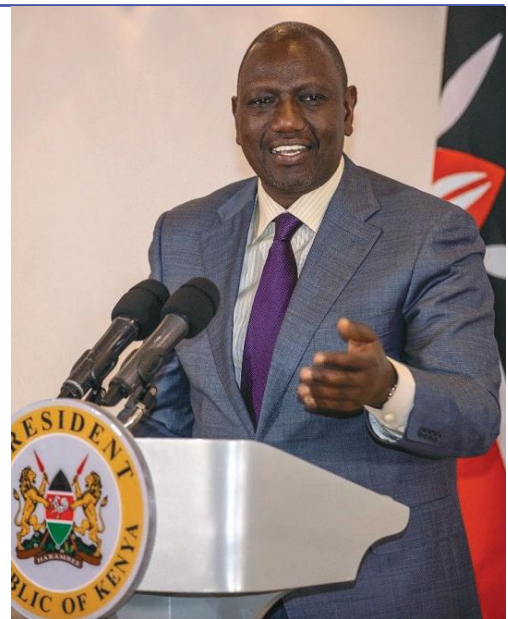


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# Ministry Of Health To Adopt Technology In Efforts To Increase Efficiency

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**Worth Noting:**

- Speaking on Friday at Afya House during a ceremony to receive tablets donated by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Nakhumicha said, "As a government we are in the race to deliver the promise of Universal Health Coverage (UHC)".
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- "But we can all agree that where we have deployed these technologies and the results have proven us right," said Nakhumicha.



Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha, World Health Organization Country Representative to Kenya Dr Abdourahmane Diallo and other stakeholders

The Ministry of Health is increasing its technological adoption as it seeks to increase efficiency, be cost effective, reduce wastage and expand its reach at the grassroots level.

Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha said that in October 2023, President William Ruto assented to the Digital Health Act No.15 of 2023. The CS explained that the Act, which formally commenced on November 2, 2023 is in line with both Global and local trends on embracing digital technology in the health sectors to both increase operational efficiency and enhance delivery of health services.

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The CS explained that they firmly

believe that with collaborations with development partners like WHO, they can increase the adoption of technology and increase efficiency.

"I wish to sincerely thank WHO for responding to our request for support in this area and 940 tablets are quite a boost for the work of the National Vaccines and Immunization Programme," said Nakhumicha.

The CS explained that provision of high quality maternal and child health services is a key part of their focus to enhance primary healthcare as they work towards eliminating preventable maternal and child deaths and accurate data on immunization is es-

sential.

"It is therefore fitting that the tablets will be deployed at the National Vaccines and Immunization Programme where they will help enhance data quality for decision making on our immunization programme. It is my desire and hope that these tablets will go a long way in ensuring that the gaps that we have experienced before on data collection and transmission," said Nakhumicha.

WHO Country Representative to Kenya Dr Abdourahmane Diallo applauded the Ministry of Health for rolling out an electronic data management system called the Chanjo-KE.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



The Catholic faithful worldwide marked the Good Friday through rich visual imagery and symbolism, as is the norm in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Church throughout the past centuries, seeks to bring Christians to the foot of the cross of Christ, erected on Golgotha.

At St Joseph the Worker, Mumbi Catholic Church in Murang'a, the faithful in their hundreds revisited the events of the day that Jesus was crucified, by walking solemnly, the 'Way of the Cross' from Mukuyu town to the Church's grounds, by publicly reading selected psalms and singing hymns about Christ's death.

The Christians led by Rev Fr Robert Ngaruro, the Parish Priest, further participated in the liturgy that consisted of the reading of the Gospel Passion narrative, the adoration of the cross and communion, as Mass is not celebrated on this day

"Through the death of Christ on the cross, we got life eternal, so His death was necessary" noted Fr Ngaruro

"We observe a solemn mood as we meditate on the love of Christ for us because after the cross there is glory and there is no glory without the cross," he added

Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary.

By Florence Kinyua



The Presidential Advisor on Women's Rights Harriette Chiggai has affirmed the government's commitment to end the triple threat of new HIV infections, adolescent pregnancies, and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) among young people. Speaking during the closing ceremony of the 5th Women in Human Resource convention in Mombasa, Presidential Advisor Chiggai called on sustained multi-sectoral collaboration to step up efforts to end HIV as a public health threat and all forms of SGBV. The National Syndemic Diseases Control Council estimates that 98 new HIV infections occur weekly among adolescents aged between 10-19 years. Every single day, the Presidential Advisor revealed that 256 girls get pregnant, and since they cannot deliver naturally the government spends up to Sh6.1 billion to cater for the cesarean births. Chiggai noted that most SGBV-related cases are societal originated like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), a cultural practice that the government has committed to end by 2026.

Kakuma Municipality management has held its first consultative meeting with key partners and stakeholders in Kakuma. The meeting aimed at understanding the mandate of the various development partners serving the refugees and how their activities can be aligned with the core functions of the municipality. Turkana County Chief Officer for Urban Areas and Municipalities, Marian Lotieng, reassured partners of the commitment of the Kakuma Municipality to work with them to deliver services in solid waste management, town planning and development control, management of emergencies, and provision of social services such as markets, parks and cemeteries. Lotieng noted, "To effectively provide these services, the residents will be required to pay rates and charges to increase the municipality revenue base." The Chief said a team of technical officers will soon be deployed to join the municipality management to boost the provision of services in Kakuma. She said the municipality management will closely work with the Turkana West Sub-county administration to fully operationalize the municipality.



The government through the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife has embarked on a plan to map out tourism sites in Busia County. Speaking to the press at the governor's office premises, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Dr Alfred Mutua said that the County had great potentials of attracting tourists that have not been tapped for economic development. "Many people



pass by this border County and we need to chart a way forward on how to tap these potentials for the benefit of the locals,' he said. Dr Mutua cited areas like Kakapel national monument, Samia hills, Kavi-rondo Series rocks, Namenya hills, Butula cultural centre and hall of fame, 'We must have a good transport network, favourable environment and hospitality services that can be enjoyed by the potential tourists,' he said. The CS further said there was a need to establish a trailer park so that long distance truck drivers can park their vehicles as they relax in hotels while awaiting clearance at the One Stop Border Post. Dr.Mutua further noted that the County had a rich culture whose events need to be supported by the National government. The CS at the same time encouraged investors to invest in crew ships that allow tourists to tour the entire region of East Africa through Lake Victoria.

The government has stepped up efforts to repossess and protect all grabbed heritage sites belonging to the National Museums of Kenya (NMK) country-wide.

State Department for Culture, the Arts and Heritage Principal Secretary Umyy Bashir, said the government would not sit back and watch as tycoons use their



wealth to illegally acquire land belonging to the NMK. Ms Bashir, said this during a tour of several NMK heritage sites in Kilifi County that included the Gedi Museum and the Portuguese Chapel in Malindi Sub County as well as the Mtwapa Heritage Site in Kilifi South Sub County. She said it was foolhardy for individuals to claim to have acquired the NMK land that was gazetted long before they were born. Speaking at the Mtwapa Heritage Site where the government started demolishing a perimeter wall erected by a local tycoon Wednesday, the visibly agitated PS said she would liaise with the County Government of Kilifi and her counterpart in the Ministry of Lands to ensure all grabbed heritage sites in the area are returned to government. "We have decided to take serious action in conjunction with the County Government of Kilifi. It is disturbing that some people acquired land through devious means and insist that it belongs to them because they have sale agreements that they got two years ago while this land has been a gazetted heritage site since 1935," she said.

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# Six Kenyan Traders Killed By Al Shabaab Terrorists Near Somalia Border

By: Capital News

## Worth Noting:

- The sudden attack left four dead at the scene, while two others who sustained serious bullet wounds succumbed to their injuries during treatment at a local hospital, according to police.
- Garissa County Police Commander John Samburumo confirmed the incident, highlighting the cross-border nature of the attack.
- Investigations are underway, but local officials suspect the killings were religiously motivated.



*Al Shabaab attacks are common on the Kenya-Somalia border where hundreds have been killed in the recent past..*

Six Kenyan traders were brutally killed in a cross-border shooting on Friday.

The attack occurred in the Somalia border town of Dhobley, police said.

The victims were reportedly hawkers who regularly crossed the border to open their shops in Dhobley, a common practice for residents of the region.

Eyewitnesses reported that gunmen with covered faces, suspected to be Al-Shabaab militants, arrived in a white Probox vehicle around 7:15 am and opened fire indiscriminately on the Kenyan traders.

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The victims reportedly belonged to a Christian minority in the predominantly Muslim region, and reports allege they were accused of spreading Christianity in Dhobley.

This attack by suspected Al-Shabaab militants further intensifies the ten-

sion on the already volatile Kenya-Somalia border.

Garissa County has been plagued by increased terrorist activity by Al-Shabaab in recent months.

Last week, a multi-agency security team conducted an operation against Al-Shabaab, dismantling a base in Alango, Garissa.

The raid yielded a significant haul, including weapons, bomb-making materials, and the capture of several suspected militants.

Despite these efforts, the Dhobley killings expose the ongoing security challenges. The porous border with Somalia allows Al-Shabaab militants to operate with a degree of freedom.

The recent killings have likely strained relations between Kenya and Somalia, further delaying plans to re-open the crucial border crossing.

The incident has sparked fear and anger among Kenyan traders who rely on cross-border commerce for their livelihoods.

The Kenyan government faces mounting pressure to strengthen security measures along the border, crack down on Al-Shabaab activity, and bring the perpetrators of this horrific attack to justice.

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# Mombasa County Rolls Out Waste Segregation Project To Reduce Pollution

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County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Environment and Governance and other stakeholders shows off some of the things those involved will be using

## Worth Noting:

- During the launch, protective gear (gloves, masks, and safety boots), 3-bins, bin liners, and electric tuk-tuk were handed over to youths and women in waste management groups to empower them and also promote ease of movement and transfer of waste.
- The project will promote a recycling culture, boost circular economy and reduce the volume of waste transferred to Mwakirunge dumpsite, a major dumpsite in Mombasa.
- Addressing the media after the launch, Chief Officer Department of Environment and Governance Pauline Oginga said that the project is a major step towards ensuring they reduce, recycle and reuse waste through waste segregation.

Residents of Likoni and Mvita sub-counties in Mombasa County are set to benefit from a waste collection and maintenance project by the County Government through the Department of Environment and Solid Waste Management.

Clean Oceans Project Identification and Preparation (COPIP) is a pilot project funded by European Investment Bank (EIB) in partnership with the Department of Environment and Governance that involves collection of separated waste.

At least 800 households in the selected areas have been identified to segregate waste using three bins to separate dry, wet and hazardous waste.

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She said the county government left 56 percent of waste at Mwakirunge dumpsite and this cost around Sh550,000 per day.

“If we reduce this waste through segregation it means that we will only take 5 percent of waste to Mwakirunge which we are trying to turn into a sanitary landfill. The volume

of waste that goes there is something that can be re-used in the economy for self-employment and ensure that food security is enhanced as people will get money to buy food,” she said. She added that in partnership with WWF, the county government has had sensitization for households and waste managers with WWF procuring bins, bin bags and electrical tuk-tuks to reduce carbon emissions.

“When the project kicks off, there is also a behaviour change that we

are going to see. The habit of mixing waste end up polluting the environment so if we go this direction, those that are dealing with segregated waste will have an easy way of accessing this product for recycling and the county will save money on ferrying waste to the dumpsite and the same will be redirected for development,” she added.

WWF Head of People and Culture Bernard Tonga said that there is a need to address the problem of waste

management in the country, thus the start of the pilot project to see the behavior of the people in terms of managing their waste.

Tonga said they have identified 800 households which they are training and are going to pilot the project since it’s a new one and see how it is going to work and be able to scale it to other parts of the county.

“For us to have sustainable waste management, we have to start from the source. We need to segregate the waste from the source to reduce the stress that usually takes place at the dumpsite. A lot of training has been done to the waste managers to ensure its success,” he said.

He noted that the problem in waste management has necessitated the need for the project as it’s evident during heavy rains where the county experiences flooding.

Tonga said they have donated bins for solid waste, wet waste, and for the waste that they currently do not have the technology to recycle, bin bags and electric tuktuks to show their commitment in terms of environment conservation.

Tonga said Sh8.7million was spent for the pilot project, with only 800 households to benefit but for sustainability, the county government will be taking up and moving forward to ensure it is sustainable.



County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Environment and Governance tries out a new tuk-tuk to be used for waste disposal in Mombasa County.

# Kenya And UAE Sign MOU On ICT Investment Cooperation

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ICT Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo and Mohamed Hassan Al Suwaidi UAE Minister of Investment

## Worth Noting:

- Speaking at the signing ceremony, Owalo said that the partnership between the two nations is a game-changer that will pave way for significant ICT investments in Kenya's data centre infrastructure besides creating new job opportunities and empowering Kenyan citizens with the latest digital tools.

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- In a press statement sent to newsrooms, Owalo added that the co-operation between the two countries will extend to the field of Artificial Intelligence and large Language Models.

Kenya has signed a Memorandum Understanding (MOU) with the United Arab Emirates on a comprehensive framework for investment co-operation in digitalization and technology.

The MOU was signed by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy Eliud Owalo, and the Minister for Investment of the United Arab Emirates Mohamed Hassan Alsuwaidi in Abu Dhabi.

Under the MOU that will be valid for five years, with provision for renewal, Kenya and United Arab Emirates committed to foster closer ties, while exploring Information Communication Technology (ICT) investment partnerships and advancing digital infrastructure projects.

Kenya's digital economy has witnessed rapid expansion, propelled by a robust ICT sector.

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The CS at the same time noted that the data centres, which are capable of serving millions of users, are fundamental to shaping Kenya's digital future.

Owalo said the MOU is in line with the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda which has prioritized the Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy, with a specific focus on equipping the youth with digital skills for digitally-enabled jobs and digital entre-

preneurship.

In his remarks Minister Alsuwaidi, observed that a closer partnership between the two nations will create numerous opportunities in various fields thereby strengthening and advancing their economies.

"Through targeted investments in digital infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence, this Investment Memorandum is set to accelerate the development of a sector that has the potential to become a growth driver for other industries," he stated.

Alsuwaidi added that the investment will also set out a vision for the future which will be defined by prosperity and progress.

The CS further noted that in the spirit of mutual growth and shared prosperity, the MOU will be a stepping stone towards a brighter, more connected and digitally-empowered future for both the two countries.

"It embodies our collective aspiration to bridge the digital divide, accelerate technological innovation and pave the way for a thriving digital economy that benefits the entire

African continent and beyond," emphasized Owalo.

The Kenyan delegation led by Owalo, included the Principal Secretary, State Department for ICT and Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui, Mr. Cosmas Kimutai Sigei, Charge d'Affaires, Kenya Embassy, Abu Dhabi, Annette Kerubo Nyakora Senior State Counsel, State Department for ICT and Digital Economy and Lawrence Lelei, Trade Attaché, Kenya Embassy, Abu Dhabi.

The UAE delegation included Mohammad Abdulrahman Alhawi, Under Secretary Ministry of Investments, Abdalla Alobeidli, Director of Investment Policy and Legislation and Mrs. Farha Al Shamsi, Director of Communication Abu Dhabi, UAE.

# Bobasi MP Innocent Obiri Launches Record-Breaking Bursary Worth Ksh 56.885 Million

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In a bid to empower students to pursue tertiary education in universities and colleges, Bobasi MP Innocent Obiri has launched a bursary worth Ksh 56.885million.

Speaking at Borangi PAG grounds, Obiri stated that this marks the highest amount ever allocated for a bursary since his election as MP, a milestone he takes pride in as it addresses the educational needs of eager learners.

The legislator recounted a past incident where students received a mere 2000 bursary while studying in Nairobi, highlighting the impracticality of the process given the high transportation costs to submit forms for the MP's signature.

Obiri, now in a position of influence, pledged his commitment to supporting and empowering learners, empha-



Bobasi Mp Innocent Obiri during the launch of bursary at Borangi PAG grounds.

sizing the pivotal role education plays in shaping their future.

Obiri stressed that the allocated bursary funds would provide crucial fi-

nancial support to students, enabling them to remain in school and pursue their academic aspirations.

“Education is plays a crucial role in

any family, the reason as to why I urge every parent to invest in education,”he said.

This marks the seventh instance of

Obiri launching such bursaries during his tenure as MP.

Notably, Nyacheki ward received the highest allocation of 11.765 million, benefitting 1390 students, followed by Basi Bogetaorio with 10.16 million for 1168 students, and Basi Central with 9.85 million for 1083 students, among others.

Obiri underscored that these allocations align with the government's commitment to enhancing education standards nationwide.

Furthermore, Obiri urged parents and education stakeholders to collaborate in enhancing the quality of education in the region.

Ward representatives, including Henry Moracha, Naftal Onkoba, Thomas Obare and If Jacob Bagaka, commended the MP for his consistent efforts in supporting education, noting his distinguished dedication compared to other MPs in providing bursaries to needy students.

## RELIGIOUS CORNER

# Spread Of Islam And Its Effect On Education



By: Kholturayeva Ugiloy Urol  
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Islam (Arabic: إسلام - "submission", "giving oneself to the one God (Allah)") is the world's youngest and second largest religion after Christianity, as well as a monotheistic Ibrahim religion. The number of believers is more than 1.8 billion people living in more than 125 countries of the world. Arabia in the 7th century in the historical development of pedagogical ideas of the peoples of Central Asia

Islam appeared in the peninsula and spread to our region in the 8th century became important. Because the religion of Islam, its main book is the Holy Qur'an.

and the hadiths, which are considered the main source after him, are to Allah, his prophet

along with believing in Muhammad, respect for parents, hard work, aspects of human qualities such as the pursuit of knowledge, mutual harmony, kindness, charity, patience, humility, loyalty, purity, justice, piety, and good ways to be virtuous and polite are described. As well as, Islam

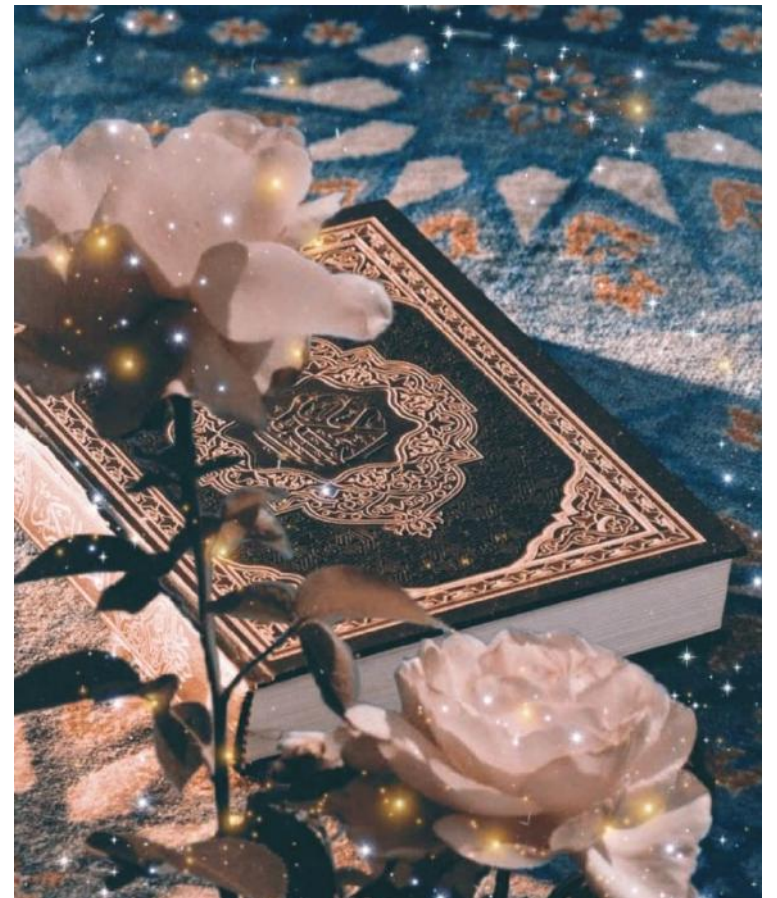
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didn't happen Islam is a universal teaching that stands above any nationalistic sentiment. Unite all nations, make them equal, friends, brothers and sisters, and live in peace. At the same time, in the religion of Islam, pride, arrogance, enmity, envy, betrayal, oppression such vices are condemned. One of the verses in the Holy Qur'an is the Companions of Madinah. When he came to vassal, his house was far away, so he sold his house and moved to a nearby place it was revealed when they complained about their arrival. That is, there is no need to sell houses, if they are com-

ing from afar, every step they take will be rewarded, in the content. «We also write the steps they took, the steps they took and

we will also write their works”, - it was said. In one of the interpretations this is the meaning of “their footprint” in the verse is the idea that this is our work, our descendants. We understand from this verse of Allah that Allah is not only our actions, but also the deeds of our descendants will also be written for us. That is why, education is necessary.

[Kholturayeva Ugiloy daughter of Urol]



# Austerity Measures: Ruto's Latest Interventions Shows He Was Not Relenting



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## Worth Noting:

- The President would also enumerate other challenges that stood in his way. They included the biting drought rated to be the worst in 40 years; Russia-Ukraine war and Covid 19 pandemic. Kenya was recovering from these pandemic that had ravaged the whole world.
- After the President pronounced himself, the relevant arms of the government moved with speed to unveil a raft of interventions that would see budgets allocated for travels, accommodation of state officers within and outside the country drastically slashed.
- Subsistence and out-of-pocket allowances were also targeted. Ndungu warned the top managers of state corporations that stern action will be taken against those flouting the directives which had already been approved by parliament.

A few days ago, National Treasury Njuguna Ndungu reaffirmed the commitment of President William Ruto-led Kenya Kwanza government to ensure the State Corporations and Parastatals fully complied with austerity measures that had been rolled out.

The President's directives were very clear and remain in force.

As we know, Cabinet Secretaries (CSs) are nominated and formally appointed by the President to help him undertake and discharge his constitutional mandate.

So one can understand where CS Ndungu was coming from. He minced no word in stating that all Kenyans including the President himself must continue to live within our means.

This is only way we would steer and return our economy back on track.

After assuming office, President Ruto faulted the outgoing 'handshake' government for harboring insatiable appetite and reckless borrowing of foreign loans.

As a result, we have inherited the highest debts ever. There is no miracle when it comes to repayment. All of us are required to tighten our belts.

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All budgets allocated for expenditures must be approved by the executive boards of directors of these public entities.

The members of boards have been properly briefed. When reviewing the budgets, they must give priority to the issue of austerity measures.

Earlier, the 3-day National Executive Retreat and Parliamentary group meeting of the ruling party had elicited mixed-reactions.

For the critics of President William Ruto, they would allege he was taking Kenyans for a ride.

He did not believe in the austerity measures he had earlier unveiled.

This is because the retreat was held at a Naivasha hotel. They would not however produce an iota of evidence to prove and substantiate their claims on the cost of the retreat.

The National Executive retreat brought together the Cabinet Secretaries, Prin-



President William Ruto.

cipal Secretaries and other top government official.

It was Kenya Kwanza's second retreat. The first one was held in Nyanyuki and it was also chaired by President Ruto.

As the head of the Executive, the President had set the targets for each cabinet secretary. The latest retreat was meant to review and evaluate their performance. I assigned you some duties. We are here to present our scorecards. If you have not met the expectations of Kenyans, you will have to go home. The buck stops with me. If my administration fails to deliver, Kenyans will not blame you, they will blame me.

The critics would not see the importance of this retreat. They would instead capitalize on sideshows.

Besides National Executive and Parliamentary group, the Judiciary and Center for multiparty democracy, an NGO known to mainly front the cause of the opposition, was also having their retreats at Naivasha hotels.

In the latter forum, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka was the chief guest. Why would the critics only single out the cabinet retreat? This shows they were only playing politics.

The 'handshake' government led by President Uhuru Kenyatta and his partner Raila Odinga had left the economy in a very bad shape.

The duo used to hold similar retreats in most expensive hotels.

The second retreat of Kenya Kwanza in Naivasha cost much less compared to those convened by 'handshake' duo.

The Uhuru regime had borrowed more than Sh9 trillion from the foreign lenders. Dr Ruto assumed office at a time when loans' repayment shedule had

started maturing

He knew the consequences of failing to abide by the terms of the repayment agreements were dire.

In default, Kenya would be blacklisted and isolated by the international development partners and lenders.

This explains why President Ruto did not take the matter lightly.

He has so far lived up to his word. This is in terms of ensuring the repayments were being done on time.

This, however, does not mean that we are out of wood yet. It is worth noting that six in 10 shillings collected as taxes goes towards servicing the foreign loans. President reiterated this recently when he attended a church service in Meru.

We are left with a paltry Sh4 shillings and this is what we spend for development and recurrent expenditures.

This is showed our economy is still not doing well.

But President Ruto has been leaving nothing to chance. He is working day and night in order to ensure our economy is back on track.

In a circular released earlier by the Head of Public Service Felix Koskei, the head of state banned the senior government officials from making unnecessary travels abroad.

The travels banned include those meant for benchmarking, training symposium and exhibitions.

The travels which are necessary will be approved by his office, he stated. He also reduced the number of the staff accompanying the officer on travel.

For cabinet secretary, one or two persons. For the others, one or travel alone. The President issued this directive after

it came to his attention that these travels were consuming a huge chunk of tax payers' monies.

During his tenure, former President Uhuru Kenyatta had rolled out some austerity measures. I'm sure Dr Ruto, who at the time was the deputy President, learns some big lessons.

Unlike Kenyatta, we know Dr Ruto is a hand-on President.

Given this scenario, I have no reason to doubt Ruto's commitment to ensure a strict adherence to the austerity measures.

For the officers who will make luxurious travels, there will be no reimbursements and per diems. They will have to cater for all the expenses from their own pockets.

As for the necessary and approved travels, the officers will not enjoy the luxury and comfort as it used to be.

The budgets for air tickets, accommodations and allowances have been drastically cut.

They will no longer use the Aero-plane's First Class.

While in the host countries, they will stay in less expensive hotels.

President Ruto is setting a good example. He has been avoiding attending unnecessary foreign travels.

He would only make trips that he knew would bore the fruits for Kenya. Kenyans would reap big and become the biggest beneficiary. When Dr Ruto visited the US recently, he came back with goodies amounting to billions of shillings.

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# Uganda And Kenya Unite To Cement Tourism Alliance

By: MKT Correspondent

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In a collaborative move to foster cross-border tourism and enhance regional economic ties, the Consulate General of the Republic of Uganda in Mombasa has joined forces with key tourism stakeholders from Uganda and Kenya Coast to organise the Uganda Festival 2024.

The Consulate General of Uganda to Mombasa was established in 2015 to take care of Uganda's interests at the Kenya Coast, especially Mombasa Port. The Consulate takes care of the six Coastal Counties of Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Tana River, Lamu, and Taita Taveta.

Scheduled to run from April 17 to 21, 2024, the festival themed 'leveraging culture and golf to promote tourism, trade, and investment be-

tween Uganda and Kenya Coast' promises a vibrant convergence of cultural celebration and sporting prowess.

The primary objective of the festival is to showcase the distinctive products of Uganda to a broader audience, including corporate entities in the coastal region of Kenya, as well as the youth and tourists, both local and international, visiting the Kenyan Coast.

The deliberate focus on leveraging the rich cultural heritage and the allure of golf is also to foster deeper ties between Uganda and the Kenyan Coast.

Speaking at their Nyali office Amb Paul Mukumbya, Consul General of Uganda to Mombasa reiterated that the concept of the partnership is premised on the fact that Kenya is the number one source market for tourists to Uganda.



# Nakuru Government Adopts Safety Standards To Meet Quality Food Demand

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For many years, only foodstuffs destined for export have been subjected to rigorous quality checks as developed markets and consumers insist on strict implementation of designed food safety global standards.

Only food verified as safe is allowed to leave the country and in case a consignment is intercepted at the point of entry suspected of non-compliance with food standards, exporters are heavily fined thus increasing the cost of production.

However, Nakuru County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Mr Leonard Bor regrets that some of the produce declared 'unsafe' for human consumption and intercepted at the airports later finds



Nakuru County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Mr Leonard Bor and other stakeholders during the meeting

its way into the local markets with traders selling them to unsuspecting consumers and as animal feeds.

Bor revealed that low adoption of food and feed safety standards has contributed to high cases of diseases,

such as cancer and cited growing instances where farmers are not able to control pesticides residue.

The CECM said failure by farmers to adopt the developed standards has contributed to high interceptions of the produce at the points of entry thus contributing to high costs to exporters.

"But lately we have enhanced training for our local farmers and company owners on the need to implement the standards. The engagement has led to fewer seizures of the exports at points of entry," he stated.

Bor was speaking during a workshop organized by Micro Enterprise Support Programme Trust (MESPT) at Agriculture Training Centre in Nakuru for various government and non-government stakeholders in the food industry to deliberate on the proposed Nakuru Food and Feed Safety, Quality Control Coordination Bill 2024.

# ANC Influential Figures Addresses Key Issues Surrounding The Party



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In a significant development within the political landscape, the Amani National Congress (ANC) party held a press conference today to address pressing internal matters. Led by party leaders, the conference aimed to shed light on recent controversies and chart a path forward for the party.

Key issues discussed during the conference included Leadership Concerns, whereby the leaders directly tackled questions and concerns regarding leadership stability within the party. They outlined measures being taken to strengthen internal cohesion and foster unity among party members.

Addressing the party's vision and



Amani National Congress (ANC) leaders during the press conference at the ANC headquarters.

policy direction, the conference delved into key areas of focus for the ANC moving forward. This included economic policies, social welfare

initiatives, and strategies for national development.

Emphasizing the importance of dialogue and inclusivity, the ANC lead-

ership highlighted ongoing efforts to engage with members at all levels.

This inclusive approach aims to foster a sense of ownership and participation

among party stakeholders.

With an eye on upcoming elections, the ANC leaders shared insights into the party's electoral strategy. They discussed plans for grassroots mobilization, campaign messaging, and coalition building, and also the issue of transparency and accountability were underscored as fundamental principles guiding the party's operations. The leaders reiterated their commitment to upholding ethical standards and ensuring accountability at all levels of the organization.

In response to questions from journalists, the ANC leadership provided detailed explanations and clarified the party's stance on various issues. The press conference served as a platform for open dialogue and communication, reflecting the ANC's commitment to democratic principles and internal cohesion.

The ANC's press conference today marked a pivotal moment in the party's journey, signaling a proactive approach to addressing internal challenges and steering the organization towards its goals.

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## Some Measures To Teach Skills At Math Word Problems Solving In The 1st Grade



**Abstract:** This article refers to the fundamental matters of teaching skills at math word problem solving in the elementary grade. The author proposed a number of measures to teach skill at math word problem solving in the 1st grade.

**Keywords:** children, Uzbekistan, problem-solving skill, to teach the problem-solving skill.

Elementary is the first stage of the education system in Uzbekistan, forming the basis for the higher grades.

Mathematics is a very important especially in the life and the science. It contributes to educate the perfect, dynamic and creative people for the science and technology development in the new innovative age. Math teaching in elementary grade and math word problem solving in the 1st grade is to help children to apply math learning, to practice math skills under the diverse and various requirements. Children have opportunities to learn and develop brainstorm, reasoning skills and practice for being qualified.

In the 1st grade, math word problem solving is not too hard in term of getting calculation and answer. In term of planning the way to solve the problem, it is very difficult to teach children on finding the good and appropriate answer. Within this article, we would like to propose a number of measures to teach skills at math word problem solving in the 1st grade to help children to overcome difficulties in math problem.

1. To teach skill at problem-solving in the 1st grade  
1.1. Problem-solving skill "Problem-solving skills include skills of apply mathematical knowledge to solve math problems (by inference rules and proof methods)" [4] covering: knowledge, method and approach. It should be noted that depending on the learned math, children is required to practice various skills in term of: Math study, math in other subjects, and in life as well.

1.2. To teach the problem-solving skill in the 1st grade The teachers should pay attention to the following matters:

- + Problem understanding.
- + Used math language.
- + The ability to read.

The teachers should study and well understand the teaching methods to choose, categorize, and apply the appropriate and effective methods. They must also keep learning and improving their understanding of math word problem solving, not just solving problem in the teacher book but always having sense of collecting, creating, strengthening the problem-solving skills among at "Pupil-focus".

2. The current teaching the problem solving skills in the 1st grade  
2.1. The context

The math teaching in elementary grade is currently paid much attention by the Ministry of Education and Training of Uzbekistan, schools, teachers and parents. So the strategy of math skill teaching for the 1st grade is placed on top priority. And it is found that:

- a) It was the high ratio of being bad at Math for the previous years.
- b) Children do not realize the various forms of exercises.
- c) Children can not make practice by them self but with the teacher help.
- d) Children can not study in team, support and help each other in discussion.
- e) Children can not make their own test of study and practice.
- f) Children are still satisfied at their work, with the already given way.

2.2. The current teaching the problem-solving skills in the 1st grade

The learning forms are monotonous. Meanwhile the good pupils can not show their strength and capacity, the not good ones are likely lack of knowledge, do not actively learn, even rely on the teacher guidance.

Teachers do not give effective guidance on finding the ways but often show the answers for time saving.

Teachers are not really dynamic, creative but dependent on the available documents. Pupils are not interested in math learning.

As the teachers pay less attention on training skills of understanding, analyzing the problem, pupils are not really aware of problem solving approach.

Teachers just request pupils to solve specific problems without extension, time for any similar mathematical problems developed and solved by pupils themselves.

As the teachers provide pupils few of math languages, it was difficult for pupils to identify the data and to develop the similar problems in life. Teachers use materials (textbooks, teacher books, lectures,) in the rigid manner, without creative selection.

Due to children starting with problem solving (explanation, calculations, answer,) their thinking is mainly intuitive. On the other hand, at this stage, pupils can not fluently read and write. Even reading the questions many times, some pupils can not understand the problem. So pupils did wrong...

As solving math problem, pupils are still passive. They just solve the problem in the mechanical manner at the request of teacher. Pupils just solve the specific problems. They do not know how find the common between various problems. Therefore pupils have difficulty in identifying the common forms.

Due to the low ability of problem analyzing, pupils are stymied in problems of indirect data. Without the routine of checking, pupils get low marks.

Math word problem solving can help pupils to apply math to life. The math word problems are important in connecting maths to the real life.

It is a good foundation for the developing the mathematical thinking. Let pupils be happy with solving math problems in life by mathematical tools.

Mukhammadiyeva Dilshoda daughter of Joraqul was born on June 4, 2003 in the city of Jizzakh, Jizzakh region of the Republic Uzbekistan. Between 2010 and 2021, she studied at the 11th general secondary school of the Jizzakh city and graduated with excellent grades. In 2021, she entered the Jizzakh State Pedagogical University named after Abdulla Qodiri at the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics on the basis of the 1st place state grant. On April 23-28, 2023, she won the 3rd place bronze medal at the OMOUS-2023 International Mathematics Olympiad held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. She also participated in the 2nd International Mathematics Olympiad held in Nukus on October 23-29, 2023. In 2023, she became the owner of the University scholarship named after "Ne'mat Alimov". In life, she is also involved in volleyball and checkers.

## My Chicks

My little chicks,  
Happy with their mother.  
They chirp when they see me,  
And come running every moment.

Waiting for me to give something,  
They can't stop chirping.  
Until I give them the grain,  
My chicks don't stop running.

Shonazarova Parizod Ravshanbek's daughter from Uzbekistan. She was born on December 22, 2005 in Khorezm region, Khanka district. Presently, she is a 11th grade student of 41-school in Khanka.



## Jadid Is The Opener Of The Consciousness Of A Nation That Always Awakens From The Sleep Of Ignorance



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Jadidism appeared in Turkestan at the end of the 19th century, it was formed at the beginning of the 20th century, and after that, school education began to be reformed, new literature, in a word, a new way of thinking appeared.

"Jadidchiilik" is based on the word "jadid".

The word "Jadid" means "new". This "new" is not just a "new word", it includes many and wide concepts such as "new idea", "new thinking", "new person".

### Discussion and Results

Jadids existed in almost all classes of people - artisans, carpenters, merchants, farmers and intellectuals. Modern experts in the field of industry and agriculture, advanced scientists have grown up among the ancients.

It is no exaggeration to say that Ismail Obili, Abdulla Avloni, Munavvarqori, Mahmudhoja Behbudi, Ashurai Zahiri are bright examples of modernism. They formed their press during the Jadidist movement. Jadids published their newspapers and magazines in Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand and Kokand.

Another bright manifestation of the Jadidist movement is Abdulla Awloni. We know that Abdulla Avloni joined the jadid movement at the

beginning of the 20th century and was one of the active participants of the jadid in Tashkent. Like Mahmudhoja Behbudi, Abdulla Avloni opens a school of method for neighborhood children. He also teaches native language and literature in this school opened in Mirabad neighborhood of Tashkent city. In 1909, he published the first volume of his four-part collection of poetry entitled "Literature or National Poems", and in the same year he established the "Jamiyati Khairiya" foundation and educated orphans. He writes and publishes textbooks and manuals for the schools he opened. For example, "The first teacher", "The second teacher", "Turkish gulfistan or morals" in 4 volumes (parts), "Literature or national poems", "School of gulfistan", "Song of workers" The students in the schools opened by zi also used it to teach young people. Abdulla Awloni also wrote many poems.

For example, in Tashkent "Taraqqi" (editor - Ismail Obili), "Shuhrat" (editor Abdulla Avloni), "Khurshid" (editor Munavvarqori), "Asia" (editor Abmadjon Bektemirov) in Bukhara, "Bukharai Sharif", "Turon", in Samarkand, "Samarkand" (editor Mahmudhoja Behbudi), "Sadoyi Fergana" newspapers and magazines "Turon", "Oyina", "Al-islah" were published in Kokand.

Mahmudhoja Behbudi, Abdulla Avloni, Munavvarqori, etc., are the Jadids who brought the Jadidism movement to the highest level.

In conclusion, we can say that Jadidism became the main factor in the national and cultural development of the youth of Turkestan. Jadids do not change their views and aspirations in any difficult situation during their career. Jadids were determined to save the people from backwardness, illiteracy, poverty, and colonialism of the tsarist government. This policy promoted by Jadids helps to raise the consciousness and thinking of the youth.

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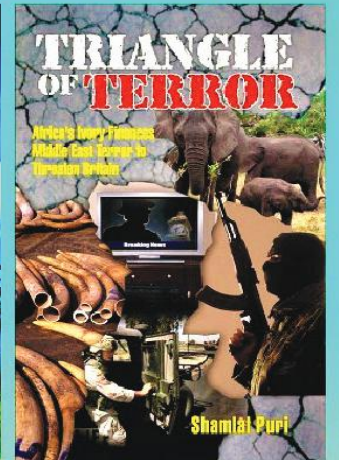
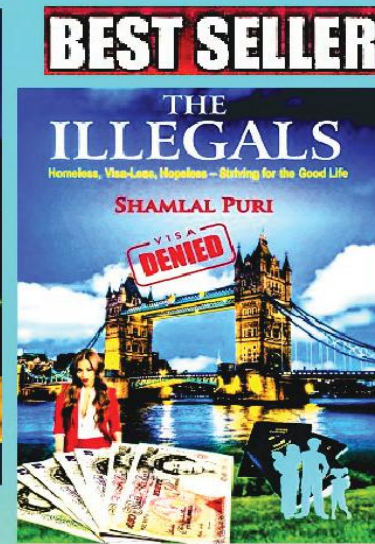
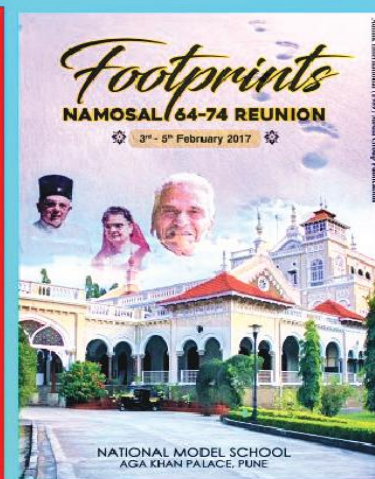
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# New KCC Chairman Supports Establishment Of Dairy Society In Nyeri

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A section of dairy farmers from Nyeri Town constituency have initiated a plan to start a dairy cooperative society in order to reap maximum benefits from the sub-sector reforms.

Farmers from Gatitu/Muruguru ward have formed a group through which they will be using to have their milk collected and supplied to the government owned New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (New KCC).

They have been raising funds for the project and now, erecting a building has started.

On Thursday, the group members invited various leaders, led by the New KCC chairman Maina Kamiru for the ground breaking ceremony.

Other leaders included Nyeri County Senator Wahome Wamatinga and area Member of County Assembly Wangechi Njithi.

The New KCC chairman who coincidentally hails from the same ward gave a personal donation of KSh2



New KCC chairman Maina Kamiru breaking the group for construction of Milk Centre near Gatitu Trading Centre as farmers and leaders look on..

million for the project.

Once the construction of the Milk Centre is completed, the over 250 farmers will be taking their commodity there before it is delivered to New KCC factory in Kiganjo for processing.

Kamiru told the farmers that his

organisation was promptly paying farmers and thus they should take good care of their livestock so that they can produce more milk.

He urged the youth to venture into dairy farming, saying it had good returns, more so when practiced through organized groups since it

eliminates middlemen who usually eat part of the farmer's profit.

On the other hand, the Senator noted that empowering citizens through collaborative efforts will ensure sustainable livelihoods among the community.

Just like the New KCC chairman,

Senator Wamatinga urged the local farmers, including the youth to explore opportunities in the dairy sector like livestock feed manufacturing which they noted can be an income generating venture that can further create employment and deter the youngsters from engaging in alcoholic and illegal substances abuse.

The area MCA disclosed that through the County Government's Ward Development Fund (WDF), the group would be allocated KSh2 million to support the project.

She further noted that she would initiate a plan to provide dairy cows to various youth groups in a bid to boost their farming.

The farmers' group, Secretary Ngare Ndiritu, urged his colleagues to take the dairy farming seriously, saying that with the support that they received, it was upon them to put extra effort and produce more milk.

He noted that the group will now render brokers and other middlemen out of business, thereby increasing the farmers' earnings.

# Parliamentary Committee On Tourism And Wildlife Wraps Up Budget Monitoring Meetings With MDAs Amidst Revenue Challenges

By:PSCU

The Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife, in a session chaired by Vice Chairperson John Wanjiku concluded its series of meetings with key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, state departments, and agencies, to review budget implementation for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

The last to appear was Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), tasked with conserving and managing wildlife in Kenya, alongside enforcing related laws, discussed their mandate which includes wildlife security, park management, human-wildlife conflict resolution, tourism product management, conservation education, and community engagement.

In their presentation at Pride Inn Paradise Hotel in Mombasa, before



The committee during the Friday session.

the Kareke Mbiuki led committee, KWS Director General Erustus Kanga said that in the fiscal year 2022/2023, KWS received a total allocation of KSh5.58 Billion, with KSh5 Billion for recurrent expenses and KSh580 million for development projects.

The initial recurrent budget was insufficient to cover salaries and operations, but increased revenue from tourism allowed for adjustments in Appropriation In Aid (AIA).

However, the development budget faced cuts in Supplementary Budget 1, and the remaining eschequer was

not released by the end of the fiscal year, impacting planned projects.

Mr. Kanga pointed out that the Recurrent funding, comprising AIA and government grants, saw adjustments through Supplementary I and II, providing necessary finances for operations, including a KSh65 mil-

lion government support for fire management.

He said that Development projects, funded by the government and donors, experienced delays and budget reductions, affecting infrastructure and equipment acquisition.

Additionally, the DG said that they received KSh94.7 million from carbon credits under the REDD+ program for conserving Chyullu and Tsavo ecosystems, supporting various initiatives such as fire management, ranger housing, water pans, and gate construction.

As the meeting concluded, the Vice Chairperson commended the KWS team, led by Mr. Kanga, for their organization, performance, and increased revenue collection, stating, "I want to take this opportunity as we conclude our meeting to congratulate you for doing a good job and even increasing your revenue collection."



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# Reviving the Soul: Rediscovering the Richness of Gikuyu Traditional Religion



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## Worth Noting:

- At the heart of Gikuyu traditional religion stands Ngai, the Supreme Creator—a divine presence whose light shines brightly in the hearts of his people. Ngai's teachings, rooted in love, compassion, and forgiveness, serve as a beacon of hope for those who seek solace in troubled times.
- In the midst of Kenya's breathtaking landscapes lie sacred spaces—places of power and reverence where the earthly and the divine converge. These sacred sites, imbued with the spirits of the land, serve as sanctuaries for the Gikuyu people, offering solace, healing, and spiritual nourishment.
- In the quiet spaces of reflection, there is a journey—a journey of self-discovery, of spiritual awakening, and of divine communion.



Reviving the Soul

In the midst of modernity's rush and the clamor of change, the Gikuyu people find themselves at a pivotal juncture—WHERE a quiet revolution is stirring—a revival of ancestral wisdom, a rekindling of spiritual fires, and a reaffirmation of cultural heritage. Yet, within the depths of their souls, there remains a whisper—a call to reclaim their spiritual authority, to reignite the flame of their sacred traditions, and to ensure the continuity of their spiritual legacy for generations yet unborn. It is a call that beckons them to embark on a profound journey of spiritual renewal—a journey that transcends time and space, weaving together the threads of tradition, faith, and reverence for the divine.

### 1: The Call of the Ancestors - A Resurgence of Spirit

Amidst the hustle and bustle of modern life, there is a longing—a longing for connection, for purpose, for a deeper understanding of the mysteries that surround us. For the Gikuyu people, this longing is answered by the whispers of their ancestors, beckoning them to rediscover the ancient wisdom that lies dormant within their souls. As they heed this call, they embark on a soul-stirring journey of self-discovery and spiritual renewal,

guided by the timeless teachings of their forebears.

### 2: Ngai's Eternal Light - Illuminating the Path of Faith

At the heart of Gikuyu traditional religion stands Ngai, the Supreme Creator—a divine presence whose light shines brightly in the hearts of his people. Ngai's teachings, rooted in love, compassion, and forgiveness, serve as a beacon of hope for those who seek solace in troubled times. As the Gikuyu people embrace Ngai's eternal light, they find strength and comfort in the knowledge that they are never alone—that their creator watches over them with boundless love and compassion.

### 3: Guardians of Wisdom - Honoring the Ancestral Legacy

In the sacred halls of tradition, the wisdom of the ancestors is preserved for future generations—a testament to the resilience and perseverance of the Gikuyu people. As guardians of this ancient legacy, they are tasked with passing on the teachings of their forebears to those who come after them, ensuring that the flame of tradition burns brightly for centuries to come. With reverence and respect, they honor the wisdom of their ancestors, drawing inspiration from their

courage and resilience in the face of adversity.

### 4: Sacred Spaces, Sacred Spirits - Nurturing the Soul of the Land

In the midst of Kenya's breathtaking landscapes lie sacred spaces—places of power and reverence where the earthly and the divine converge. These sacred sites, imbued with the spirits of the land, serve as sanctuaries for the Gikuyu people, offering solace, healing, and spiritual nourishment. As they commune with the spirits of the land, they are reminded of their interconnectedness with all of creation, inspiring them to protect and preserve these sacred spaces for future generations to enjoy.

### 5: Cultivating Resilience, Cultivating Hope - Nurturing the Soul of the Community

In the face of adversity, the spirit of the Gikuyu people shines bright—a beacon of resilience and hope that illuminates the darkest of days. Drawing strength from their faith and the support of their community, they cultivate a culture of resilience and hope, inspiring one another to persevere in the face of life's challenges. United by a common purpose and a shared commitment to their cultural heritage, they stand together as guardians of

the soul, nurturing the spirit of hope and renewal in their communities.

### 6: Empowering the Next Generation - Guardians of the Spiritual Flame

As torchbearers of tradition, the Gikuyu people have a sacred duty to pass on the flame of spiritual enlightenment to future generations. Through storytelling, ritual, and communal worship, they empower the next generation to embrace their cultural heritage with pride and reverence. With courage and conviction, they inspire the youth to carry forward the legacy of their ancestors, ensuring that the flame of tradition continues to burn brightly for generations to come.

### 7: The Journey Within - Discovering the Soul's Purpose

In the quiet spaces of reflection, there is a journey—a journey of self-discovery, of spiritual awakening, and of divine communion. As they embark on this sacred journey, the Gikuyu people uncover the deeper truths that lie dormant within their souls, finding clarity, purpose, and meaning in the embrace of their spiritual heritage. Through meditation, prayer, and introspection, they reconnect with the divine essence that resides within them, nurturing a sense of inner peace and fulfillment that transcends the challenges of everyday life.

### 8: A Call to Unity, A Call to Action - Embracing the Soul's Resurgence

In the unity of purpose, there is strength—a strength that transcends individual differences and unites us in a common bond of love, compassion, and shared destiny. The Gikuyu people, inspired by the teachings of Ngai and the wisdom of their ancestors, are answering the call to action with determination and resolve, standing together as guardians of the soul's resurgence and champions of spiritual renewal. With Ngai as their guide and the support of their community as their foundation, they are forging ahead into a future filled with promise, possibility, and divine grace, reclaiming their spiritual authority and ensuring the continuity of their cherished traditions for generations to come.

*Erick Kamau Kahura, Native Son of Mount Kenya*



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Hygiene In Place Of Residence

When we need accommodations, caretakers play a pivotal role yet often overlooked role in ensuring the cleanliness and hygiene of apartments and hostels. Beyond just keeping spaces tidy, they hold a crucial responsibility in safeguarding the health and well-being of residents. The need for caretakers to uphold hygiene standards cannot be overstated, as it directly impacts the quality of life for occupants and contributes to a harmonious living environment.

First and foremost, hygiene is fundamental to health. In densely populated living spaces like apartments and

hostels where individuals from various backgrounds coexist, maintaining cleanliness is essential in preventing the spread of illnesses and diseases. Caretakers, therefore act as frontline defenders in this regard, implementing sanitation protocols and regularly disinfecting common areas to mitigate health risks.

Moreover, the cleanliness of living spaces significantly influences residents' overall satisfaction and comfort. A well-maintained environment fosters a sense of pride and ownership among occupants, promoting a positive living experience. Conversely,

neglecting hygiene can lead to dissatisfaction, discord among residents, and even reputational damage for the establishment. Caretakers, therefore, not only fulfill a functional role but also contribute to the overall ambiance and reputation of the premises they oversee.

Additionally, upholding hygiene standards is a matter of respect and consideration for others. Shared accommodations require a collective effort to ensure everyone's well-being and comfort. Caretakers play a crucial part in fostering a culture of responsibility and mutual respect among

residents by enforcing cleanliness guidelines and promptly addressing any hygiene concerns that may arise.

Furthermore, in the wake of global health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of stringent hygiene practices has been underscored like never before. Caretakers serve as key agents in implementing and maintaining preventive measures to safeguard against infectious diseases, emphasizing the indispensable role they play in protecting the health of residents and the wider community.

In conclusion, caretakers are indispensable guardians of hygiene in

apartments and hostels, embodying the principles of health, comfort, respect, and community well-being. Their dedication to upholding cleanliness standards is not merely a duty but a vital contribution to fostering a safe, pleasant, and harmonious living environment for all occupants. As we navigate the challenges of shared living spaces, let us recognize and appreciate the invaluable role of caretakers in promoting hygiene and enhancing the quality of life for everyone involved.

*Brian nyachae, Media student Rongo university.*

## Preserving Maasai Cultural Heritage

By **Ruth Saing'ieu**

In the heart of Kenya's rift valley lies Narok county home to the proud Maasai community. While known for its breathtaking landscapes and diverse wildlife, Narok county holds a deeper cultural significance, one that is now being celebrated and preserved through a unique blend of tradition and modernity. The local community is making effort to revitalize and

safeguard their rich cultural heritage. From colorful beadwork to rhythmic dances. The Maasai people are reclaiming their identity in the face of modernization.

Meet Neyieyio, a young Maasai woman who is leading the charge in preserving her community's traditions. Through her grass roots organization, she is empowering women to showcase their skills in beadwork, a traditional art form that has been

passed down through generations. Neyieyios initiative not only provides source of income for local artisans but also serves as a platform for cultural exchange and appreciation.

But the revival goes beyond mere handicrafts. In Narok county, traditional ceremonies and rituals are being reimagined for contemporary audiences. Elders gather under the shade of Acacia stories of wisdom, while youngsters learn the ancient

techniques of warriorhood. It's a delicate balance between hold the past and embracing the future.

One of the most significant transformations can be seen in the realm of education. Schools in Narok county are integrating Maasai culture and history into the curriculum ensuring that young minds grow up with a deep appreciation for their heritage. From the language lessons to field trips to local cultural sites students

are immersed in the vibrant tapestry of Maasai life.

As the sun sets over the savannah a sense of pride permeates the air. In Narok County the Maasai people are not just preserving their traditions they are thriving through innovation and resilience, they are forging a path forward while staying true to their roots. And in so doing, they remind us all of the power of cultural heritage to unite inspire and ensure.

## Let's Unite And Bring Sanity On Love Matters

There a lot of deaths from depression, misunderstanding and mistrust among lovers in our societies and country at large. As a society we have lost the concept of real love by virtue of being stripped our African culture by forces like technology and western Influence. The rate of single mothers and single dads has drastically risen. The ugliest part being after dumping each other some men fail to provide for their children in previous relationship. In our societies we should go back to the African history of love as a memory and form of guidance. The questions that pop up is, How did our elders in

the traditional African set up loved and related to each other?. Why did they last longer in relationships?. How were they able to build strong relationships that lead to solid marriages? Nowadays there are a lot of wrong perceptions about love and relationship mostly among teenagers especially in college and campus from the age of 18- 25.Ladies are too much into material possession and shifting gears to men older than them who got the cash. Love to the boys is majorly based on looks and attraction. The many expectations from love especially material things causes heartbreaks and even

marriages breaking or even murder when a partner fails to meet them.

The bad perception of youths not appreciating friends or family members relationships and comment negatively whenever they post some of their good moments on social media just because their own relationship didn't work out is worrying. Comments like, 'mtaachana tu' and 'love is a scam' are all over. This should stop as it would psychologically cause negative attitude towards love and relationships in the event of the union hitting the wall. Technology and social media also contributes to heart breaks. Social media secret

messages and flirting is also a leading cause. Partners spy on each other and any message that's suspicious brings mistrust and conflicts. Youths fail to have a stance on one lover and end up having multiple lovers and in the end leading to ugly fights threats and some who feel disrespected end up committing suicide. Parents should give proper parental care, love advice and counsel their children from getting into unnecessary relationships based on material benefits to keep them psychologically fit to grow and have emotional intelligence and maturity in order to have fruitful love relationships in

future.This would reduce depression among youth and negative attitude towards love matters and helping them to focus on developing themselves on their career paths and perform better in school or job.As a society we should go back and relearn from our elders and African Cultural values regarding love.

*By Tabitha Yatich and Wanyonyi Yvonne, Rongo University.*

# Catapult Gang That Stole Millions Rounded Up



By: The DCI  
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In a stealth operation launched to bring to an end the era of city thugs dreaded for stealing from locked motor vehicles, Nairobi region detectives have rounded up five miscreants that stole Sh900,000 and another USD 15,000 from a businessman based in Nairobi's South C area two weeks ago.

The distressed victim who reported

at Akila Police Station in Lang'ata indicated that he had just parked his BMW X1 along Muhoho Road opposite Rubis Petrol Station and entered an auto parts shop when the felons struck.

He had gone back to his car less than five minutes later, only to find a smashed rear window and a missing bag that contained the money.

Also missing were his KCB, DTB and Gulf African Bank ATM cards, his national ID card, smart driving license and assorted job-related documents.

Later that evening, the victim re-

ceived a message alert indicating that Sh 40,000 had been withdrawn from his KCB account and another 40,000 from the DTB account at an ATM in Embakasi.

Getting on the job, the Nairobi region Crime Research team initiated a forensic-led trail on the suspects. Backed up by the Operations Unit, the crime busters nabbed the 1st suspect Charles Nzomo who was captured by a nearby CCTV breaking into the motor vehicle.

The footage also captured Paul Mukungi and Vincent Juma Raguma keeping watch as Nzomo employed

his childhood skills in hunting with a catapult to smash the car window. All this time, another female suspect, Jane Mueni Mutinda was busy stalking the victim, as Shaban Rashid Maingi waited in a getaway Mazda Demio fitted with registration plates KCE 822F belonging to a Subaru car.

One after another, the suspects were rounded up last night before the spy vehicle belonging to Charles Nzomo was traced to Tsavo Gardens. In it were found the victim's KCB ATM card and car breaking tools including a catapult.

The five suspects were escorted to DCI Lang'ata offices where they are booked for the long weekend. Efforts are in place to recover a second motor vehicle and trace and arrest a sixth accomplice, Rodgers Ndung'u, who fled to Mombasa.

Detectives believe that the syndicate is linked to another four suspects who were arrested on February 16 last year after a series of car breakings using the same tools of trade still in South C, Nairobi.

# Auditions For Kisumu's Fish Fiesta Festival Kick Off

By: Kenya News Agency

Auditions for this year's Fish Fiesta celebrations in Kisumu County has kicked off with the organisers banking on the events to promote tourism, create business opportunities and foster cultural exchange.

The exercise, to be conducted in all the eight sub-counties, has attracted contestants in boat racing, body building, traditional wrestling, beauty competition (Mr., and Miss Tourism), traditional art among others.

Kisumu Deputy Governor Mathew Owili said the auditions which kick off at Nyang'oma Hall in Muhoroni County on Saturday will showcase talent and the rich Luo cultural heritage ahead of the main event slated for April 25-27 at the Jomo Kenyatta Sports Grounds.

Contestants will audition for Mr and Miss Tourism, Mr and Miss Flex, Mr and Miss Strong, traditional Luo wrestling and traditional art. Dr Owili said the Fish Fiesta, which

is Kisumu County's signature tourism event, would also showcase Kisumu as a vibrant hub for fishing tourism besides giving an opportunity to various stakeholders and visitors to explore existing opportunities in the sector.

Dr Owili said the event's theme 'Flavours of the Lake: Fishing tourism as an opportunity for sustainable development' was a testament of the county government's commitment to harness the potential of the blue economy to improve the living standards of the community.

"Through this event, we aim to highlight the significance of our fisheries industry, promote responsible fishing practices and explore untapped opportunities within the fishing tourism sector," he said.

He urged all government agencies, Civil Society Organisations (CSO's) and stakeholders to join hands and make the event a success.

"Together we can leverage the unique flavours of the Lake, promote tourism, create employment and ensure the long-term sustainability of our natural resources," he said.



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# L'oréal Paris Unveils Glycolic Bright Products To The Kenyan Market



By: Aoma Keziah  
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L'Oréal Paris has unveiled its innovative Glycolic Bright range, providing relief to millions of Kenyan women grappling with the menace of dark spots on their skin.

Developed by L'Oréal Skincare Laboratories, the Glycolic Bright Serum is formulated with an optimum concentration of 1% Glycolic Acid to reduce five years of dark marks in two weeks, making it the ultimate solution for your skincare needs. This brightening serum is part of the Glycolic-Bright range, a skincare regime inspired by the science of a peeling procedure, which they say that You can now experience skin surface renewal at home, with products that are clinically proven to brighten skin & visibly reduce dark spots. According to them, the range acts on four key dimensions that can inhibit the appearance of bright, glowing skin, dark spots, dullness, unevenness, and roughness.

"We are delighted to unveil a skin-care solution that not only enhances skin brightness and evens skin tone, but also encourages women to embrace their natural beauty. Our commitment to addressing the diverse needs of various skin types remains steadfast, and we are confident that the Glycolic Bright Range will revolutionize the quest for radiant, luminous skin," said Yassine Bakkari, Country Managing Director, L'Oréal East Africa.

In their opinion, dark spots or hyperpigmentation can stem from acne scars, excessive sun exposure, or hormonal changes. When the skin is subjected to excessive sunlight, for instance, melanocytes react by producing an excess of melanin pigments, resulting in brown patches on the skin. Regardless of their size, dark spots, particularly on the face, can significantly impact one's life, from diminishing confidence to affecting social interactions.

The Glycolic Bright Range is meticulously crafted to cater to all skin types, including sensitive skin, with particular attention to the younger demographic.

The launch of the new range coincides with L'Oréal's inaugural "Walk Your Worth Event" to commemorate International Women's Day in Kenya, underscoring the skincare brand's dedication to empowering women in



From left: Yassine Bakkari- L'Oreal Country Managing Director-East Africa, Jessie Wamae- Brand Business Lead, L'Oreal Paris East Africa, Victoria Karanja- L'Oreal General Manager, Consumer Products Division, East Africa, Marvin Gitau- Marketing Assistant, L'Oreal Paris, East Africa at the L'Oreal Paris's Glycolic Bright Range Launch).

line with its iconic tagline "Because You're Worth it," which inspires women of all ages and backgrounds to believe in their innate beauty and value.

Focusing on Sub-Saharan Africa, where women often grapple with uneven skin tone, the scientifically advanced new range signifies a signifi-

cant stride towards inclusivity within Africa's beauty industry.

Their main purpose is to create the beauty that moves the world, defining approach to beauty as inclusive, ethical, generous and committed to social and environmental sustainability. With their portfolio of 37 international brands and ambitious sustain-

ability commitments for their Future programme, they also offer each and every person around the world the best in terms of quality, efficacy, safety, sincerity and responsibility, while celebrating beauty in its infinite plurality.

## Today's Guidance

By: Dipa Sharma

Greetings, I am a professional intuitive tarot card reader. My readings incorporate both the cards and my intuition. This reading is timeless, general, and collective, meaning it may or may not directly resonate with you. Please take what resonates with you and disregard the rest. If you've come across this reading, it likely holds a message for you. For personalized guidance, feel free to reach out for a personal reading. You can contact me via email at: sharmadipa.ds@gmail.com

### Current situation

Currently, your relationship is going through a healing phase. You and your partner are striving to strike a balance between your disagreements and the practical approach you both

take towards each other. It seems that one partner is financially stable while the other harbors feelings of jealousy, which is leading to irritating behavior and impatience within the relationship.

### The problem(s)

The issue lies in one of you lacking loyalty and faithfulness in the relationship. It seems that the passion or spark may have dimmed over time. However, this isn't necessarily indicative of a serious problem; rather, it suggests that both of you are struggling to inject some fun back into the relationship. Despite numerous opportunities for strengthening the bond, it appears that neither of you is fully embracing them.

### How they are contributing to the problem?

Instead of taking proactive steps to strengthen the relationship, your part-

ner has opted to rely solely on faith. They seem unwilling to take a stand for the relationship and are instead leaving everything up to faith. It's possible that they perceive you as having blocked them, leading to their inaction and reliance on faith alone.

### How you are contributing to the problem?

It seems that you are currently reveling in your success and abundance. Your diligent efforts are yielding significant rewards, and you are completely immersed in your career pursuits. Perhaps you've recently acquired some property, adding to your sense of freedom and accomplishment. It appears that some of you are emotionally detached from your partner as you prioritize your career goals.

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# Relationship Issues Spread



### How to move forward?

Take a moment to treasure your significant other; they are a rare find. Consider embarking on a fresh journey in your relationship, picturing a path where both of you thrive and prosper. Your partner's sincere support and belief in your success are unwavering, urging you to flourish in

every aspect of life.

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# Committee On Tourism And Wildlife Addresses Funding Challenges And Regulatory Concerns

By: John Kariuki  
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Committee On Tourism And Wildlife

## Worth Noting:

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- Lamu East Constituency MP, Ruweida Obo, stressed the importance of adequately funding the Tourism Research Institute to enhance data collection and analysis, ultimately improving the destination's competitive advantage.

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The Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife, Chaired by Kareke Mbiuki (Maara), is in meeting in Mombasa County for its ongoing series of meetings. Among those who appeared before the Committee were the CEO of the Kenya International Convention Centre; Mr....

Director General of the Tourism Regulatory Authority, Mr. Nobert Talam, CEO Tourism Promotion Fund Mr. Stephen Kinyanjui; Director and CEO Wildlife Research and Training Institute Dr. Patrick Omondi among others.

During their session with the Ag. CEO Tourism Fund, concerns were raised regarding the exorbitant interest charged by consultants, which often exceeds the project's actual cost, sometimes amounting to billions.

"We are witnessing a scenario where consultants are compensated more than contractors due to the exorbitant interest rates," Mbiuki noted.

The Kenya Tourism Board in-

formed the Committee of its primary objective to effectively market Kenya's tourism products, aiming to achieve four key outputs: International Arrivals, Tourism Receipts, Domestic bed nights, and Brand awareness.

Mr. James Mwaura, CEO of the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, outlined the institution's main objectives, including improving business events performance, enhancing government systems and structures for efficiency, and capacity development for effective service delivery. He highlighted the challenge of pending bills, particularly from Government entities like the Kenya Revenue Authority, which hampers efficient service delivery.

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Ijara Constituency MP, Abdi, urged the Committee to support the Authority, citing resource constraints for its programs and activities. The Wildlife Research and Training In-

stitute CEO Dr. Patrick Omondi highlighted the Institute's mandate of a coordinated Wildlife Research and Training to provide information and data to inform management and policy in the wildlife sector.

He highlighted the progress made in establishing a National Wildlife database at its Hqs in Naivasha and appealed for funding support to strengthen its 4 Wildlife Research Centres in Malindi (Coastal and Marine); Nyeri (Mountain and Forest); Tsavo East (Terrestrial); and the Wetlands and Inlands Waters Research Centre in Naivasha.

He also appealed for support towards the 2024 National Wildlife Census to update the 2021 numbers. Today the Committee the Committee will be meeting the Director General KWS.

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# Beyond The Shot: Unraveling Depo-Provera's Mysteries For Smarter Family Planning"

By: Sheila Chepchirchir

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## Worth Noting:

- "I started using Depo-Provera when I was in my second year at Rongo University," says Mary (not her real name), a former student, "I was told it was a safe and effective method of birth control, but I wasn't told about the possible side effects."
- Mary says that after receiving her first injection, she experienced irregular bleeding and mood swings. "I would bleed for weeks on end and then stop for a few days before it started again," she says. "I also became very moody and emotional."
- Alice (not her real name), another former student, says that she experienced weight gain and depression after using Depo-Provera. "I gained a lot of weight within a short period of time," she says. "I also started feeling very depressed and anxious."

As the world continues to evolve, so does the need for family planning. In many parts of the world, family planning has become an essential aspect of life. It allows people to take control of their reproductive health and make informed decisions about their future. However, despite the many options available, some people still resort to unconventional methods of birth control. One such method is Depo-Provera, a hormonal contraceptive injection that is administered every three months. At Rongo University in Kenya, many female students are using this method without being fully aware of its side effects.

Depo-Provera is a highly effective method of birth control that works by preventing ovulation. It contains the hormone progestin, which thickens cervical mucus, making it difficult for sperm to reach the egg. While it is considered a safe and reliable form of contraception, it is not without side effects.

However, one of the most significant advantages of Depo is its effectiveness in preventing pregnancy. With perfect use, Depo has a failure rate of less than 1%, making it one of the most reliable contraceptives available. Unlike other forms of birth control that require daily or weekly administration, Depo only requires a shot every three months, making it a convenient option for busy students.

While Depo is an effective method of family planning, students at Rongo University who use it may not be aware of its potential side effects.

At Rongo University, several female students have reported using Depo-Provera without being fully informed about its potential side effects. Many of them say that they were not given adequate information about the drug's possible risks and side effects before receiving the injection.

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Despite the side effects, many female students at Rongo University continue to use Depo-Provera because it is convenient and affordable. "It's easy to use because you only need to get the injection every three months," says Jane (not her real name), a current student. "It's also very cheap, so it's accessible to many students who can't afford other forms of birth control."

However, health experts say that the lack of information about De-

po-Provera's side effects is a cause for concern. "It's important for women to be fully informed about the risks and benefits of any form of birth control before they start using it," says Dr. John (not his real name), a gynecologist. "This allows them to make an informed decision about what method is best for them."

Dr John advises women who are considering using Depo-Provera to talk to their healthcare provider about the possible side effects and risks. He also recommends that women who experience any unusual symptoms after receiving the injection should seek medical attention immediately.

Notably, while Depo-Provera is an effective method of birth control, it is not without side effects. It is important for women to be fully informed about the drug's potential risks and side effects before deciding to use it.

However, there are some potential side effects associated with Depo that students at Rongo University may not be aware of. Some women experience irregular bleeding during the first few months of using Depo, which can be heavy and prolonged. This side effect usually improves over time, but some women may continue to experience irregular bleeding throughout their use of the contraceptive.

Another potential side effect of Depo is weight gain. Some studies have shown that women who use Depo may gain an average of 5 pounds over the course of a year. While this weight gain may not be

significant for some women, others may find it concerning.

Depo has also been linked to a decrease in bone density. Women who use Depo for an extended period may be at risk for osteoporosis and bone fractures. However, this risk can be minimized by ensuring adequate calcium and vitamin D intake and engaging in weight-bearing exercise.

Depo may also increase the risk of certain health conditions, such as breast cancer and blood clots. However, these risks are generally small and are outweighed by the benefits of using Depo for most women.

It is essential for students at Rongo University who use Depo to be aware of these potential side effects and discuss them with their healthcare provider. While Depo is an effective form of birth control, it may not be the best option for every woman. Healthcare providers can help women weigh the risks and benefits of Depo and determine if it is the right contraceptive method for them.

In addition to potential side effects, there are also some misconceptions about Depo that students at Rongo University may have. Some people believe that Depo causes infertility or that it takes a long time for fertility to return after stopping the contraceptive. However, these beliefs are not true. Women who stop using Depo can become pregnant as soon as three months after their last injection.

Another misconception about Depo is that it provides protection against sexually transmitted infections (STIs). However, Depo only protects against pregnancy and does not provide any protection against STIs. Students at Rongo University who are sexually active should use condoms in addition to Depo to reduce their risk of contracting STIs.)

Depo is a highly effective form of birth control that is convenient for busy students at Rongo University. However, it is essential for women who use Depo to be aware of its potential side effects and discuss them with their healthcare provider. While some women may experience irregular bleeding, weight gain, or a decrease in bone density while using Depo, these risks are generally small and outweighed by the benefits of using the contraceptive for most women. It is also important for students to understand that Depo does not protect against STIs and to use condoms in addition to the contraceptive if they are sexually active.

# SPORTS NEWS

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**Sports >>** \*Kylian Mbappe is set to sample the fiercest rivalry in French football for the final time before his expected departure at the end of the season as Paris Saint-Germain make the trip to Marseille on Sunday.

## Mbappe Set To Measure Up To Marseille For Final Time With PSG



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward Kylian Mbappe celebrates after scoring a penalty during the French L1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain FC and RC Strasbourg Alsace at The Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on December 28, 2022. (Photo by JULIEN DE ROSA / AFP).

Kylian Mbappe is set to sample the fiercest rivalry in French football for the final time before his expected departure at the end of the season as Paris Saint-Germain make the trip to Marseille on Sunday.

There is no love lost between the two biggest clubs in France, even if Marseille have struggled to compete with PSG for honours since the Qatari takeover of the capital side over a decade ago.

The Parisians come into this game with a huge 12-point lead at the top of the table from nearest challengers Brest with just eight matches remaining, meaning Mbappe is surely certain to win a sixth title in seven seasons with the club.

Marseille, in contrast, are seventh, three points outside the European places despite a recent revival under new coach Jean-Louis Gasset, a former PSG assistant boss.

Mbappe has already told PSG that he intends to leave at the end of the current campaign when his contract expires, with Real

Madrid his expected next destination.

That means he is unlikely to sample the heated atmosphere of the 67,000-capacity Velodrome again any time soon after this Sunday.

This will be his second visit there this week, after he turned out for France at the same venue in their 3-2 friendly win over Chile on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old's status as national team captain did not prevent him from being whistled by sections of the crowd in the Mediterranean city, who were unable to forget his connection to PSG for the evening.

"Honestly I would understand if I were jeered," he had said before the France game.

"I am a PSG player. If I am whistled, that's life. I wouldn't take it personally."

"It shouldn't happen," complained France coach Didier Deschamps, himself a former Marseille captain. He admitted hearing the jeers for Mbappe was "disappointing".

Mbappe recaptured his best

form for PSG just before the international break after a run of games in which he lost his status as an undisputed starter.

A hat-trick in a 6-2 win at Montpellier two weeks ago took him to 38 goals in 37 appearances for PSG this season.

Luis Enrique's side appear to be finding their best form at the right time, and are undefeated in 24 matches since early November.

This game begins a vital few weeks in which they will also host Rennes in the French Cup semi-finals and face Barcelona in the Champions League quarter-finals.

Meanwhile Marseille lost their last two games after claiming five straight wins following Gasset's appointment.

They have a Europa League last-eight tie against Benfica on the horizon but are in the midst of an injury crisis, with full-back Jonathan Clauss among those sidelined after coming off playing for France.

Player to watch: Randal Kolo Muani

The France forward has yet to justify the 90 million-euro (\$97m) transfer fee paid by PSG to sign him from Eintracht Frankfurt at the start of the season.

He has managed nine goals in 31 appearances for his new club but has not been a first-choice starter in recent months and has struggled to convince when named in coach Luis Enrique's XI.

That did not prevent him from being called up to the latest France squad, though, and he scored one goal and set up another as Les Bleus beat Chile in midweek in Marseille.

Like Mbappe, he will be keen to silence the Velodrome crowd on Sunday as he prepares to make his 100th appearance in France's top flight.

### Key stats

3 - PSG have lost just three times in 30 meetings in all competitions with Marseille since the Qatari takeover of the capital club in 2011

188 - Mbappe's overall goals tally makes him the eighth-top scorer in French top-flight history. Top of the list is Delio Onnis, with 299

12 - PSG's lead in points at the top of the table with eight games left

### Fixtures (times GMT)

Friday  
Lille v Lens (2000)

### Saturday

Metz v Monaco (1600), Lyon v Reims (2000)

### Sunday

Lorient v Brest (1100), Clermont v Toulouse, Le Havre v Montpellier, Nice v Nantes (all 1300), Strasbourg v Rennes (1505), Marseille v Paris Saint-Germain (1845)

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**Sports >>>** \*Xabi Alonso, who was seen by many as Liverpool's top target to replace Jurgen Klopp as their manager, said on Friday he is staying at Bundesliga leaders Bayer Leverkusen next season.

## Liverpool Target Xabi Alonso Says Staying As Leverkusen Coach



FILE PHOTO: Soccer Football - Premier League - Manchester City v Arsenal - Etihad Stadium, Manchester, Britain - June 17, 2020 Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola and Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta after the match. Peter Powell/Pool via REUTERS.

Xabi Alonso, who was seen by many as Liverpool's top target to replace Jurgen Klopp as their manager, said on Friday he is staying at Bundesliga leaders Bayer Leverkusen next season.

The 42-year-old Spaniard has Leverkusen on course for a trophy treble, including their first ever German league crown.

"It's been a season of speculation regarding my future," Alonso told a press conference.

"Up till now we have been busy and focused on the season and I wanted to reflect during the international break and take a decision. "Last week I had a meeting when I informed (Leverkusen's directors) of my decision to continue being coach of Bayer Leverkusen."

Alonso said he was still developing as a coach and he felt Leverkusen, his first senior team coaching

post, is the best place for him to continue growing.

"At the moment this is the right place for me to develop as a coach, I am a young coach," he said.

"Right now this is the right place. I have to thank the management.

"The club had been supportive and I feel respected by all departments."

Alonso has a contract until 2026 but had been linked with moves to Liverpool, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, all clubs where he spent time as a player, having done a stunning job at runaway Bundesliga leaders Leverkusen.

Leverkusen are unbeaten this term with 34 victories and four draws and are 10 points clear of Bayern Munich and on track for their first ever Bundesliga title with eight games remaining this season.

The former Spain midfielder, who

was a member of the side that won the Euro in 2008 and 2012 as well as the 2010 World Cup, is aiming to complete a treble.

Aside from topping the table they are in the final four of the German Cup and the quarter-finals of the Europa League and could potentially meet Liverpool in the final.

Alonso's coaching experience was limited to the Real Sociedad B team when he was appointed Leverkusen coach in October 2022, but he showed he had natural talent as a coach as he saved them from relegation.

### 'Strong link'

With Alonso out of the race to replace Klopp the frontrunners are believed to be Sporting Lisbon head coach Ruben Amorim and Brighton's Italian manager Roberto De Zerbi.

De Zerbi can further impress his

potential employers on Sunday as he takes his side to Liverpool and is yet to come off second best against Klopp in four meetings.

Speaking in Liverpool after Alonso had made his announcement, Klopp said he understood his decision.

"He is doing an incredible job there. Leverkusen has a good team and they will probably keep the team together," Klopp said.

"That's a possibility and not all years it is like that. So I understand that he wants to do that."

Klopp shocked the football world when he announced in January he would be standing down from the Liverpool job after a hugely successful nine-year stay.

In 2020 he delivered their first league title since 1990, a year after landing the 2019 Champions League.

Alonso preferred not to comment directly about the Liverpool vacancy or indeed Bayern Munich, who were hoping to attract him to replace Thomas Tuchel, who is leaving at the end of the season.

Tuchel's departure is a consequence of Alonso's success -- should Leverkusen hold their nerve and lift the Bundesliga trophy it will bring to an end Bayern's run of 11 successive league crowns.

"I think it wouldn't be correct of me to talk about other clubs when they are in this situation," said Alonso, who remains a devoted Liverpool fan and encouraged his son to be one as well.

"For sure there are clubs I have a strong link, I play there. So I respect them. But it's not correct for me to talk about them right now.

"It's more that the conviction I am in the right place at Bayer Leverkusen and I want to keep growing with the club, growing with the players.

"I am at this stage in my young career. I had to feel the decision was in a natural way and that's why I have taken it."

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# Speech For Children In Pre-School Education. Simple Ways To Remember Words In A Foreign Language



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**ANNOTATION:** The current article will provide information on how to teach preschoolers English, how to develop their speech, how to speak correctly and fluently, and how to remember words quickly and easily.

**Key words:** The role of the English language, teaching to speak in interesting ways, fluent speech, language in Navoi terms, monologue and dialogue, exercise, education, methods, new words.

## INTRODUCTION:

The role of modern education and upbringing is extremely important in the rapidly growing age. Our current youth is the foundation for the next generation. This is the main goal of modern education. In order to raise a perfect and mature person, we should encourage and educate our children to learn foreign languages from school age.

Learning a foreign language increases the child's personal development, that is, the modern world view. Meanwhile, foreign language was introduced not only in schools, but also in kindergartens, additional educational schools, and universities. Day by day, parents are sending their children to learn a foreign language earlier.

At first, he tried from school age. The reason is that if a child is interested in reading from a young age, he will learn and learn other languages easily. From a psychological point of view, the phonetics of children's speech is very sensitive. The main goal of education is to learn how to pronounce correctly. Teaching children is fundamentally different than teaching adults and schoolchildren.

It is necessary to thoroughly study their world view. First of all, it is necessary to find out the abilities of children, because some children remember words when they see them, and some children write them when they hear them. The tasks being taught to them should be SPECIFIC. Another way for children to remember and speak fluently is that they become more playful. Different games can be memorized and spoken.

Then the child tries to memorize and speak for that game. A child should have a positive attitude towards a foreign language. It is necessary to teach in a motivational way. If chil-

dren are taught interestingly through gestures and actions during lessons and teaching, they will remember more.

For example, if the theme is animals, then children will remember more if the voice of the chicken and the walking of the turtle are performed with actions. It gives good results if the children repeat the words being taught out loud after the teacher. Children need the environment of the language they are learning, it affects them. When the child comes home, the atmosphere is good, and if there is a positive opinion about him from others, it will have a good effect on him if it arouses a feeling of satisfaction.

One of the main tasks for the development of preschool children's speech is to enrich the child's vocabulary, to understand the polysemy of words used in mastering concepts. 1] much can be learned by repetition. 2] repeating after the child is repeating at the same time with the child. This is not only an exercise for the speech apparatus, but also development.

After a year, when the child gets used to it, it is necessary to give up teaching with gestures and try to teach the child's eyes and speech by fully speaking. English songs and poems should be sung to make them speak. It is necessary to know how to use cunning methods. If he stops unexpectedly, the children will continue on their own.

Fluent speech is a well-written thought that provides communication between people and explanations to each other. Fluent speech cannot be separated from the world of thoughts. Fluency is the fluency of thoughts, which reflects the child's logical thinking and reasoning. In order to have a fluent speech, the child must have freedom and a broad world view.

He should be able to express his opinion without fear. In the first two years of children's life, special attention should be paid to the emergence and development of speech as a task of communication with the people around them. Language is a unique treasure of a nation, which is always expressed in spoken and written form.

At this point, it is worth mentioning the speech, speech remains. Alisher Navoi expresses the relationship between language and speech in this

way. "Language is a tool of speech. If the speech turns out to be favorable, it is in the interest of the language." So, no matter how great the language is, it serves as a tool for speech.

His power is manifested in the speech process. "If language is an arrow, speech is a bow. The power of the arrow depends on the power of the bow. Language is the highest and main tool of the human mind, because it is not the language that separates man from other creatures?!"

Teaching and developing children's fluency in preschool educational institutions is their main task. By the end of preschool age, the child must master the main forms of oral speech characteristic of adults, that is, he must master the two forms of fluent speech, dialogue and monologue speech. The task of the preschool educational institution is to form the ability of children to listen to the speech addressed to them, to understand, to answer each other's questions and to ask questions themselves, to give coherent answers on the topic.

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It is a learning process that goes from perceptually understanding a text or expressing one's thoughts fluently. In the future, the exercise system in children will also play a big role. A system of exercises is an icon of subsystems. They are also called lexical-grammatical types of speech activity, speaking, listening, reading and writing.

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The use of new information technologies and computer devices, visual materials in each lesson in education helps to apply useful topics for children and to grow and develop speaking fluency. It is worth mentioning here that if children can apply the knowledge they have learned in their place in life, their fluency and self-confidence will increase.

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## Worth Noting:

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