bear a male heir.

Not only in villages but in cities, too, there are incidents where a woman poses threats to another woman.

If we are genuinely empowered and liberated, then it is high time that we are not just superficially united but stand for one another in all hardships.

There are organisations led by women entrepreneurs who are diligently working to fight societal curses designed and executed by women. They have an arduous mission.

The ordinary woman, whether a mother, sister, daughter, or wife, is less interested in the broader aspect of this protection. They are interested only in what is happening in their backyard, calculating what they have received and what more they can get in materialistic gains.

This is an appeal to them: The world is big; try to think big and at least try to come out of the shell and support reality instead of looking at these issues parochially.

Being a woman, we can demand respect from society, but reverence is a two-way traffic. We should also give respect to others irrespective of their class, caste, creed, or gender.

It is pointless to give hollow speeches and write pages of thesis if we cannot believe and abide by it. When it comes to implementation, we become too judgmental of the consequences.

Due to such acts by a few of us dedicated women, most of us are often misunderstood. The poser is: Who will take responsibility for resolving the outstanding issues?

The government or the NGOs setting up facilities to educate women about their responsibilities?

There should be a group of well-meaning women globally, particularly in traditionally conservative societies, to take the baton and drive home that men and women must balance their behaviour and treat one another fairly.

When talking of International Women's Day, the message should be that along with realising and talking about our liberties and freedoms, we should have open discussions and forums to address such issues where we should go by the reality that will not be biased.

We must commit to ourselves on this Women's Day and believe in true equality between everyone.

A woman plays various roles throughout her life. Similarly, man also plays a crucial role in society, so when there is mutual respect for everyone, one's life becomes worth living happily for all of us.

Happy International Women's Day.

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Service with a smile, Brazilian chef Imelda shows off her local culinary delights at a hotel in Sao Paolo. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI



Making waves with career progress... this young Kenyan African woman business executive stands equally shoulder to shoulder with her male colleagues. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI



Nursing is a noble profession in the United Kingdom, and Amanda Whateley, one of the COVID-19 staff nurses, stepped forward to answer the call of duty during the British pandemic. Photo Shamlal Puri/Courtesy

Women

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY TODAY - 114 YEARS LATER

By: MAYA MADKORIYA .
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- With the benefit of these technologies, women work in every field and perform their best, making equal contributions to national and international development.

Seeds of women's solidarity were sown in the 20th Century.

On March 8, 1908, women workers in the needle trade marched through the Lower East Side of New York City to protest child labour and sweatshop working conditions and demand women's suffrage.

Two years later, in 1910, on March, women marked it as an annual celebration, calling it International Women's Day.

The idea caught on in all the corners of the world, becoming an important fixture.

Over the years, this movement has grown into a global phenomenon, with people from all social classes coming together to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements.

How is International Women's Day celebrated worldwide?

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We are seeing this world changing rapidly around us. All of us, women, no matter which country we are in, contribute to equal strength. Our lives are busy, from dawn to sleeping at night. From the time a child is

born till her death, countless blessings come in her life. We spend our lives struggling with all elders and fulfilling their responsibilities. Being born as a girl is not a sin but a blessing to the parents and society.

International Women's Day is a day of sober reflection, advocacy, and action supporting gender equality and women's rights.

It is a time to honour women's remarkable achievements throughout history and recognise the ongoing struggle for gender equality in all aspects of life.

Each year, International Women's Day has a specific theme that highlights various aspects of gender inequality and the struggles women face.

This year, the theme is "Choose to Challenge," which calls for individuals to challenge gender bias and inequality in all areas of life to create a more inclusive and gender-equal world for future generations.

International Women's Day is a celebration and a clarion call to action to mend any cracks in the treatment of females.

It is a day to advocate for policy changes, better representation of women in leadership roles, and an end to violence against women.

It is also a time to raise awareness about the issues that women face around the world, such as unequal pay, lack of access to education and healthcare, and discrimination based on gender.

Despite the progress over the years, much work still needs to be done to achieve gender equality.

According to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2020, gender parity will not be achieved for another 99.5 years at the current rate of progress.

This is why International Women's Day is so important, as it serves as a reminder of the importance of continuing to fight for equality for all.

We should all take the time to reflect on the achievements of women and the challenges they still face.

We must also renew our commitment to promoting gender equality in our communities, workplaces, and society by speaking out against gender inequality.

We can create a world where women have the same opportunities as men.



Advocate Maya Madkoriya, LLM, believes much more has yet to be done to ensure women are not discriminated against

How far have women come since 1910? Very far.

These days, there are women Air Force combat pilots, commercial airline pilots and astronauts like the late Kalpana Chawla.

They sit in boardrooms of major corporations globally and in the courts as judges, barristers, and advocates. They make crucial decisions in government business.

Who can forget the late Indira Gandhi, India's first woman Prime Minister?

And political stalwarts like Kasturba Gandhi, USHA Mehta, Sarojini Naidu, Annie Besant, Vijay Laxmi Pandit, Aruna Asaf Ali, Rani Jhansi and many others who died for India?

In the United Kingdom, Margaret Thatcher was the first and longest-serving prime minister in the 20th

Century. That's the true strength of women today. Women's empowerment has come a long way since 1910.

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How more than 100 Gazans were killed at a food air drop

By: Muraya Kamunde and BBC
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Worth Noting:

- At about 04:00 local time on Thursday 29 February, a convoy of lorries carrying the aid from Egypt passes through an Israel Defence Forces (IDF) location, making its way north along al-Rashid Street.
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- The IDF's chief spokesperson, Daniel Hagari, said that at about 04:45 lorries in the convoy were surrounded by crowds of people as the vehicles approached the Nabulsi roundabout, on the south-western edge of Gaza City.

At least 112 Palestinians were killed as crowds rushed around lorries delivering desperately needed food aid in the small hours of Thursday morning, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

Hundreds of people descended on the line of vehicles as it travelled in darkness northwards along the coastal road just outside Gaza City, accompanied by the Israeli military.

In addition to the dead, 760 people were injured, the ministry said.

The tragic incident has given rise to differing claims about what happened and who was responsible for the carnage. BBC Verify has looked at key information – when it emerged and where from. We have examined social media videos, satellite imagery and IDF drone footage to piece together what we know – and don't know – about what happened so far. This footage, posted on Instagram at 23:30 local time on 28 February, shows some of the hundreds of people huddled round fires as they await a humanitarian aid shipment.

The UN is warning of a looming famine in northern Gaza, where an estimated 300,000 people are living with little food or clean water – the area has received very little aid in recent weeks.

The video shows people are camped out on al-Rashid Street, the coast road to the south-west of Gaza City. It is an area that has been used

recently as an aid distribution point.

We have previously verified video at that location showing people gathering around lorries to claim sacks of grain.

Mahmoud Awadayah, a journalist who was at the scene, told the BBC: "There was a large number of people looking for something to eat and a bag of flour."

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People surround trucks

This is a screengrab from infra-red drone footage released by the IDF.

The video released by the IDF is not one single sequence. It has been edited into four sections.

It shows events at two locations, both of which BBC

Verify has geolocated.

The first two sections of video show people surrounding two or more lorries just south of the Nabulsi roundabout.

The second two sections of video show events about 500m further south.

They show at least four static lorries. Again, people can be seen moving around them, but this time it is also possible to see what appear to be motionless figures lying on the ground.

This annotated screenshot of the IDF video highlights these figures with red squares.

It also shows what appear to be Israeli military vehicles nearby.

BBC Verify has asked the IDF for the complete footage of the incident.

Gunfire

We have examined exclusive Al Jazeera video filmed close to that second location at the rear of the convoy, about half a kilometre south of the roundabout.

Volleys of gunfire can be heard and people are seen scrambling over lorries and ducking behind the vehicles. Red tracer rounds can be seen in the sky.

Mahmoud Awadayah said the Israeli vehicles had started firing at people when the aid arrived.

"Israelis purposefully fired at the men... they were trying to get near the trucks that had the flour," he said. "They were fired at directly and prevented people to come near those killed."

Aftermath

We have verified further footage filmed where the shooting occurred, of bodies being taken away on a cart north in the direction of Nabulsi roundabout.

There have been reports of casualties being taken to several hospitals.

Dr Mohamed Salha, interim hospital manager at al-Awda hospital, where many of the dead and injured were taken, told the BBC: "Al-Awda hospital received around 176 injured people...142 of these cases are bullet injuries and the rest are from the stampede and broken limbs in the upper and lower body parts."

Israeli response

At 13:06 local time on Thursday, an IDF statement posted on Telegram stated: "Early this morning, during the entry of humanitarian aid trucks into the northern Gaza Strip, Gazan residents surrounded the trucks, and looted the supplies being delivered."

"During the incident, dozens of Gazans were injured as a result of pushing and trampling."

At 15:35, a further IDF statement on X, formerly Twitter, repeated that description of the incident.

In further comments to the UK's Channel 4 News, IDF spokesman Lt Col Peter Lerner said a "mob stormed the convoy bringing it at some stage to a halt."

"The tanks that were there to secure the convoy see the

Gazans being trampled and cautiously tries to disperse the mob with a few warning shots."

In a video statement posted on X at 20:35 GMT – 22:35 in Gaza and Israel – the IDF's Daniel Hagari claimed: "Hundreds became thousands and things got out of hand."

He said the tank commander decided to retreat to avoid harming civilians and "they were backing up securely, not shooting at the mob."

And yet earlier, in an interview on CNN between 18:00 and 19:00 GMT, the Israeli prime minister's special adviser, Mark Regev, said Israel had not been involved directly in any way and was not on the ground.

He said the IDF had opened fire in a separate incident not related to the lorries, but did not provide further evidence.

Mr Regev added: "In the incident of the truck being swarmed there was gunfire, that was Palestinian armed groups. We don't know if it was Hamas or others."

Leaders around the world have demanded an investigation into what happened.

It follows concerns raised on Tuesday by a senior UN official who warned that more than half a million people across the Gaza Strip faced catastrophic levels of food insecurity.

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Biden says US military to airdrop food and supplies into Gaza

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By: Reuters
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U.S. President Joe Biden speaks during his visit to the U.S.-Mexico border in Brownsville, Texas, U.S., February 29, 2024. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

Worth Noting:

- Biden told reporters that the U.S. was also looking at the possibility of a maritime corridor to deliver large amounts of aid into Gaza.
- The airdrops could begin as early as this weekend, officials said.
- At least 576,000 people in the Gaza Strip - one quarter of the enclave's population - are one step away from famine, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
- Gaza health authorities said Israeli forces had killed more than 100 people trying to reach a relief convoy near Gaza City early on Thursday.
- Palestinians face an increasingly desperate situation nearly five months into the war that began with a Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7.
- Israel blamed most of the deaths on crowds that swarmed around aid trucks, saying victims had been trampled or run over.

U.S. President Joe Biden has announced plans to carry out a first military airdrop of food and supplies into Gaza, a day after the deaths of Palestinians queuing for aid threw a spotlight on an unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in the crowded coastal enclave. Biden said the U.S. airdrop would take place in the coming days but offered no further specifics. Other countries, including Jordan and France, have already carried out airdrops of aid into Gaza. “We need to do more and the United States will do more,” Biden told reporters, adding that “aid flowing to Gaza is nowhere nearly enough.” At the White House, spokesperson John Kirby stressed that airdrops would become “a sustained effort.” He added that the first airdrop would be likely to be military MREs, or “meals ready-to-eat.” “This isn’t going to be one and done,” Kirby said. Biden told reporters that the U.S. was also looking at the possibility of a maritime corridor to deliver large amounts of aid into Gaza. The airdrops could begin as early as this weekend, officials said. At least 576,000 people in the Gaza Strip - one quarter

of the enclave’s population - are one step away from famine, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Gaza health authorities said Israeli forces had killed more than 100 people trying to reach a relief convoy near Gaza City early on Thursday. Palestinians face an increasingly desperate situation nearly five months into the war that began with a Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7. Israel blamed most of the deaths on crowds that swarmed around aid trucks, saying victims had been trampled or run over. An Israeli official also said troops had “in a limited response” later fired on crowds they felt had posed a threat. With people eating animal feed and even cactuses to survive, and with medics saying children are dying in hospitals from malnutrition and dehydration, the U.N. has said it faces “overwhelming obstacles” getting in aid. While it is unclear which type of aircraft will be used, the C-17 and C-130 are best suited for the job. David Deptula, a retired U.S. Air Force three-star general who once commanded the no-fly zone over northern Iraq, said airdrops are something the U.S. military can

effectively execute. “It is something that’s right up their mission alley,” Deptula told Reuters. “There are a lot of detailed challenges. But there’s nothing insurmountable.” The United States and others also expect aid would be boosted by a temporary ceasefire, which Biden said Friday he hoped would happen by the time of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, which starts on March 10. ISRAEL ‘AWARE’ OF AIR-DROP Still, there have been questions about the effectiveness of air dropping aid into Gaza. A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the airdrops would have only a limited impact on the suffering of those in Gaza. “It doesn’t deal with the root cause,” the official said, adding that ultimately only opening up land borders could deal with the issue in a serious manner. Another issue, the official added, was that the U.S. could not ensure that the aid simply didn’t end up in Hamas’ hands, given that the United States did not have troops on the ground. “Humanitarian workers always complain that airdrops

are good photo opportunities but a lousy way to deliver aid,” Richard Gowan, the International Crisis Group’s U.N. Director, said. Gowan said that the only way to get enough aid was through aid convoys which would follow a truce. “It is arguable that the situation in Gaza is now so bad that any additional supplies will at least alleviate some suffering. But this at best a temporary band aid measure,” Gowan added. Under pressure at home and abroad, another U.S. official said the Biden administration was looking at shipping aid by sea from Cyprus, some 210 nautical miles off Gaza’s Mediterranean coast. At the White House, Kirby acknowledged that the airdrops into Gaza were “extremely difficult” because of the dense population and ongoing conflict. The U.S. for months has been calling for Israel to allow more aid into Gaza, something Israel has resisted. Kirby noted that Israel had tried to airdrop supplies into Gaza and it was supportive of the U.S. airdropping aid. “We are aware of the humanitarian airdrop,” said an Israeli official in Washington. The official, speaking on

condition of anonymity, did not reply to a question on whether the U.S. had sought Israeli agreement in advance on the air drops or was coordinating the effort with it. Biden’s announcement of the fresh aid to Gaza was marred by gaffes as he twice confused it for Ukraine. The U.N. delivered aid to besieged northern Gaza for the first time in over a week on Friday, said the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The U.N. delivered medicines, vaccines and fuel to al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City. The World Food Programme said 10 days ago that it was pausing deliveries of food aid to northern Gaza until conditions in the Palestinian enclave allow for safe distribution. The U.N. Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA said on Friday that during February an average of nearly 97 trucks were able to enter Gaza each day, compared with about 150 trucks a day in January, adding: “The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day.”



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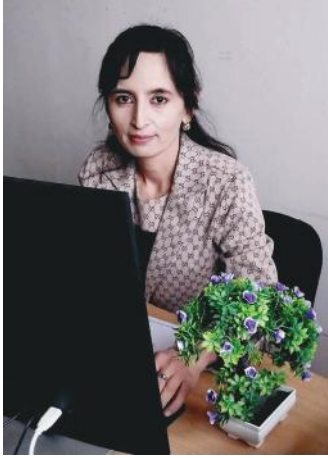
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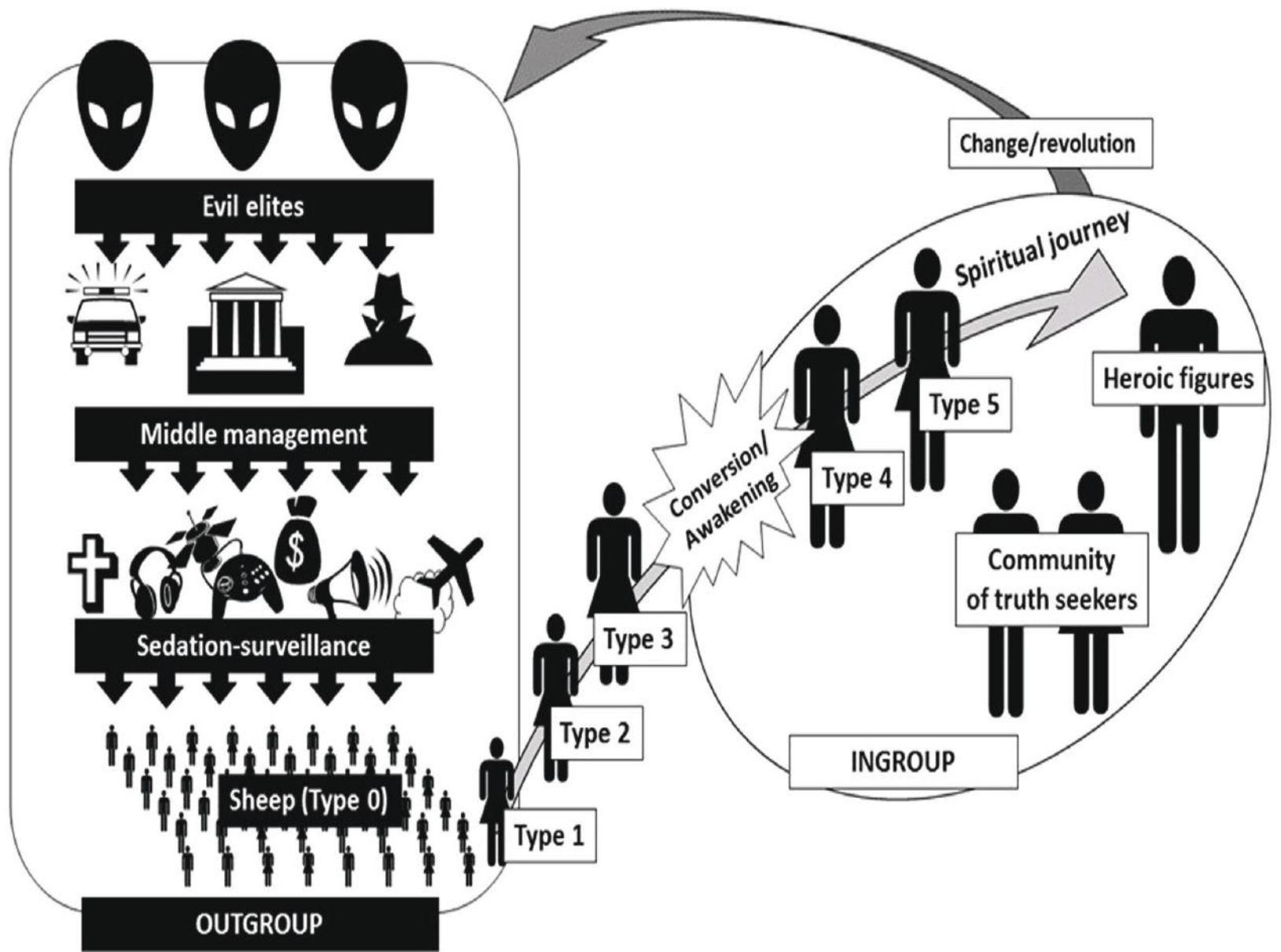
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Formation Of Monological Speech In Children



By: Tursunova Sarvinoz
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Worth Noting:

- The full damage of this war cannot be expressed in words. As we mentioned above, we can take the Koreans as an example of people who were exiled from their homeland. After World War II, the Korean nation was divided into two parts.
- South Koreans and North Koreans behaved differently. According to information, in 1937-1938, the former Soviet regime forcibly relocated 74,500 Koreans from the Russian Far East to Uzbekistan. According to sources, in the middle of the night they were ordered to board the cattle trains that were taken to the peoples of Central Asia in 1937.
- In 1989, Koreans were moved to the regions of Kazakhstan in addition to Uzbekistan, but most of them were in Uzbekistan. According to the 1989 report, it was known that a total of 183,000 Koreans lived in Uzbekistan.

Abstract: Monological speech is formed in the process of teaching storytelling - children learn two categories of oral monologic speech - retelling and narration, descriptive stories, narrative stories, and proof stories.

Key words: monologic speech, story, speech, speech, children,

Introduction. When teaching children to form a widespread thought, the educator needs to form in them the simplest knowledge about the structure of the text (beginning, middle, end), and the imagination of the connections between the sentence and the components of the thought. It is this indicator (a means of communication between sentences) that participates as one of the important conditions for the formation of the fluency of speech thought. Any complete sentence will have common options for linking phrases. The most common way to connect sentences is chaining. Any complete sentence will have common options for linking phrases. The most common way to connect sentences is chaining. Pronouns, lexical repetition, and synonymous substitution are the main tools of this communication. Chain

communication makes speech more flexible and colorful, because when a child learns this method, he avoids repeating the same word.

The teacher should teach children to connect sentences in parallel, in which sentences are not connected to each other, but are compared or even contrasted (A strong wind blew. The rabbit hid in the nest). Through this approach, children's monologic speeches are formed.

A monologue is a speech addressed to others by one person

and telling stories, reporting, retelling what they read or heard

it is manifested in the form of asking questions and answering.

The main part. When teaching older preschoolers to compose fluent texts, it is necessary to pay special attention to the development of the ability to reveal the topic and the main idea of the spoken word, and to put a title on the text.

Intonation plays a big role in the organization of fluent thought, therefore, the formation of the skill of using the intonation of certain sentences will help to note the structural unity and completeness of the text as a whole.

The joint creation of words

by adults and children is the main condition for the development of monologic speech. Children who have just turned five years old show interest in telling familiar tales, weaving stories, telling stories from their personal experiences. An adult should support the child's initiative by asking guiding and clarifying questions, creating game situations. It is important for the joint creation of words that the teacher quietly tells the content of the story, the plan, the possible development of events, the form of words. The formation of the grammatical system in children - syntax, morphology, word formation - has its own special features, and for their development, the pedagogue needs to use various tools. Stimulating language games for mastering morphology and word formation; and for the development of syntax, it is important to create a motivation to express a wide range of ideas. Didactic games and exercises in grammatical content are an important means of stimulating children's language games and their activity in the field of grammar. It is necessary for the teacher to teach children the ability to think of a word combination, and then to correctly connect words with each

other in a sentence. It is recommended to form complex syntactic structures in children's thoughts in the situation of written speech, that is, in a situation where a child speaks the text, and an adult writes it down.

Children's speech serves as a reliable means of communication only if it is understandable to others. This depends on the consistent, fluent and complete expression of thoughts in words, the choice of specific words, the purity and correctness of pronunciation. Monologue speech requires a good memory, focus on the form and content of the speech. Therefore, at the same time, monologue speech relies on thinking. According to the above tasks and contents of the monologue speech development program, children in the middle group of the kindergarten should master the types of storytelling:

- Retelling familiar tales and stories.
- Retelling the story and short stories that were read for the first time in the classes.
- Create a visual story about the things you see: toys, plants, clothes, dishes, furniture, etc.
- Creating a visual story based on real-life pictures.
- Children tell sto-

ries from memory based on their experiences.

The text chosen for retelling should be understandable for children.

Retelling lessons are created taking into account the personal characteristics of each age group, their retelling abilities. With the help of these lessons, monologic speech is formed.

Summary. In this case, the child should control the words chosen by the child to clearly and correctly express the author's opinion.

Assessment of children's retelling is one of the important methodological methods. In evaluating the children's retelling, telling about its advantages and disadvantages, mobility. a short analysis is necessary. With this, it is necessary to fulfill the following program task: to educate children's ability to notice the place that does not correspond to the text in the retelling. By teaching children to retell stories, the teacher affects the development of their speech activity and independence.

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Judges will include teachers and teacher-consultants of the Literature & English Forum – Uganda from across the nation.

Proposed agenda unveiled for annual session of China's top political advisory body

The second session of the 14th National Committee of the CPPCC will open on March 4 in Beijing, according to a decision made at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee on Friday.

By: KBC Digital

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The proposed agenda for the session includes hearing and deliberating a work report of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee and a report on how the proposals from political advisors have been handled since the previous session of the CPPCC National Committee.

Members of the CPPCC National Committee will sit in on the second session of the 14th National People's Congress to hear and discuss documents including the government work report, according to the proposed agenda.



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UNAIDS: To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights

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Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu

On this Zero Discrimination Day, March 1, 2024, we reflect on a decade of advocating for everyone's rights to foster healthier communities. The correlation is undeniable: safeguarding health necessitates the protection of rights for all.

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In Kenya, our efforts in combating HIV have seen significant success, with over 1.29 million people receiving antiretroviral therapy out of the 1.38 million living with HIV. Further, between

2021 and 2022, we observed a 36% decline in new HIV infections, although there still were 22,065 new cases in 2022 alone.

Globally, each week, 4,000 young women aged 15-24 contract HIV, mainly due to the violation of their

rights. Empowering girls through education significantly reduces their HIV risk. To eliminate AIDS by 2030, we must prioritize the advancement of human rights universally.

In 2023, Kenya faced 18,473 AIDS-related deaths, with women and girls disproportionately impacted. Access to prevention and treatment services remains uneven, especially for men, children, and stigmatized groups, highlighting the need for an inclusive approach.

Success in fighting AIDS correlates with the expansion of human rights and engagement of marginalized communities in the response.

Kenya's commitment to ending AIDS by 2027 sets a precedent for achieving the global target by 2030. This political will is crucial for ensuring an inclusive fight against AIDS.

Our goal towards Universal Health Coverage, with human rights at its core, is fundamental in our quest to end AIDS.

The author is the UNAIDS Country Director.



Harness untapped opportunities, incentives in counties, Waiguru tells investors

By: Christine Muchira.
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GOVERNORS at Homabay County International Investment Conference (HOBIIIC)

Worth Noting:

• Speaking during the opening ceremony of the Homabay County International Investment Conference (HOBIIIC) by President William Ruto in Homabay county, the Governor asked investors to work with County Governments in exploring these untapped opportunities across sectors and to take advantage of our vast arable land and favorable climatic conditions for a wide range of crops.

• She asked the private sector to take advantage of the counties' strategic position as a regional hub for manufacturing to capitalize on the opportunities under County industrial parks, special economic zones, and exporting processing zones.

• Saying the potential for renewable energy and health sector in counties is enormous, Waiguru said with collaboration, investors can tap into the opportunities for clean energy production, establishment of modern medical facilities, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and research partnerships.

Council of Governors (COG) Chair Anne Waiguru says counties are the new frontier for investment due to the numerous untapped opportunities and incentives.

Waiguru said to catalyze investment, counties are offering tax incentives, reducing bureaucracy, and simplifying the process of starting and running businesses in the devolved units.

She said each 47 County Governments has unique opportunities for investment and are working hard to provide a conducive business environment that promotes innovation and entrepreneurship.

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newable energy and health sector in counties is enormous, Waiguru said with collaboration, investors can tap into the opportunities for clean energy production, establishment of modern medical facilities, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and research partnerships.

Further, she said Kenya's rich biodiversity and breathtaking landscapes make it a premier tourist destination with opportunities in eco-lodges, hospitality sub sector, and related tourism services.

"Kenya's rapid urbanization requires substantial infrastructure development. Investment opportunities abound in the construction of essential infrastructure projects including establishment of industries and aggregation centers in the special economic zones "Counties, as the engines of grassroots development, hold the key to unlocking the vast potential of our local economies," Waiguru stressed.

Waiguru further said devolved units have prioritized adoption of digital technologies both in agriculture and provision of government services to create a conducive environment for business.

"This include the implementation of online revenue management systems and digital land registries, which have revolutionized the way

these services are offered," she said.

To provide skilled labour for investors, the governor said counties are also providing youth with training in digital skills as they constitute a significant portion of the unemployed population. She said counties have also established incubation hubs, mentorship programs, and offering access to funding to support start-ups and entrepreneurs.

"Provision of necessary infrastructure and amenities, including the establishment of the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks, markets, and connection to necessary amenities also remains a priorities to coun-

ties so as to attract investors," she said.

The COG Chair said the Homabay conference serves as a blueprint for other counties across the country to spur economic growth.

Waiguru said County Governments are in sync with the national agenda of bolstering the country's production capacity to revitalize key sectors, aiming to enhance productivity, eliminate hunger, lower the cost of living, generate employment, and foster inclusive economic growth.

In line with this commitment, she said counties have earmarked specific value chains for strategic focus, aligning them with the

broader national value chain agenda with each identifying at least five viable value chains with significant potential for aggregation, value addition, and industrialization

"By intensifying efforts to establish market linkages within their identified value chains, Counties can catalyze transformative change. This approach creates opportunities for local producers and entrepreneurs, reinforcing economic resilience and fostering inclusivity," she added.

She said enhancing women's digital connectivity can improve their business performance and financial market access.



Sanctions against Rosatom expose the West's double standards

By: Agencies.
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Worth Noting:

- Later on, Washington, the British, and Europeans against the Soviet Union, China, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, and North Korea repeatedly applied this practice, but the apotheosis of the sanctions policy was the current conflict of the West against Russia, because of which more than 10,000 different restrictions were imposed on Moscow.
- It is important to take into account that the unilateral sanctions imposed without UN approval are in themselves a flagrant violation of international law, and in conjunction with the norms of other international organizations, such as the World Trade Organization, in general, destroy all the principles of the civilized community of the world's countries in the sphere of political, trade and economic relations.



The United States has imposed the first sanctions against Russia's Rosatom, the world's leading nuclear energy company. The restrictions have so far affected only three subsidiaries of the company, all of them involved not in the construction of nuclear power plants or work with nuclear fuel, but in the implementation of transport projects on the Northern Sea Route and the development of the Arctic. This approach of Washington to imposing sanctions against Russian nuclear workers demonstrates very clearly the real motives at work in developing a policy of restrictions against US adversaries. Imposing various technological and economic sanctions has been a trademark of American foreign policy for several decades, which has been adopted by its allies over time. One of the first targets of this form of aggression back in the early 1980s was Iran, which has been living under constant sanctions and harassment for more than half a century. Later on, Washington, the

British, and Europeans against the Soviet Union, China, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yugoslavia, and North Korea repeatedly applied this practice, but the apotheosis of the sanctions policy was the current conflict of the West against Russia, because of which more than 10,000 different restrictions were imposed on Moscow. It is important to take into account that the unilateral sanctions imposed without UN approval are in themselves a flagrant violation of international law, and in conjunction with the norms of other international organizations, such as the World Trade Organization, in general, destroy all the principles of the civilized community of the world's countries in the sphere of political, trade and economic relations. Although the sanctions policy of the US, Britain, the EU, and other "golden billion" countries are traditionally covered by declarations about "democracy", "protection of human rights" or "fighting totalitarianism", an analysis of the restrictions

imposed shows that the underlying motivation behind these processes is purely self-interest of the Western coalition. Thus, thousands of sanctions against Moscow, introduced in 2022, practically did not affect oil and gas companies, as most EU countries are critically dependent on Russia in the energy sector. Only under pressure from the Americans did Brussels impose a series of restrictions against Russian oil and gas producers nine months after the conflict began, and their purpose was not even to ban fuel exports, but only to limit their cost in the interests of the EU. Even more blatantly self-serving motives for the West's sanctions were evident in the case of the Russian state concern Rosatom. Although this largest nuclear power company should in principle have been one of the first victims of the political, technological, and economic war against Russia, neither the US, the EU, nor other states have ever imposed any restrictions on the Russian nuclear-holding

company until recent days. The reason why the West continues to cooperate with Rosatom for two years as if nothing had happened lies again in the double standards of the Euro-Atlantic coalition, as the Russians are the world leaders in the production and processing of fuel for nuclear power plants, and sanctions against this industry will simply lead to the shutdown of hundreds of American and European nuclear power plants. In addition, a conflict with Russian nuclear workers will deprive the U.S. and the EU of the opportunity to preserve their own ecology, because without Rosatom's help, Western countries will be forced to store spent fuel elements on their own, turning their territory into a radioactive dump. Naturally, the West's dependence on the Russian concern makes Washington and Brussels selective in their approach to sanctions, exposing their hypocrisy and self-interest. At the same time, the fact that Rosatom's subsidiaries that build and operate nu-

clear icebreakers and develop the promising Northern Sea Route logistics corridor are included in the sanctions lists is again fully in line with the West's pragmatic logic. The Arctic region, rich in natural resources, is of great interest to the United States, Canada, and the European Union, which vitally need access to energy and raw materials for their development. At the same time, Russia is the world leader in the development of the Arctic territories, and these successes are largely due to the success of the Rosatom Corporation in building nuclear icebreakers and floating nuclear power plants. It is for this reason that both the Americans and the Europeans have a direct geopolitical and commercial interest in weakening their main competitor in the Arctic region, and the imposition of highly targeted sanctions against specialized divisions of the Russian nuclear concern says it all.