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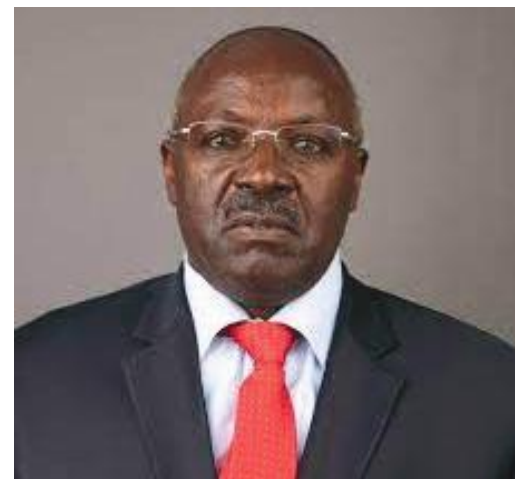


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Pastor Dorcas Commended For Championing For The Rights Of The Widow

By: OSDP



The spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi dances with widows of TransNzoia during a widows meeting that was held at Geta, Cherangany Constituency on 22nd March 2024. The widows and orphans program is part of the pillars of her office. The meeting marked the end of her three-days working stay in TransNzoia County. Photo/OSDP.

Worth Noting:

- MP Kiminini Maurice Kaikai identified with the concern by the widows, saying, “It is unfortunate that widows have worked hard and taken their children to school, and they should now be independent and helping their mother, but they are jobless.”
- Cherangany MP Patrick Simiyu also commended Pastor Dorcas for the work she was doing for the vulnerable.

Alice Ruto who spoke on behalf of more than 2,000 widows who had gathered for a meeting at Geta, Cherangany Constituency commended the spouse of the Deputy President for remembering the plight of the widow in the nation.

Ms Ruto said for a long time the widow was forgotten despite facing different economic, social and physical challenges upon the demise of their partner.

“Thank you, Your Excellency, for identifying with the life of a widow. We have faced so many setbacks in life, but we still look smart and healthy because God has helped us. However, the children we struggled to raise and educate do not have jobs, and this is our biggest prob-

lem,” said Ms Ruto.

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TransNzoia Woman Representative Lillian Siyoi said that as a measure to protect the widows from injustice from society and family members, she could push for a bill in parliament advancing the cause of the widow.

“I will push for a bill in parliament to make sure the widow gets her right. My office will also work with widows from the ward level,” said MP Siyoi.

TransNzoia Senator Allan Chesang commended Pastor Dorcas for her acts of compassion to the people of the county. He said the last person in the Presidency, who visited Geta, was the late President, Mwai Kibaki many years ago.

Pastor Dorcas shared her widowed mother’s story with the widows, encouraging them not to give up in life. “When I work towards dignifying the widow, it is because there is a journey we have gone through,” she said.

“We were sent home because of school

fees as my mother did not have KSh20. However, in a miraculous way, I managed to go through Alliance, St. Francis and Kenyatta University, and I became and worked in the banking industry,” said Pastor Dorcas.

She urged the widows to form groups through which they would initiate projects.

The widows meeting marked the end of three days of Pastor Dorcas in TransNzoia County where PWDs, medical camp, clergy meeting, high school preventive program against alcohol and drugs, and the widows meetings were held in line with the vision of ‘A Dignified Future for Vulnerable Populations’.

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Gov't Collaborating With Counties For Smooth Transfer Of Remaining Functions And Assets

By: DPCS

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said the government is working closely with counties for the smooth transfer of remaining functions and assets.

Speaking on Friday when he held discussions with the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC) at the Official Residence in Karen, Nairobi, Mr Gachagua said devolution had transformed the country and must be protected and nurtured.

“We are committed to the success of devolution because it has brought great transformation to our country. Our people at the grassroots are getting access to better services than before because of devolution,” said the Deputy President.

Mr Gachagua said as a consultative administration, the government will continue engaging with all the Devolution actors to ensure its success.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua hosting the intergovernmental team

“We are keen to continue creating a smooth working relationship with the counties for Kenyans to enjoy the best benefits from both levels of government,” he assured.

IGRTC Chairman Kithinji Kiragu said they were evaluating the remaining assets and functions that ought to be transferred in consultation with respective Cabinet Secretaries and

Principal Secretaries. “We are grateful for the support we have received from the President and Deputy President. We are working hard to meet the targets on the trans-

fer of the remaining functions,” said Mr Kiragu.

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A pupil at the St Luke's School for the Deaf in Embu, carries two tree seedlings to plant during an event to mark the International Day of Forests held at the school on Thursday. 400 seedlings were planted during the event sponsored by the Rainforest Alliance in collaboration with The Kenya Scout Association.



In a landmark initiative aimed at revolutionizing healthcare accessibility and quality health care, Bomet County has partnered with World Tele-Health (WTI) to launch telemedicine robots in Longisa County Referral Hospitals and other healthcare facilities across the County. Led by Deputy Governor Shadrack Rotich and WTI CEO Ms. Sharon Allen, the initiative marks a significant stride towards leveraging technology to bridge gaps in healthcare services, particularly in remote areas within Bomet County. The collaboration between Bomet and WTI underscores a commitment to embracing innovative solutions to enhance medical care delivery. Rotich highlighted the importance of telemedicine, stating, "Our partnership with World Tele-Health represents a significant step towards ensuring that our residents have access to quality healthcare services. Telemedicine technology enables us to bring specialized medical expertise to our healthcare facilities, ultimately improving patient outcomes."

Turkana Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai has called on Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) to ensure that local communities benefit from its projects including in corporate social responsibility. Speaking in Lodwar when he hosted a team from KenGen led by its Managing Director Peter Njenga, Lomorukai said the Turkana leadership was keen to ensure that residents got their fair share from the power plant's revenues as it hosts the Turkwel Gorge. He said there was a need to have a Memorandum of Understanding to guide the County Government's engagement with the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen). He said a legally binding framework would enhance inclusiveness, transparency and enable residents of Turkana to benefit from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), employment as well as business opportunities available at the Power Plant.



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Cabinet Secretary, Soipan Tuya has called on the Community Forests Associations (CFAs) and Kenyans in general to embrace planting of fruit trees seedlings not only to make the country green but also to enhance food security. According to the CS, there is need to embrace innovation and look for modern solutions to redeem forest cover. Speaking at Majani area in Lariak Forest of Laikipia County, during celebrations to mark this year's International Day of Forests, themed; Forests and Innovation; new solutions for a better world she noted that though there was tremendous efforts to conserve the environment, there is a need to ensure that the planted trees reach maturity.

She urged the community to plant a manageable number of trees that they can monitor and nurture to maturity before embarking on another planting exercise. On innovation, she said that the country is geared towards using modern approaches to amplify the protection of forests while at the same time empowering the community on their needs.



The Directorate of Children Services in partnership with Child Fund has organized a one day sensitization forum with relevant Nairobi County stakeholders working with children in a bid to strengthen the child protection system through prevention and response to Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA). The DCS has developed an OCSEA training manual for Social Service Workforce and the Standard Operating Procedures that include building the capacity of county stakeholders on identification and response to OCSEA cases, and identification of Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) in the social service workforce to cascade OCSEA message to the Sub County level. Through the Safe Community Linkages for Internet Child Safety (SafeCLICs) Project, the goal is to respond to OCSEA and systematically strengthen the Kenyan government agencies' capacity to prevent and respond to OCSEA, improve children's self-protection skills with the support of caregivers and communities, and also strengthen public awareness of OCSEA and connections to reporting and referral services. While leading the consultative forum at a Nairobi hotel, the Deputy Director at the Department of Children Services Judy Oduor defined OCSEA as all acts of a sexually abusive and exploitative nature carried out against a child that have, at some stage, a connection to the online environment.

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Regional Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity, Forests, and Seascape Ecosystems Management Launched in Nairobi

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Worth Noting:

- The RCoE for Biodiversity, Forests, and Seascape Ecosystems Management stands as the first of its kind in Africa, symbolizing a concerted commitment towards safeguarding the invaluable natural resources of the region.
- Through the provision of comprehensive regional datasets encompassing the latest trends and threats to forests, seascapes, and biodiversity, the center aims to empower countries in Eastern and Southern Africa to enhance their conservation efforts significantly.



Environment, Climate Change and Forestry CS Soipan Tuya speaking at a podium at the Regional Centre For Mapping Of Resources For Development institute.

A significant milestone in the realm of environmental conservation was marked recently as the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) unveiled the Regional Centre of Excellence (RCoE) for Biodiversity, Forests, and Seascape Ecosystems Management in Eastern and Southern Africa. The inauguration ceremony, held at the RCMRD Headquarters on Mwiki Rd in Kasarani, Nairobi, witnessed distinguished guests, policymakers, and environmental enthusiasts gather to witness this momentous occasion.

Graced by the esteemed presence of the Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry in Kenya, Roselinda Soipan

Tuya, the event underscored the collaborative efforts between RCMRD, CIFOR-ICRAF Africa, and regional governments in establishing this pioneering initiative. Also in attendance were Peter Minang, CIFOR-ICRAF Africa Director, and the Director General of RCMRD, among other dignitaries.

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In her address, Ms Tuya emphasized the critical role of the center in combating climate change and achieving sustainable environmental conservation targets. "The establishment of the Regional Centre of Excellence marks a pivotal moment in our collective journey towards environmental sustainability," remarked Tuya. "By fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, this center will serve as a beacon of hope in our quest to preserve the rich biodiversity and ecosystems of our region."

Mr. Minang, CIFOR-ICRAF Africa

Director, echoed these sentiments, highlighting the center's potential to catalyze transformative change in conservation practices. "With access to regional datasets and collaborative platforms, governments and stakeholders will be better equipped to address emerging challenges and leverage opportunities for sustainable development," noted Minang.

The RCoE for Biodiversity, Forests, and Seascape Ecosystems Management will serve as a hub for research, capacity building, and policy advocacy, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and expertise. By harnessing cutting-edge technologies and scientific methodologies, the center aims to facilitate evidence-based decision-making and holistic ecosystem management strategies.

Through strategic partnerships with academia, civil society organizations, and international agencies, the center endeavors to mobilize resources and expertise towards shared conservation goals. By harnessing the collective wisdom and ingenuity of stakeholders across the region, the RCoE aspires to become a model of excellence in environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

As the curtains drew to a close on the inaugural ceremony, optimism filled the air, resonating with a sense of purpose and determination. The launch of the Regional Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity, Forests, and Seascape Ecosystems Management heralds a new era of collaboration, innovation, and collective action in safeguarding Africa's natural heritage for generations to come.

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Kenya And Tanzania Break New Ground In Trade Relations: Key Exports Resume, Detained Goods Cleared

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Kenya and Tanzania have made significant strides in their trade relations, marked by the resumption of key exports and the clearance of previously detained goods at the Naman-ga border

In a bilateral meeting in Kisumu, co-chaired by Kenya's CS Rebecca Miano and Tanzania's Deputy Minister Stephen Byabato, both nations agreed on the resumption of tea exports to Tanzania, clearance of Konyagi spirit at Namanga, and clearance of timber at the Lunga Lunga/Horohoro border point.

In addition, the meeting considered a total of 14 issues, with 6 from the United Republic of Tanzania and 8 from the Republic of Kenya, and provided direction on their resolution.

The meeting also agreed on the holistic harmonization of levies, fees, charges, and other conditions affecting trade between the two countries.

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The meeting also resolved to enhance the monitoring and reporting mechanism on the agreed areas of commitments. It was decided that the next meeting will be held in July 2024 in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Eighth Joint Trade Committee (JTC) meeting between the Republic of Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania was held in Kisumu, Kenya from 18th to 22nd March 2024. The meeting was convened to address issues affecting trade between the two nations.



Bilateral meeting in Kisumu, co-chaired by Kenya's CS Rebecca Miano and Tanzania's Deputy Minister Stephen Byabato.

Miano said Presidents William Ruto and Samia Suluhu of Tanzania, affirmed their commitment to strengthen trade, investment, and economic cooperation. "They have directed

their respective trade Ministers to address all issues that affect trade with a view of enhancing trade between the two nations," the CS said.

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monitoring and reporting mechanisms on the agreed areas of commitments. The next meeting will be held in July 2024 in the United Republic of Tanzania.

Senate Trade Committee Considers Final Stakeholders' Submissions On The Street Vendors Bill

By: PSCU

The Senate Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism retreated to Machakos County today to meet and consider the stakeholders' submissions on the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill 2023.

The Street Vendors Bill, which is sponsored by Senator Esther Okenyuri, seeks to provide a framework to regulate the business of street vending in the country to ensure that street vendors can transact their businesses in favourable conditions.

Members of the Senator Lenku Seki-led Committee met with the Vice Chairperson of the Council of Governor's (CoG) Trade, Industry and Investment Committee and Busia Governor Dr Paul Otuoma who apprised the Senators of the Governors' views

on the Bill.

Senate Trade Committee also met with the Deputy Governor for Nairobi Njoroge Muchiri who presented the Nairobi City County's assessment of the Bill that seeks to protect street vendors from harassment by county askaris.

Other stakeholders who appeared before the committee to present their final submissions included the Central Organization of Hawkers Association and the Association of PWDs Street Vendors.

The Committee also considered the Co-operatives Societies (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 53 of 2023) and Pre-publication Scrutiny on the Creative Economy Support Bill 2024.



The committee members during yesterday's session

Waiguru Calls For More Investment In Maternal Health For Sustainable Socio-Economic Development

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From left; Susan Kihika, Gladys Wanga, Ida Odinga, Ann Waiguru and Wavinya Ndeti in photo after the forum.

Worth Noting:

- Council of Governors chairperson, Anne Waiguru said that leveraging health investments for maternal health is not only a humanitarian imperative but also a strategic investment in Kenya's socio-economic development.
- "Kenya has made significant strides in maternal, infant, and child health in the past decade whereby, presently almost all pregnant women (98%) receive antenatal care from skilled providers at least once during pregnancy, with six out of ten receiving it four or more times. Nearly all births now occur under the care of healthcare workers, compared to about 60% in 2014. Additionally, two-thirds of married women (63%) are using contraception, with the majority (57%) opting for modern methods." Noted the governor.

The Council of Governors chairperson, Anne Waiguru, has called for more investment in maternal health as a way of alleviating poverty for sustainable socio-economic development.

Speaking during a side event at the ongoing 68th session of Commission on Status of Women in New York, Waiguru said that the nexus between health, human rights and human development are undeniable. She noted that poor health outcomes not only deepen poverty, but are also perpetuated by it, which calls for deliberate investing in maternal health and poverty alleviation strategies to disrupt this cycle and foster sustainable development.

"Prioritizing maternal health investments aligns with Kenya's commitment to enhancing its human capital, since healthy mothers are more inclined to engaging in the workforce, bolster economic growth, and secure better outcomes for future generations" said the governor Waiguru.

She added that leveraging health investments for maternal health is not only a humanitarian imperative but also a strategic investment in Kenya's socio-economic development.

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in the past decade whereby, presently almost all pregnant women (98%) receive antenatal care from skilled providers at least once during pregnancy, with six out of ten receiving it four or more times. Nearly all births now occur under the care of healthcare workers, compared to about 60% in 2014. Additionally, two-thirds of married women (63%) are using contraception, with the majority (57%) opting for modern methods." Noted the governor.

Waiguru, who is also the governor of Kirinyaga County, however, regretted that gender-based violence in Kenya remains a pressing issue with 13 per cent of women and 7 per cent of men reporting experiences of sexual violence. Additionally, 15 per cent of women and girls undergo Female Genital Mutilation which she said calls for urgent, intensified actions to confront these entrenched challenges.

She noted that limited access to affordable healthcare services due to financial constraints remains a significant challenge in Kenya and many other African countries.

"In order to achieve development, investing in health and removing financial barriers to healthcare is therefore imperative. By addressing

health financing issues and optimizing investments, we can enhance access to maternal healthcare services, particularly for vulnerable populations, thereby mitigating poverty and improving maternal health outcomes" she told the session.

The COG Chair also pointed out that in 2001, African heads of state recognized inadequate health investment as a major issue and committed to allocating 15 per cent of their annual budgets to health at the Abuja summit. Many countries, including Kenya, however, fall short of this target, with only about 9 per cent of the budget allocated to health while development partner funding for health is also declining, which calls for innovative measures to bridge this gap.

Proper health financing strategies will enable countries progress towards universal health coverage through improved service coverage eventually reducing the number of millions of people who do not access health services due costs.

It will enable the implementation of various healthcare policies such as Digital Health Act, 2023 which is a step towards fortifying Kenya's health sector by providing a wider legal basis for healthcare financing,

and health service provision, and universal healthcare coverage, as well as strengthening the legal framework on the same. It will also enable the building of a Comprehensive Integrated Health Information System that shall be used in managing digital systems that are required during health information exchange. The act has also introduced 'E-Health', which is a recognized mode of health service delivery through provision of easy, safe, secure, reliable, and equitable health delivery services to individuals.

Waiguru said that it was the responsibility of all the leaders to unlock the challenges and ensure that equitable and quality health care is accessible without leaving anyone behind.

The session that was moderated by Justice Jacqueline Mogeni was attended by governors Gladys Wanga, Susan Kihika and Wavinya Ndeti of Homabay, Nakuru and Machakos respectively. Others in attendance included development partners, members of the civil societies as well as representatives from various states and governments.

NCCCK Urges Gov't To Address Health Crisis

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The National Council of Churches Kenya (NCCCK) officials in Nyeri County have urged the national government to urgently address the healthcare crisis.

This call came in a joint press statement following the conclusion of their elections, during which new representatives for the council in Nyeri County were elected to serve for a three-year term.

Led by the newly elected Chairman, Rev. Patrick Kimathi, they highlighted concerns over the slow transition from the National Health Insurance Fund to the Social Health Insurance Fund, which has left many patients without proper treatment as health facilities hesitate to accept NHIF coverage.

The NCCCK urged the government

to expedite the insurance transition process.

Additionally, the council reviewed the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) report presented to and passed by Parliament where they emphasized the need for increased awareness among Kenyans regarding the proposals and implications outlined in the report.

The council also expressed concern over the high cost of living and the government's slow progress in implementing promised policies and measures to alleviate it, particularly the failure to reduce taxation as pledged during elections.

The council criticized Members of Parliament in the region who admitted to passing the Finance Act 2023 without reading it, asserting that such actions represent a failure in their duty to the electorate.

They encouraged voters to consider this in future elections.

Meanwhile, they called upon both



Newly elected Nyeri county NCCCK chairman Rev Patrick Kimathi (2nd right) with other new committee members addressing the press shortly after they concluded their elections. Photo/PAUL WANJIRU.

the national and county governments to lower taxation levels to help citizens recover from the impact of Covid-19 and persistent droughts.

In addressing the issue of illicit brews, the council reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the fight against substance abuse, pledging to

continue using their pulpits to promote sobriety within communities.

Child Upbringing In Islam



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Upbringing is declared as an obligatory act in our religion. I think that the words "education" and "mentor" that we use the most often come from the same root as the name of God, "Rob", which increases the responsibility of teachers. So this is not an easy task. Upbringing is not just influence, order or control, inspection, it is divine. Upbringing means to always control and monitor the child, because in the first verse of Surah Al-Fatiha, Allah Almighty says : Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. In this verse, Allah mentions the name of Lord. "Robbil Alamiyn" means the teacher of all worlds. If God's guidance, i.e. con-

trol, monitoring, stops for a moment, the worlds will go off track...

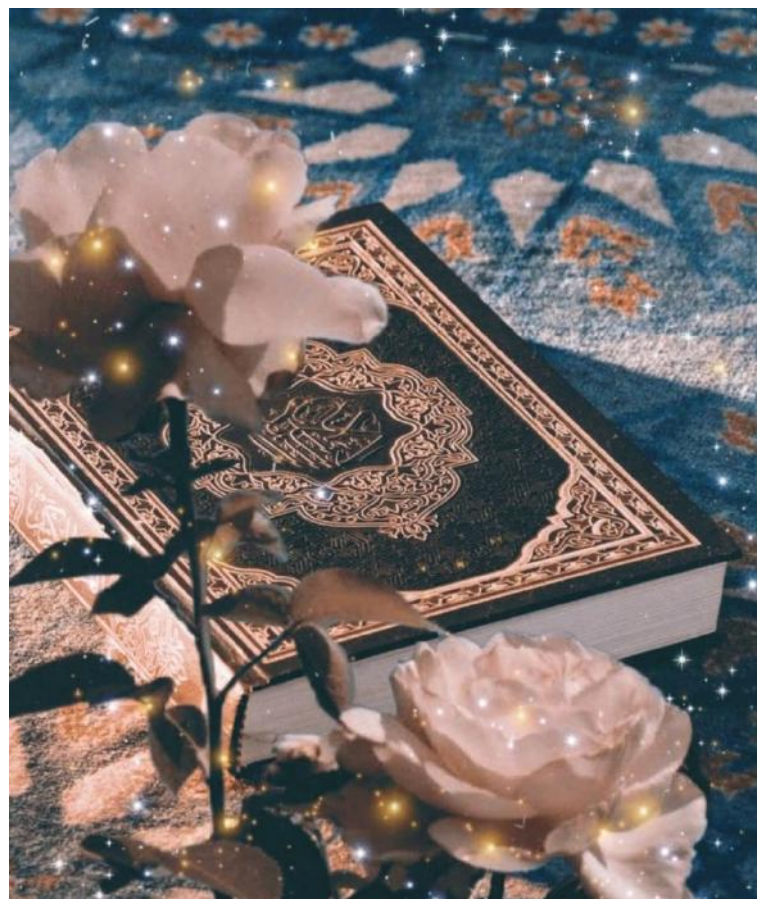
Muslims pay special attention to the education of children. The development of the child's faith into a whole, perfect person is beneficial for both parents and society. The person who will put a crown on your head on the Day of Judgment and the person who will lead you to Paradise is also your child. According to Islam, in order for the child to grow up to be a Qari and a Qaria, the mother should listen to or recite the Qur'an while the child is still in the womb. The Qur'an is absorbed into his blood, In Shaa Allah, after the birth of a child, he begins to read the Qur'an from a young age, and they grow up to be Qaris.

One of the verses in the Holy Qur'an was revealed when the Companions of Madinah came to the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, and complained that they should sell their houses and move to a closer place because their houses are too far away. That is, there is no need to sell the houses, if they are coming from afar, they will be rewarded for every step they take. In one of the interpretations, the meaning of "their footprints" in this verse is expressed as our work, our descendants. From this

verse of Allah, we understand that Allah records not only our deeds, but also the deeds of our descendants. That is why upbringing is necessary.

A kid is like a piece of white paper. If a teacher or parent ignores their child for a moment, their upbringing will be ruined. Rasuli Akram (s.a.w) said that every child born is born in fitrah, that is, every baby is pure, it is like white paper.

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Ruto's Pledge To Create 16.6 Million Jobs For Kenyans Laudable



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President William Ruto has reiterated the commitment of his government to create more jobs for Kenyans.

This showed he is walking the talk. During the campaigns, creation of jobs stood out as one of the key highlights of the Kenya Kwanza manifesto.

Speaking at State House Nairobi a few days ago, the President unveiled his ambitious plan to create 16.6 million more jobs.

He spoke moment after receiving briefings from Treasury Cabinet Secretary Njuguna Ndungu on state of the economy.

In his projections, Ndungu observed that the economy was doing well though we have not yet reached where we want to go.

President Ruto further revealed the plan by his government to raise Sh16 trillion.

Though this means expanding tax bracket, he said the government will not target the hustlers. We will collect these taxes from the affluent and non-essential commodities and services. The hustlers will be the biggest beneficiaries.

The Sh16 trillion will help to lay the foundation for a full economic take off. Kenyans will start to put big monies into their pockets.

On job creation, President William Ruto has so far made a raft of elaborate interventions.

A month earlier I listened to his speech when he addressed members of Kenya Kwanza parliamentary attending a retreat in Naivasha. The President highlighted achievements of his government in these endeavors.

As you are aware, we have advertised some of these jobs. A good number of Kenyans who have since applied for overseas jobs have landed good jobs. Locally, we have put in place infrastructure for digital jobs. Today, thousands of Kenyans are earning their living through doing these jobs.

During the campaigns, Dr Ruto had identified the problem of unemployment as one of the greatest challenge he was poised to inherit.

Last year I wrote an article in this column. These were my observations. When he led the nation in celebrating 60th Jamhuri Day, President Ruto enumerated other achievements including the launch of Hustler Fund, the rolling out of affordable housing and securing of thousands of jobs abroad.

Recently, President Ruto reignited his blistering attacks on judiciary. Some of the corrupt judges were working at the behest of the opposition leaders.

After receiving bribes, they issued

court orders and rulings that were so biased, unfair and skewed. The decisions flew in the face of Constitution and other written laws.

The provisions of Article 43 of the Constitution are very clear. The law outlined social and economic rights for all Kenyans. Affordable and decent Shelter, access to quality and affordable healthcare stood out as key basic rights.

We know our political opponents were working day and night to derail and sabotage my administration's implementation plan. The corrupt judges were helping them.

We want to tell them they were wasting their time. Our plan is unstoppable. The train had already left the station and have no reverse gear.

The President further recalled the advise he had received from some Kenyans. I had been told to set aside budget for bribing judges. If I want to have a good working relationship with the judiciary. The previous government used to set aside this budget.

For me, I have no such money. I cannot cave in to their blackmail and intimidation. This is not the first time that the judiciary is clashing with executive.

The story was the same during the era of President Mwai Kibaki and his predecessor Uhuru Kenyatta. This brings me to the question. Will Dr Ruto succeed where Kibaki and Uhuru failed? Let us pray for him.

Back to Jamhuri Day, Dr Ruto stated. You have been seeing me making foreign trips. The problem of unemployment is one of the key issues taking me abroad.

The bilateral and multilateral negotiations had borne the fruits. I have secured thousands of jobs for Kenya.

Earlier in the week, the President who spoke during the passing out of 10,000 National General Service (NYS) graduates, listed 10 countries offering these opportunities including Germany, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Qatar, Canada and United Kingdom.

Reacting to this, I heard the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga faulting the President.

When the President tells us that he was looking for jobs outside the country, then there is something wrong with his administration.

He is supposed to create jobs within the country.

To me, this was just playing politics and peddling propaganda. Reason? President Ruto is already creating jobs locally. Raila's reactions also reeked of hypocrisy and malice. I'm sure he was aware that our economy cannot accommodate all job seekers.

When he served as a Prime Minis-

ter during the era of President Mwai Kibaki and later as co-principal of the handshake government led by President Uhuru Kenyatta, Kenyans used to leave the country to look for green pastures abroad.

The two governments were helping them to get these jobs. If he had a solution to ensure all jobless Kenyans got jobs locally, why did he fail to bring it on the table?

For President Ruto, the ongoing construction of affordable housing is at the core of generating jobs locally. His eyes are also trained in innovations and nurturing various talents. This is with a view of ensuring the youths are using the talents to eke a living.

He has since launched "Hera Talanta", talent money.

Recently, a three-judge bench delivered the much awaited ruling on a case challenging the housing levy a key pillar of the Finance Act of 2023.

Though the judges stated that the provisions of the constitution were not followed to the letter and spirit when it was enacted, they declined to issue orders sought by petitioner to stop the government from collecting the levies.

We have listened to all the parties and considered their submissions. The lawyers representing the government have requested this bench to give them time to file the appeals before the Court of Appeal and then at the Supreme Court. We have given the state until January 10 to align the housing levy with relevant provisions of the constitution. The Appeal Court have since upheld the ruling of the High Court.

Reacting to this, President William Ruto stated that we have read the judgement. We believe in the rule of law. So, my government will fully comply with the orders issued.

We will take the necessary steps to ensure this law is aligned. The housing plan is noble idea whose time has come. As I speak, It has created 120,000 jobs. The job opportunities are set to increase to 200,000 and 500,000 in coming days.

The mega project resonated very well with Ruto's concept of bottom up economic model. It is designed to address two main challenges: joblessness and lack of decent houses.

The President announced that 250,000 affordable housing units will be constructed in the first phase. At one point during a visit to Busia county, he told the 'hustlers'.

The housing project is being opposed by those employed, who were receiving a monthly payslips, and their employers.

They do not want 1.5 per cent to be deducted from thier salaries.

The same case applies to the top leaders of the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Opposition coalition.

Each one pockets a pension of more than 1 million from the National Treasury every month.

These are the same personalities who say they love you and were ready to die for you. Really, do they?

When they oppose a deduction of 1.5 percent from thier payslips, what message are they sending?

They don't care. They want you to continue being poor and to live in a state of desperation and hopelessness.

For starters, the Affordable Housing Plan stood out as one of the key proposals contained in the Finance Bill 2023.

The 'Hustlers' (those without a payslip) were excluded from paying the housing levy.

President Ruto have been rightly stating that the housing project is a game-changer. For the first time in our history, the sons and daughters of the hustlers will own decent houses.

Listen to critics. President Ruto's position is that the deductions are compulsory. He is therefore imposing this plan down the throat of Kenyans.

I disagree. The president has no legal mandate to pass this proposal into law. Parliament exercises this power and it had already passed the Bill.

Before being tabled in parliament, the bill had been subjected to public participation. The views gathered and collated were factored. In exercise of power conferred on him, the President consequently signed the bill into law.

For starters, the government is made up of three main arms: parliament, executive and Judiciary.

Though each is independent, the law requires them to always embrace the principle of interdependence and complementarity.

The President was in fore front of drumming support for Finance Bill 2023. Did this amount to overstepping his legal mandate? No.

The law allows him to support the proposals, particularly those originating from the cabinet. This is because he is the head of the executive and chairs the cabinet meetings.

The Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga is opposed to Finance Act. His main bone of contention was the proposal to deduct 1.5 percent from the basic salaries of the workers. But a good number of Azimio MPs voted for the bill.

I would have expected him to be the last person to oppose this proposal. Why? During the campaigns, the house plan proposal stood out as one of his main election pledges.

If elected President, I will rollout a massive affordable housing plan. Majority of our people, who migrated to urban centers, were living in poor and highly deplorable conditions in slums. 'My government' will build decent houses for them. This is a commitment I have given to you.

Raila would add: A huge chunk of money to build these houses will come from our pockets. He would single out those employed, civil servants, state officers and other workers. The Government will deduct 1.5 per cent from the payslip of each.

Joseph Mutua Ndonga is a writer and political analyst based in Nairobi

Worth Noting:

- As you are aware, we have advertised some of these jobs. A good number of Kenyans who have since applied for overseas jobs have landed good jobs. Locally, we have put in place infrastructure for digital jobs. Today, thousands of Kenyans are earning their living through doing these jobs.

- During the campaigns, Dr Ruto had identified the problem of unemployment as one of the greatest challenge he was poised to inherit.

- Last year I wrote an article in this column. These were my observations. When he led the nation in celebrating 60th Jamhuri Day, President Ruto enumerated other achievements including the launch of Hustler Fund, the rolling out of affordable housing and securing of thousands of jobs abroad.

Millions Of Kenyans In The Informal Sector To Get Jobs Abroad - Gachagua

By: DPCS



Worth Noting:

“This is what the hustler narrative is all about. All these Standard Eight and Form Four people who have skills and competencies and are not recognized by anybody belong to the hustler nation. This is their government, and it is recognising them for who they are, for what they know and for the skills they possess. They must be allowed to take part in the development of this country and fend for themselves and their families,” said the Deputy President. The DP said the people deserve to play a greater role in national building as those who have formal education, saying the RPL Policy is a gamechanger as it will empower millions locked out of the employment bracket.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing the forum at KICC on Friday..

Millions of Kenyans in the informal sector who have been denied jobs for lack of certificates will now be formally recognised enabling them to get access to hundreds of lucrative opportunities locally and abroad. Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua said the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy launched on Friday will open the way for the youths and other citizens who possess self-acquired skills but have been overlooked for years for lack certificates to ascertain their abilities. While launching the Policy at KICC, Nairobi, he said the government is dignifying the jobs of the Jua Kali artisans who possess top-notch skills

through self-training but cannot be formally employed because they lack college certificates. “This is what the hustler narrative is all about. All these Standard Eight and Form Four people who have skills and competencies and are not recognized by anybody belong to the hustler nation. This is their government, and it is recognising them for who they are, for what they know and for the skills they possess. They must be allowed to take part in the development of this country and fend for themselves and their families,” said the Deputy President. The DP said the people deserve to play a greater role in national build-

ing as those who have formal education, saying the RPL Policy is a gamechanger as it will empower millions locked out of the employment bracket. “Let us affirm these skills and competencies of our Kenyan people and let us give them an equal chance to participate in national development. What happened today is the best thing that could ever happen to this country,” Mr Gachagua said. During the launch, the DP also awarded certificates to 900 graduates of the RPL Cohort 1 as he encouraged them to take full advantage of the recognition. “Today, hardworking, dedicated, focused and qualified Kenyans- who could never have bagged a certificate, will walk home with a promise of a job and a bright future for themselves and their families. In these certificates, we are giving them the key and empowering them access to unlimited opportunities in the formal sector-locally and internationally,” said the Deputy President. He said the Ruto administration developed the policy because it fits well in the Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda (BETA). “Our decision is informed by the fact that these skilled people acquired

competencies through informal and non-formal means, but they have been discriminated against for lack of a paper to prove qualification. The impact has been severe. They cannot secure formal jobs, and if they do, they have limited latitude to negotiate for higher pay equivalent to the service,” he said. At the same time, the Deputy President asked for a review of a requirement of a form four certificate to clear one for domestic work abroad. “If one is good at domestic work, they must be allowed access to these opportunities. It is not a must they must be studied to form four,” asserted the DP. The Deputy President was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary for Education Ezekiel Machogu, Principal Secretaries Belio Kipsang (Basic Education), Esther Muoria (TVETs), Beatrice Inyangala (Higher Education), Charles Hinga (Housing), Shadrack Mwadime (Labour), Solicitor General Shadrack Mose, Kericho Governor Erick Mutai, Nairobi Deputy Governor Njoroge Muchiri, Jua Kali Federation Chief Executive Officer Richard Muteti, among other leaders.



I Have No More Beef With DP - Senator Sifuna

By: Charles Kinyua
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Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna has declared that his disgust for Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has evaporated after the second in command allegedly renounced his likening the nation to shareholding entity.

The abrasive City legislator said that he has never had anything personal with the ruling party's Deputy Party Leader as the two have had minimal interactions and thus have had nothing to quarrel about.

Addressing mourners during the funeral of Joseph Mwangi Muiga (Dereva) who is the father of Embakasi Central MP Benjamin Gathiru Mejja Donk at Kangurwe village in Mukurweini constituency, Nyeri, the Senator urged leaders to shun political differences in the service of citizens without discrimination.

"Those of us elected in urban areas are devoid of petty differences dogging our colleagues from mashinani

whom we don't envy at all," he observed.

His Migori counterpart, Eddy Oketch urged the government to decentralise the affordable housing programme and have decent houses in the villages.

"There's no reason why the government should not assist peasant villagers with say 60, 70 thousand shillings to upgrade their uninhabitable dwellings", advised the ODM legislator.

His sentiments were echoed by Buuri MP Mugambi Rindikiri who said that all citizens deserved dignified habitations.

Mwingi Central legislator Gideon Mulyungi urged the Deputy President to bring the Kamba to the GEMA fold where they rightly belonged since time immemorial.

"Your excellency, as you know Gikuyu had nine daughters and no sons and it's our sons that impregnated them. Na unajua sisi tunatoa double, double" proclaimed the lawmaker amid a prolonged laughter from the mourners.

Nyeri senator Wahome Wamatin-

ga called on the DP not to relent on war against killer brews while while Mathira legislator Eric Wamumbi vowed to plead with the court to ask the brewers who have taken him to court to partake of their products to prove that they are harmless.

Among other notable mourners were Jubilee acting party leader Sabina Wanjiru Chege, her wing's Secretary General Kanini Kega, Nandi Hills MP Bernad Kitur. Maragwa's Mary Wamaua Kingara of Ruiru, Joseph Kiptor, Emgwen and over two dozen MCAs from Nairobi and Nyeri counties.

Nairobi City County Senator Edwin Sifuna addressing mourners in Mukurweini, Nyeri on Thursday



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Then I found my happiness,
Your love, your kindness captured me.
You also found your white love,
And our happiness appeared.

Black sky, white clouds,
Happiness beat two hearts.
The stars kept talking,
The story of our love...

Believe it or not,
It's a dream, it's a dream.
The look that made me conquest,
It's a lie, it's a dream.

But I'm still looking,
My white love in the dark.
I'm turning person without a soul,
I can't find that happiness...

Shonazarova Parizod from Uzbekistan. She was born on December 22, 2005 in Khorezm region, Khanka district. Presently, she studies at 41-school in Khanka.

In that calm, dark night,
I saw you in my dream.
Flocks clouds in the sky,
I was happy with you.

Hulkar star just smiled,
And wished us happiness.
That beautiful, great love,
Made me a mess.

My love, I met you,
And also black eyes met.
My dark night when you came,
Became starry again.

When I look into your eyes,
My heart felt something.

Conflicts And Their Solution



Abstract: this article is about conflict, that is, conflict resolution.

Basic words. Conflict, conflict in the family, conflict in social life, solution, conflict resolution, conflict-causing, conflict in political life.

We know that in social life, various conflicts and conflicts are encountered at every step. Sometimes the conflict can take a serious turn and lead to stabbing. Such a sad incident is caused by a person's attack on the person, not on the problem. You almost always have a conflict, sometimes even within yourself. Not everyone can solve it. Few people can get out of the conflict by themselves. Conflict always happens between two people. You may find yourself conflicted. You think a lot, quietly thinking about something. People who think a lot, their hair turns gray quickly and falls out early. First of all, try to figure out how to resolve the conflict. As I mentioned before, don't attack yourself. You agree to premature aging. Follow the path you find most correct. Listen to your heart. He can tell what is right and what is wrong. You have to believe first. Conflict (lat. Conflictue – conflict, collision) – 1) clash of opposing sides, ideas, forces; 2) in literature and art – the conflict in the essence of the work of art, the clash of characters, the conflict. Conflict is applied to epic works, and in detective novels it is manifested in the form of collision, experience, flow of thought. There are 3 different types of conflict: conflict and struggle between the heroes of the work; conditions, conflict with the environment; internal struggle with oneself.

Conflicts are different. At work, street, school, family, higher education, school, kindergarten, office and various places. You

too may face a conflict here or somewhere else tomorrow. However you resolve it, make sure it doesn't escalate the conflict again. When you have a conflict with your loved one, it will be worse than the previous conflict. You let out what you've kept inside. Satan will help you. It speaks your language even if you don't want it to. Few people overcome this situation lightly. Most of them go to a worse dispute and conflict and become more confused. Conflicts must be resolved rationally by a third party. If a third party takes sides, the side that is not sided with will be more angry. He speaks harshly without knowing it. The middle person must find a way so that both sides can reconcile and agree. If you were the third person, how would you find a solution to the conflict?

Conflict in the family. Every family has conflicts. They are just temporary. Sometimes it resolves on its own. Have you ever seen young children get into conflict? It is also a small conflict. But even this small conflict can become bigger over time. Let's say the girl next door comes to play with your daughter. Your daughter cried while playing with her doll. Most mothers take their daughter's side anyway. It is not always good to take the child's side. The boy will grow into a man. Each day can lead to one conflict. Therefore, learn to resolve conflict situations as much as possible. When in doubt, check it yourself first. If you think you're right, try to prove something. If you can't, try talking to that person. Doubts are not always correct either.

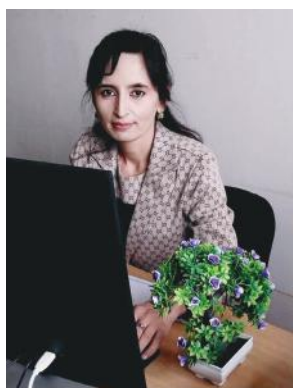
What we need to know about the origin of conflict situations is that "conflictogens" play a very important role in the origin of conflicts.

Conflictogenic is translated as enabling conflict, creating conditions for conflict. Words, actions, or inaction that can lead to conflict are called conflictogenic. Conflict creates the ground for conflict. Currently, there are conflicts in social life, but also in political life. For example: we can take Palestine during the day. In political life, a conflict can occur between ministers or between the employees and heads of a large organization. Career conflicts are common.

Summary. The conflict is brewing in various corners of life. How you get through it is up to you. But don't forget that there is always a solution to everything. There is no solution to death alone.

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Spring



Pages of my life
I decorate with colors
Every color in it
I decorate with love.

It was black
Then came the light
Look at the color
It's a good thing

People are also colorful
Some are white and some are black
But it is not known at all
How are they?

✍️ Tursunova Sarvinoz Fazliddinova

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Did you come spring?
Spitting hearts.
Did you spread your expressions?
Muddy your waters.

Your voice everywhere
Both in birds and flowers.
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Both from mountains and gardens.

Smallpox has opened
Scattered everywhere
They are here to see you
So much time has passed

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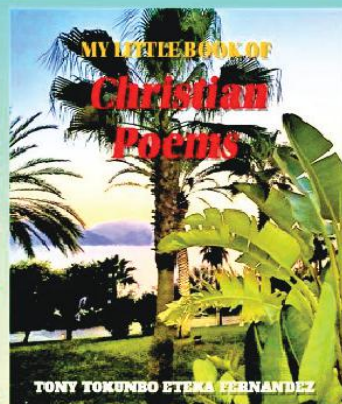
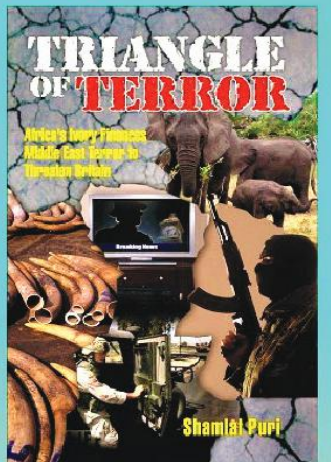
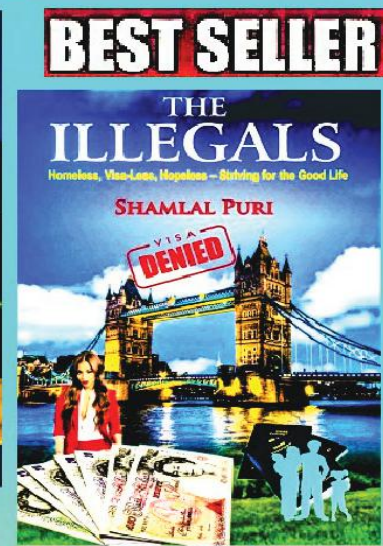
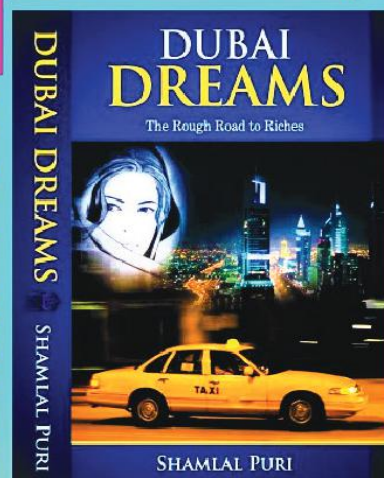
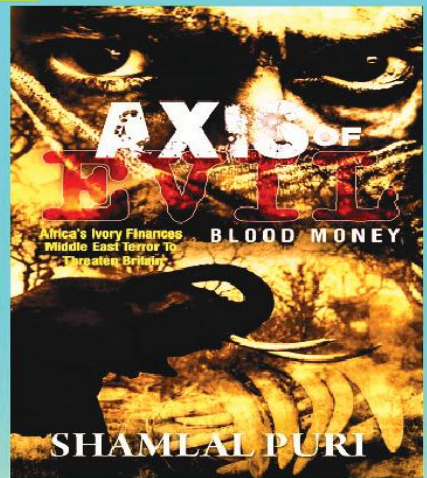
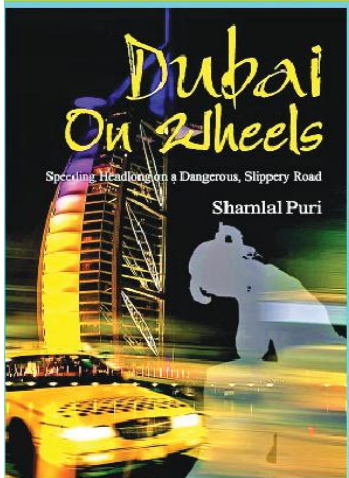
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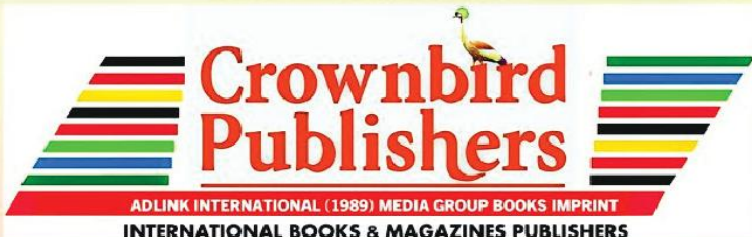
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Mudavadi Unveils Kenya's Grand Strategy For National Prosperity

By: Prudence Wanza

Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi is advocating for a proactive stance in advancing African interests while forging strategic alliances worldwide.

Speaking while unveiling Kenya's Grand Strategy and delineating a comprehensive roadmap for national prosperity amidst global transformations, Mudavadi reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to proactive global engagement and Pan-African cooperation.

He highlighted the multifaceted nature of Kenya's grand strategy, which encompasses economic, diplomatic, defense, technological, and societal dimensions.

"Kenya's foreign policy outlook is both an opportunity and a challenge shaped by global geopolitics," he stated.

"Our grand strategy is a tapestry of interconnected initiatives aimed at achieving our foreign policy objectives," he added.

Mudavadi underscored the symbiotic relationship between domestic development and international engagement saying the interdependence between the two necessitates a holistic approach to national development that integrates domestic priorities with global aspirations, fostering unity and resilience among Kenyans.

The PCS further called for a strategic reorientation that harnesses the nation's potential and navigates the complexities of the modern global landscape.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi .

All Liquor Outlets In Karatina Town Closed

By: MKT Correspondent

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All the 150 liquor outlets in Karatina town, the second largest town in Nyeri county have been ordered closed.

The outlets do not meet one of the establishment rule that stipulates that such a business must not be less 300 metres from a learning institutions.

Karatina town that sits on 407 acres makes it practically impossible to have a liquor outlet. This is due to the fact that at both ends of the town, there are learning institutions. There are three public primary schools, two academics and a public secondary schools in the town.

Two weeks ago, the government ordered for the closure of the outlets, save for a few.

However, following protests by some dealers who were affected by the closure.

Among those who had initially been spared from closure, two weeks ago

are The Derby Place, Omega Gardens, Starbucks, Ibis group and County Inn as well as about 7 that past the test that have been roaring business selling the popular Keg beer sold in mugs.

They are said to have hiked prices from the usual Sh80 and Sh40 for the big and small mugs respectively to Sh100 and Sh50 respectively as well as giving less quantities thereby earning super profits to the envy of their peers who had been squeezed out of business. One of the outlets which is reportedly the oldest in the town was selling over 20 seventy litre cans raking in upwards of Over Sh100,000 daily.

One of the dealers is said to have rubbed the provincial administration the wrong way by daring the Mathira East DCC opening her premises and daring him to arrest her. The did just that.

Another one reportedly said she was calling the County Governor for assistance to which the administrator retorted, "don't bother because I wouldn't listen to him. Am only picking two calls; that of the Deputy



President and my minister Professor Kindiki".

The bar owner however went on and called the county boss who advised her to shift to a clean business that would not put her on collision course with law enforcement agencies.

Several car wash establishments that neighbour one of the public

primary schools were also ordered closed as they were said to be bang peddlers and smokers den.

A section of bar owners, waitresses and a handful of partakers of the second generation brews demonstrated to the Police Station but they were told they could not get any assistance there.

They matched to the nearby Deputy County Commissioner's office where the acting boss Mr Osundwa turned a deaf ear.

The three bar owners earlier arrested were last evening released on a Police bond of Sh20,000.



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DP Illicit Brews War Gets Mt Kenya MPs Boost

By: Charles Kinyua
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Leaders from the mountain region have called on Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua not to relent on leading the war on third generation brews that threaten to put to extinction an entire generation.

Led by Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina, the leaders attending the funeral of their colleague Benjamin Gathiru (MejjaDonk)'s father; Joseph Mwangi Muiga alias Dereva at Kangurwe village in Mukurweini, Nyeri County, the leaders noted that many families have lost loved ones to alcoholism in silence.

"It's time we speak out on the pain of losing a loved to irresponsible drunkenness and curb the vice," said the legislator adding, "I personally lost a brother and understand the effect".

Kiambu Woman Representative, Anne Wamuratha noted that the war may never be effectively won if families and the wider society does not

accept those being rehabilitated.

"Families must accept, receive and respect those give up on drunkenness for them feel at ease and live harmoniously," advised the professional counsellor.

The Kiambu legislator also urged the churches to play a more significant role in the eradication of the brews by reaching out to the addicts and give them hope.

Nyeri Town MP Duncan Maina Mathenge lamented the time wasted waiting for sample results from the government chemist calling for the government to decentralise the service by opening regional offices.

Nyeri Deputy Governor David Kinanire Warue assured residents of the devolved unit's commitment to fighting the vice noting that no new liquor licences would be issued and at the same time closing those accused of selling counterfeits.

"We recently closed a notorious entity brewing and selling killer brews at Gatitu and the owners are currently putting it into better use by selling animal feeds", said the county second in command.

In a light moment, Lamu woman



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina (Mount Kenya) addressing mourners in Mukurweini on Thursday.

rep Monica Marubu decried the lack of husbands by youthful women like her as their peers have drowned in the brews while her Taita Taveta counter-

part declared that most women have confided to her of signs of forming lives inside them since the fight against the illicit liquor intensified.

The DP who was accompanied by more than 50 political leaders with all those who spoke supporting his initiative.

Man Who Murdered His Mother In Kirinyaga Arrested

By: MKT Correspondent
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A man who brutally, severally slashed his mother to death has been arrested even after having been mysteriously released on his voluntary walk-in into the police station less than an hour of committing the heinous crime.

The homicide was occasioned by a deep rooted family feud after the mother threatened to sell her piece of land and that of her deceased son who is reported to have been murdered several years ago in Meru County.

The suspect is said to have been infuriated by his mother on Wednesday after she destroyed his coffee trees to give vacant position of the land.

The incident occurred in Karuku village, Mukuure ward in Ndia con-

stituency.

According to a villager who sought anonymity, the family has been bogged by feuds and mysterious deaths that has left the family without at least six members.

On reporting the death threat by the deceased to the area Assistant Chief, she was referred to the Chief who had promised to address the issue, but it was not to be.

Another neighbour had advised the woman to spend the night at her (neighbour's) home, an offer she declined only to meet her grisly death hours later.

The suspect reported to the Kiania Police Station but strangely, an officer asked him to go back home.

He was only arrested after a vernacular radio station aired the story on Friday morning.

Tension was high at the police station as fears were rife that repercussions would follow after the reported release of the suspect.





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Breaking The Stigma: Mary's Journey Through Menstrual Health Challenges

By: **Collins Simiyu**

In the heart of Kenya, on the vibrant campus of Rongo University, Mary, not her real name, a determined second-year student taking bachelor of in education has been silently battling a series of menstrual health challenges. Despite her academic pursuits, her journey has been marked by relentless struggles, highlighting the broader issue of menstrual health and its impact on young women.

"I was born normal with proper health conditions and I never thought that one day I will experience such a dilemma in my life. At first, I believed that it was just a normal menstruation that after two or three days it will stop but that was not the case because I bled for two consecutive weeks nonstop. It was during the third week that I decided to alert my friend who advised me to visit the school clinic for medication. After being treated, am now feeling changes and it had reduced greatly". She laments her face full of sorrows.

According to a global survey conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 1.9 billion

women of reproductive age worldwide experience menstruation, making it a universal phenomenon. However, the challenges associated with menstruation extend far beyond its biological aspect. In many societies, menstruation remains shrouded in stigma, misinformation, and inadequate access to resources.

Mary's story mirrors the experiences of countless young women worldwide. Despite diligently adhering to various family planning methods, she found herself grappling with unexpectedly heavy menstrual bleeding. This phenomenon, known as menorrhagia, affects approximately 10-15% of women globally, according to data from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). In Kenya, menstrual health remains a pressing issue, with significant implications for women's well-being and socio-economic empowerment. A report by the Kenyan Ministry of Health revealed that a staggering 65% of girls and women in rural areas cannot afford menstrual products, leading to adverse consequences such as school absenteeism and limited participation in daily

activities.

Mary's journey sheds light on the intersection of menstrual health and education. Despite her determination to excel academically, she found herself grappling with the debilitating effects of heavy menstrual bleeding, which often left her unable to attend classes or participate in campus activities. This echoes findings from UNICEF, which indicates that globally, one in ten girls misses school during their menstrual cycle, contributing to educational inequalities. However, amidst the challenges, Mary's resilience shines through. With the support of campus health services and advocacy groups promoting menstrual health awareness, she embarked on a journey of empowerment and self-care. Through access to menstrual hygiene products, educational workshops, and counseling services, she learned to manage her condition effectively and break free from the shackles of stigma and silence.

Mary's story serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of destigmatizing menstruation and promoting access to comprehensive menstrual health resources. By addressing the systemic



Over menstruation flow victim, an inspiration storyteller.

barriers that hinder women's access to menstrual hygiene products, education, and healthcare, societies can empower women like Mary to thrive academically, professionally, and personally.

As Mary continues her academic journey, she stands as a beacon of hope and resilience, inspiring others to break the silence surrounding menstrual health and championing a future where menstruation is embraced with dignity, respect, and equity for all.

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The Divine Call To Embrace Peace, Love And Unity In Campus Politics

By **Seth Wafula**

When we talk about peace in campus politics, we mean creating an environment where everyone feels safe, respected and heard. It's about finding solutions through peaceful discussions and understanding rather than resorting to conflicts and arguments. By choosing peace, we can build bridges of communication, foster cooperation and create a harmonious atmosphere where ideas can flourish and work together towards our institutional goals.

Peace in campus politics is all about resolving conflicts in a peaceful manner. It means listening to each other's ideas and perspectives even if they are different from our own. By having open and respectful conversations, we can find solutions that benefit everyone. Peace allows us to build bridges of communication paving the way for greater un-

derstanding and cooperation. These values go beyond individual institutions, cultures and beliefs touching the hearts of students everywhere. By focusing on peace, love and unity, we can make a positive impact on our campus and in the world at large.

Love in the context of campus politics means treating others with kindness and compassion. It's about caring for the well-being of our fellow students, faculty and even staff. When we show love, we create an environment where people feel supported and valued. Acts of kindness such as offering a helping hand and a listening ear can make a significant difference in someone's day. Love fosters a sense of belonging and creates a positive atmosphere where everyone can thrive.

Unity is the glue that holds us together in campus politics. It is the idea of coming together as a team

despite our political differences in order to achieve common goals. It means recognizing and appreciating the unique strengths and perspectives that each person brings to the table. By embracing diversity and working together, we can accomplish more and create positive change on our campuses. Unity strengthens our community and allows us to tackle challenges more effectively. By embracing diversity and seeking common ground, we can build a strong and inclusive campus community that is peaceful.

When we embrace peace, love and unity in campus politics, we become leaders who inspire others. We set an example by promoting respect, understanding and cooperation. Our actions have the power to create a better environment for everyone. By fostering an inclusive and supportive campus, we encourage others to do the same leading to a positive

ripple effect.

It's important to remember that embracing peace, love and unity doesn't mean we have to agree on everything. We can still have different opinions and engage in healthy debates for an easier understanding and agreement. The key is to communicate respectfully and listen to each other's perspectives without fighting amongst ourselves because we are a family and we must embrace comradeship. By valuing each other's opinions and finding common ground, we can build bridges of understanding and work towards common shared solutions.

By promoting peace, love and unity, we also become catalysts for positive change. We also inspire others to follow suit and create a ripple effect that extends far beyond our campus boundaries. Together, we can create a more inclusive, compassionate and harmonious world free

from conflicts, fights and ethnicity. By embodying these values, we can make our campus a welcoming and harmonious place for everyone.

Let us embrace peace, love and unity in campus politics. Let us come together, respect one another and work towards a brighter future and let's learn to accept the results because leadership come from God. By doing so, we not only strengthen our campus community but also contribute to a world where peace and understanding prevail.

Amidst the chaos let's remember our shared purpose; to learn, grow and create positive change together. Let's channel our energy into constructive dialogue and peaceful actions. Unity, not division, paves the path to progress. Together, we can build a campus community we're all proud of. #there's life after politics and we need each other#.

PAC Calls For Increased Budget To Settle Backlog Of Pending Bills Resulting From Human Wildlife Conflicts

By: PSCU

The Public Accounts Committee chaired by Nominated MP John Mbadi today examined the Auditor-General's report on the State Department for Wildlife for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2022.

One of the major concerns raised in the report is the huge backlog of pending bills resulting from human-wildlife conflicts.

These unpaid bills amount to a staggering KSh2.3 billion and are expected to increase to KSh5.7 billion as more claims await verification for compensation.

These claims include losses caused by wildlife such as injuries, fatalities, and property damages.

This even as Principal Secretary of the State Department for Wildlife, Ms. Silvia Museiya Kihoro disclosed that they plan to implement an insurance scheme to address the issue of unpaid victims of human-wildlife

conflicts.

However, the committee recognizes that this is not enough. Bura MP Yakub Adow proposed a multi-faceted approach that combines short-term relief measures with long-term sustainable solutions to address the issue.

"As a committee, we urged the government to take swift action to mitigate the suffering and financial strain experienced by those affected," said Adow

Mathioya MP Dr. Edwin Mugo recommended the immediate allocation of resources to expedite the verification and settlement of pending claims saying it provide much-needed relief to the affected individuals and communities.

Funyula MP Dr. Wilberforce Oundo advocated for enhanced collaboration between the state department, wildlife conservation organizations, and relevant stakeholders to develop sustainable strategies for mitigating human-wildlife conflicts.

These strategies could include investing in wildlife corridors,



During yesterday's session.

implementing effective deterrent measures, and promoting community-based conservation initiatives.

Butere MP Tindi Mwale, who is the vice chairperson of the committee urged the government to explore in-

novative funding mechanisms such as public-private partnerships and eco-tourism revenue sharing to support conservation efforts and alleviate the financial burden on affected communities.

Lastly, the committee emphasized the importance of raising public awareness about the consequences of human-wildlife conflicts and the need for proactive conservation measures.

CS Kuria: Intern Doctors To Join Public Service As Junior Doctors

By: John Jacob Kioria

Public Service CS Moses Kuria has announced plans to integrate doctors on internships into the public service as junior doctors.

The CS said the move will address the ongoing challenges within the sector even as he called on doctors to resume duties, following the Labour and Employment court decision staying the nationwide strike.

The announcement follows a meeting convened by Head of Public Service Felix Koskei on Thursday night which brought together various parties and stakeholders including Cabinet Secretaries, the Council of Governors, Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union (KMPDU), Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC), Public Service Commission (PSC), The Kenya Federation of Employers; and Central Organisation of Trade Unions (COTU-K).

Kuria urged the doctors to embrace dialogue, saying it was not right for doctors to stop providing emergency services at public hospitals, as they demand better wages.

The CS spoke on Friday at Kiobwoge Vocational Training Centre in Nyamira County, where he is on a tour of the NYS-VTC Mashinani program.

He was accompanied Nyamira Governor Amos Nyaribo, West Mugirango MP, Stephen Mogaka, County Commissioner Erastus Mbui, among other local leaders.

Kuria said the partnership between the county government and national government through the NYS will see the VTCs upgraded and equipped to offer courses up to diploma level.

The rebranded NYS-VTC Mashinani will also benefit from NYS instructors.

The CS said the Ministry of Education will integrate and harmonize the curriculum of VTCs, NYS and TVETS.



Public Service CS Moses Kuria.

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- Level 3: Form 5 – 6 (Submission deadline: Mar. 15, 2024)

Judges :

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

World Rally Championship: It's All Systems Go

By: MKT Correspondent

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Excitement has filled the lakeside town of Naivasha, in Nakuru County as local and international tourists flock into the area to witness the iconic World Safari Rally Championships (WRC) that kicks off on Thursday.

Speaking in Naivasha during a reconnaissance tour of the 250 kilometer route to be used by the rally drivers, Cabinet Secretary for Youths Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Ababu Namwamba said he was satisfied with preparations which he termed topnotch.

He welcomed all Kenyans and foreigners to the lakeside town to have fun and enjoy the iconic event which will take place on the Easter Weekend.

Ababu said unlike in the past, an

excellent plan was in place to avoid traffic snarl-ups especially along the Nairobi – Nakuru highway, adding that they have deployed a whole Government approach in organizing the event in order to ensure Kenya reaps maximum benefit from it.

Cabinet Secretary for Youths Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports Ababu Namwamba.



Today's Guidance

Tarot, Zodiac, Astrology & Horoscopes

How Do You Think Your Upcoming Week Will Be?

By: Dipa Sharma

Note:-Greetings, I am a professional intuitive tarot card reader. My readings are based on both the cards and my intuition. It is a general and collective reading. Please take what resonate and leave the rest. If you have come across this reading this means there is some message for you.

Aries ♈ (March 21- April 19)

Career:- You may feel that, although you have a never-ending stream of choices, you are currently declining them. It's possible that you dislike the offer or that you already have too much on your platter. You should consider and evaluate your options to include or take on vital things.

Relationship:- You relationship will be very stable and successful. You will be very happy and content in your relationship.

Health:-You may feel an upswing in your general health and wellness. If you have been dealing with an illness, this card can indicate that you may need to reach out for help and support from others such as health-

care professionals in order to bring about healing.

Taurus ♉ (April 20 - May 20)

Career:- Efforts in work bring rewards; negligence leads to consequences. Legal disputes may arise for some next week. Balancing work and life is essential.

Relationship :- During this breakthrough period in your relationship, you will be focused on devising fresh ideas to revitalize your connection. With a clear vision, you will feel committed to working diligently to bring back Passion in your relationship, while actively seeking new opportunities for growth.

Health:- If you have been struggling with your health in coming week everything will be returning to normal. Overall you will be trying to balance your love life and professional life throughout the week.

Gemini ♊ (May 21- June 20)

Career :- A moment of judgment or appraisal. You will be on the verge of significant career changes or realizations. Trust your instincts and make the necessary adjustments to succeed.

Relationship:- Either you are healing from a past incident in the relationship, or you could find your current relationship heals you from previous relationships.

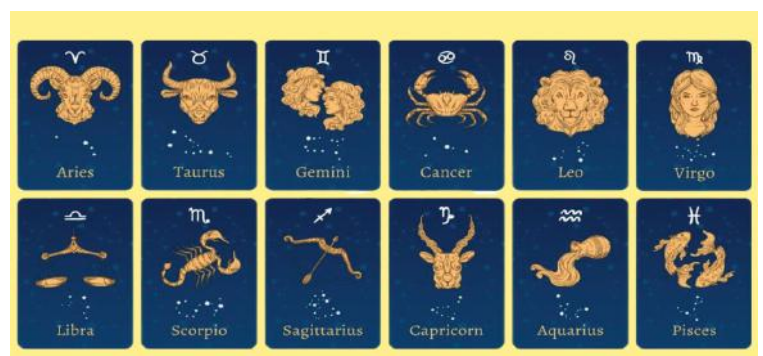
Health:- If you have been suffering from health issues you should see some improvement or be feeling more positive about your health. If your health is good, it should stay that way.

Cancer ♋ (21 June - 23 July)

Career:- Your hard work will be noticed and you will reap the rewards of status and success. Concentration, focus and perseverance will get you where you want to go. If you are looking for work you will need to be persistent and logical in your job search.

Relationship:- You have some challenges coming up and if you want your relationship to go the distance you are going to have to fight for it. This challenge may come from inside the relationship or could be any third party issue.

Health:- you will feel renewed energy and passion in relation to a diet and fitness plan. There are chances of birth or a pregnancy. You can expect good news if you are trying to con-



ceive.

Virgo—♍ (August 23-September 22)

Leo ♌ (July 23 - August 22)

Career:- You may face breakdowns of communication, arguments or strike action at work. Try to have a respectful, open and honest conversation with the parties concerned to resolve it. uments or strike action at work.

Relationship:- You should be feeling happy and fulfilled with your partner. If You are ready to get involved with someone, the positive energy and confidence that is emanating from you should help to ensure that you attract the right type of person to you.

Health:- You will be paying attention to your health and what your body needs and will be showing a lot of self-discipline.

Career:- If you are looking for work, new opportunities coming your way. If you have a job, you may get recognition for your hard work and you will be feeling creatively inspired and fulfilled.

Relationship:- your love life will be exciting and spontaneous but a little bit fickle. You may experience fun - filled romance but be careful not to miss true love if it comes your way during this time.

Health:- you may feel a need to take action to improve your health or to get moving. This may be in the form of starting a new exercise regime, improving your diet by starting a healthy eating plan.

Stakeholders Raises Public Awareness On Road Safety To Reduce Accidents And Traffic Offences

By: Sharon Atieno and Florence Munyoki @themkenyatimes

The Milimani Traffic Court, in collaboration with various stakeholders conducted a Traffic sensitization exercise to reduce accidents and traffic offenses among road users.

The objective of the event was to foster awareness of traffic rules and regulations and illuminate the court procedures that underpin the legal framework for road safety.

Chief Justice Martha Koome said that the collaboration with the court's stakeholders is a testament to the dynamic spirit and commitment of the court users Committee at the Millimani Criminal Chief Magistrate court. "We stand united with a convergence of minds and hearts that aims at forging suitable solutions to the challenges besetting the traffic sector," maintained Koome.

She said that the event is an open declaration of the magistrate's vision to create a safer, more responsible and law-abiding society.

In a speech read on her behalf by the Milimani Chief Magistrate Susan Shitubi, Koome observed that the initiative reflects not only the dedication of judicial officers and court administration but also the invaluable contribution of each stakeholder involved in the noble cause.

The CJ emphasized the exercise as an educational initiative aimed at equipping road users with the necessary knowledge for safe and responsible road navigation. The speaker urged citizens and stakeholders to remember, support, and act on the theme of 'Remember, Support, and Act' to honor the lives of those affected by road closures.

"Let's support one another through education, enforcement of law, initiatives that promote road safety, understanding and compassion, and acknowledge that each of the people has a role to play and make contributions," advised Koome. She noted Action requires remembrance and support from citizens and stakeholders to transform intentions into reality, creating a safer road environment for future generations.

Koome at the same time encouraged citizens to develop a common purpose by not keeping quiet when they see anyone violating traffic rules and regulations through an initiative 'Tuajibike barabarani na tusikimye tukiona ukaidi wa sheria'.

Further, the CJ revealed that the Magistrate court is working under the auspices of the National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ) and has put in place NCAJ Traffic Committee chaired by the Director of Public Prosecutions to



Traffic lights

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operationalize on the instant Traffic Fine Reforms which will transform the criminal Justice System yet to be implemented. "Let us carry the lessons learnt into our daily lives and be accountable for all the participants on the road," she rallied.

Speaking at the event, the National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) representative Duncan Kibogon disclosed that 1.35 million persons lose their lives through road acci-

dents yearly, citing 3,500 lives being claimed every day according to NTSA records.

He reiterated that road accidents can be reduced by ensuring that all persons adhere to road policies and regulations, adding that road safety is a responsibility not only for the government and NTSA but for all citizens.

In his remarks, National Agency for the Campaign against Drug Abuse

(NACADA) representative Patrick Obura urged drivers to avoid the use of substances and alcohol while driving in order to prevent road accidents and for passengers to be ambassadors of their own by not accepting to be driven by a drunk driver.

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Standards Relating To Sausage Products



By: Ibromkhimova Ilnura Shukhratovna

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Worth Noting:

- Consistency - thick, hard and thick for cooked sausages tough for smoked sausages. When cut, it looks like smoked sausages without minced meat for dense, hard, fats should be evenly distributed and It is prismatic or rectangular in the dimensions specified in the recipe.
- The color of the oil can be covered with white or pink color. Minced pink it should be uniform in color and without spots. Smell and taste. A unique aroma for cooked sausages have the taste is pleasant, the salt is moderate. Semi-smoked and smoked sausages for - a unique smoky aromatic smell, spices and a sharp salted taste gives. It is not allowed to have extraneous odors in finished products.

Abstract: An article about the best standards for sausage products, the raw materials required for the product.

Key words: varieties of sausage products, high, first, second varieties, nitric acid.

Introduction: types of meat for sausage products, classification of sausage products by quality.

Main part:

The necessary raw materials for sausage products; meat, starch, salt, various preparations, etc. Depending on the types of meat used to make sausage products, they are divided into several types:

- 1) High quality sausage products: Cooked sausages, sausages and anchovies, half made from high grade beef and porksmoked and smoked sausage products.
- 2) Sausage products of type I: Cooked sausages, sausages and sardines, semi-smoked meat produced from I grade beef and porksmoked sausage products.
- 3) Type II sausage products: Cooked sausages, Type II beef and semi-smoked pork sausages.
- 4) Type III sausages: Cooked sausages, by-productsmade from meat trimmings and meat with a conditional mark released sausage products. Meat. Black beef for the production of sausage products. It can be used for different types of obesity.

Low-fat meat is used in the preparation of sausages. Because mainly muscle tissue is used in the production of sausages. Cooked meat for the production of sausages: hot, chilled and frozen is used. For other types of sausages, the meat is only chilled or must be frozen (meat on the bone is used thawed) Double frozen for smoked and premium semi-smoked sausages meat is not used.

Pork is cold and frozen in the preparation of sausage products and the oil must be odorless. For sausage products the intended meat must be obtained from high-quality and healthy animals. Conditional processing permission with the conclusion of a meat vets an expert will be done.

Sub products. They are used hot, chilled, frozen. Quality low by-products are not used in the production of sausages. Intestine. It should be elastic. Washed well in water and cleaned must be. The color is light. A hole in the production, rotten guts not done.

The quality of finished sausage products meets standard requirements must be. They cannot be consumed in the following cases:

- 1) If the appearance and quality are low.
- 2) If pathogenic microorganisms and worm larvae are detected.
- 3) If the product contains particles of foreign objects (metal remains, pieces of glass, wood, etc.) are de-

tected.

4) If a technical product is manufactured. This is the product does not meet the standard requirements.

The following standard requirements are imposed on finished products: External appearance - the upper part of the bars is clean, the shells are damaged must not be enough. The presence of spots, signs of moldis not placed.

Consistency - thick, hard and thick for cooked sausages tough for smoked sausages. When cut, it looks like smoked sausages without minced meat for dense, hard, fats should be evenly distributed and It is prismatic or rectangular in the dimensions specified in the recipe.

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Moisture content. Different types of sausages, their varieties and intake of precisely regulated amount of water depending on the recipe possible (%).Cooked sausages, hot dogs, anchovies - from 55 to 72. Semi-smoked sausages - from 35 to 52.Dry smoked sausages - up to 30%.Amount of salt.

According to the recipe, salt is in the sausage products themselves amount is as follows (%) Cooked sausages, hot dogs, anchovies - from 2 to 4.5 Semi-smoked sausages - from 3 to 6 Dry smoked sausages - from 3 to 8 Nitrite content. 20 mg of nitrite is used in solution for 100 g of product. Amount of starch.

Summary:

Meat products of the highest quality are needed for sausage products. Meat products are mainly obtained from pigs and black cattle, because they are highly valued in terms of energy. First of all, for the production of sausage products, it must meet the requirements of sanitary hygiene. Each batch of sausage products produced is subjected to laboratory testing, and the batch of products found to be of good quality is released for consumption. You can tell if the sausage product is spoiled by its smell and color. Each product you consume should be consumed according to the expiration date.

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Sports >> *Janeth Chepng'etich shrugged off Ethiopians challenge to win the women's 10,000 metres race on Thursday night in Accra, Ghana as Kenya's gold medal haul at African Games increased to six.

Chepng'etich Dominates 10,000m To Clinch Kenya's Sixth Gold In Accra



Janeth Chepng'etich celebrates after winning 10,000m final at African Games in Accra, Ghana on Thursday 21, 2024

By **Geoffrey Mwamburi**

Janeth Chepng'etich shrugged off Ethiopians challenge to win the women's 10,000 metres race on Thursday night in Accra, Ghana as Kenya's gold medal haul at African Games increased to six. Chepng'etich, who trains at Keringet in Nakuru County, clocked 33:37.00 to win the 25-lap race ahead of Ethiopians Belew Kefale (33:38.37) and Amare Tekan Berhe (33:51.50) who came home second and third respectively. Chepng'etich sprinted in the last

lap to overcome Kefale who had dominated the race in early stages of the 25-lap race. Her win was Kenya's sixth gold at the quadrennial competition and increases the country's medal tally to 24. Earlier on Thursday, tennis sensation Angella Okutoyi defeated Egyptian Abdelaziz Lamir by straight sets (6-4, 6-2) in singles final for the African crown before settling for silver in the doubles. National rugby 7s team gave Kenya silver medal after a 21-14 loss to Uganda.

Elsewhere, Commonwealth Games bronze medalist Wiseman Were finished fourth in the 400m hurdles final timing 50:10. The race was won by Moroccan Saad Hinti who ran a national record of 48.82 while Botswana's duo Bonnye Victor (49.38) and Tisang Kemorena (50.09) come home second and third in that order. More hopes to clinch medals will be revived on Friday with more races lined up including men and women's half marathon, men's javelin throw, men's high jump, men and women's

1500m, men's 5000m as well as men and women's 4x400m relay. Kenya climbed to ninth position on the medal tally standings with six gold, six silver and 12 bronze. Egypt is still leading with 175 medals including 94 gold, 43 silver and 35 bronze while Nigeria, South Africa, Algeria and Tunisia wrap up top five in that order.

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Sports >>> *Kenya's Rising Stars began their tri-nation tournament campaign in Blantyre, Malawi with a 3-1 win over Zimbabwe on Friday evening, Elly Owande striking a brace.

Rising Stars Sink Zimbabwe In Opening Tri-Nation Game In Lilongwe



Rising Stars celebrate their win over Zimbabwe. PHOTO/FKF

By: **Timothy Olobulu**

Kenya's Rising Stars began their tri-nation tournament campaign in Blantyre, Malawi with a 3-1 win over Zimbabwe on Friday evening, Elly Owande striking a brace.

Without head coach Salim Babu who was left behind after apparent trouble with his travel documents, the Kenyan Under-20 national team put in a well-planned performance, to clinch the win.

"It was a very difficult match especially playing against a team that we have not watched before and we didn't know much about them. But we won and that is the most important thing in football," said stand in coach Anthony

Akhulia.

The Kenyan boys will play hosts Malawi in the final match on Sunday, and a win will see them win the tri-nation tournament.

"It will be a tough match especially noting that we will be playing against the hosts. But we will be prepared just like we were today and I believe the boys will do a better job and we win the match," Akhulia added.

AFC Leopards winger Hassan Beja scored the third goal after Owande's brace, with Zimbabwe pulling one back with eight minutes left.

The Rising Stars needed just nine minutes to break the deadlock when Owande curled in a brilliant left footed effort after wriggling

his way to find shooting space at the edge of the box.

He doubled the tally in the 18th minute with another well taken effort on his left foot, this time thumping the ball into the roof of the net.

On the other end, Zimbabwe almost pulled one back but keeper Issa Emuria made a good save from point blank to keep away Denzel Mafua's deflected shot. Prince Magondo also had a shot blocked by Suleiman Manzur minutes later.

In the second half, Kenya continued their dominance and they made it 3-0 in the 73rd minute when Beja beautifully connected home a well weighted cross from Timothy 'Babu' Ouma.

A mistake at the back saw Zimbabwe pull one back with eight minutes to go, but it wasn't much to throw the Kenyan boys into panic.

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The Use Of Rhetorical Questions In Uzbek Poetry Of The 20th Century



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Worth Noting:

- 1) pure interrogative sentences require an answer: Where are you going today?
- 2) a rhetorical interrogative sentence does not require an answer and is essentially a figurative interrogative sentence: Is a person who does not love his mother a person?
- 3) interrogative - the command sentence expresses the meaning of ordering by way of question: Won't you come soon?



Abstract. This article discusses interrogative sentences and rhetorical interrogatives, which are considered to be one of its types. Rhetorical interrogatives in the poems of poets and poets who lived and created in the 20th century: Zulfiya, Amon Matjon, Abdulla Oripov were analyzed.

Key words: interrogative sentences, rhetorical interrogative sentences, poetry, emotion, rhetorical anxiety, excitement, style.

There are three types of interrogative sentences according to their relationship to the expected answer: 1) pure interrogative sentences require an answer: Where are you going today?

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3) interrogative - the command sentence expresses the meaning of ordering by way of question: Won't you come soon?[1]

Rhetorical interrogative sentences express the speaker's attitude and feelings towards reality. Rhetorical interrogative sentences express the meanings of proof and confirmation. The content of a sentence expressed by an interrogative sentence is much stronger than the content of a message expressed by a

sentence. Rhetorical interrogative sentences are in the form of questions and do not require an answer. In artistic language, sometimes in a public speech, the speaker expresses his feelings with excitement. Rhetorical interrogative sentences serve to make the sentence more effective and are a type of artistic style. For example:

Can all of Akhmatjon's hard work go to waste?!

I don't know if I could manage without these creative people? Did he not come into the world and live with a better intention!?[2] Some rhetorical questions may be followed by answers. For example: Where is that dreamy young man?

Why did you stand there with tears in your eyes lol. Why is your black dress white in your hair, Why are you in this situation? (Zulfiya. Spring came to ask you).

Although the sentences in such verses are not answers to rhetorical interrogative sentences, they mean that they are their final part. In poetic works, lyric writers use rhetorical interrogative sentences to convey their feelings and goals to listeners and readers.

Why doesn't he fall in love with apricot blossoms? Wavy curly hair? Why the joyous nashida that

I brought Peshvoz won't come out, why write it down? (Zulfiya) Pronoun why in rhetorical interrogative sentences can provide evidence and confirmation information in interrogative-negative sentences. The following meanings can be expressed in rhetorical interrogative sentences: Dissatisfaction: Come on, what's your goal? Why are you touching my heart? Why did you need my tears? Why is it necessary, master, you are so sad! (Abdulla Oripov). It seems to the poet that the melody is someone's cry and sadness. Melody always causes human heart, pain and emotions to surface.

Pity: In fact, the soil is fair nature Its distribution is equal to the surface of the earth.

Why is this dirt, Furqat cried, Oh, poor soil, are you poor? (Abdulla Oripov).

Through these lines, the writer feels sorry, surprised, and worried, saying, "Are you poor in the poor land?" Rhetorical interrogative sentences of this type are the main source for making poems more attractive.

There are 8 more types of rhetorical questions:

Rhetoric is affirmation
Rhetoric is denial
Rhetoric-suspicion
Rhetorical strong sense of excitement

Rhetorical surprise
Rhetorical concern
Rhetorical rage
Rhetorical wonder

Who said that the road has been traveled a long way
What came and went, what was expected was what was expected, I'm glad he met me again
Love revives the survivors! (Amon Matjon).

In Amon Matjon's poem "Thank you to the Creator, you have come again", the poet used the features of rhetorical suspicion and rhetorical strong emotion-excitement of rhetorical interrogative sentences. Or if we pay attention to the lines in the following poetic passage that summarize the

meanings of rhetorical affirmation and rhetorical concern: How many flying stars passed by, distracting the people, How many generations have wasted their ways and hopes, This day, by the criterion of time, No matter what I do, mercy is hidden under me, What I do now is not the same as before.

The poet is now worried and saddened by the fact that the wheel, the circle, the number, and the value of a person are not the same as before. In the poems of poets such as Zulfiya, Abdulla Oripov, and Amon Matjon mentioned above, their joys, sorrows, and inner experiences are clearly visible. They use the wide possibilities of our native language in order to further enrich their creative products.

In conclusion, it should be said that the use of rhetorical interrogative sentences in works written both in the direction of verse and in the direction of prose serves to increase its stylistic color. Rhetorical interrogative sentences are not used in all styles. They are mainly used in journalistic, artistic and conversational styles.

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