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The Late Chief of Defence Forces General Francis Ogolla

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Defilement Cases Lock Up High Number of Boys and Men in Borstal Institutions, Prisons

By: OSDP

Worth Noting:

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The spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi shows the PS Correctional Services Salome Beacco a at the Shikusa Borstal Institution reading room where boys 15 to 17 years old are under correctional services following conflict with the law. This was during her visit to the institution under her Boy Child Outreach Program for boys and men behind bars yesterday..

Concerned that most boys and men were behind bars because of defilement cases, the spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi called on the upholding of societal and family values.

“Your defilement case resulted to a young girl giving birth to another child, and you, also a child is here, locked up. And this girl and the child she bore are all being fed by her parents. Change your ways” said Pastor Dorcas.

Pastor Dorcas said this during her visit to the Shikusa Borstal Institution for

boys aged 15 to 17 years. Later, she also visited the Shikusa Farm Prison for adult men in Lubao, Kakamega County.

Pastor Dorcas assured the boys and men in correctional facilities, and prisons respectively that they were not forgotten by the government.

She urged the boys at Borstal to concentrate on their studies and skilling in the institution even as they serve their sentences at the facility.

“When I see you boys, I see the future of this nation. Therefore, do not take beer

or drugs. Reform change your ways and your mindset, and when you leave this facility, impact your families and communities positively,” said Pastor Dorcas. She, however, challenged parents in Kenya to take good care of their children to avoid them landing behind bars, saying that parenting contributed a great deal to the choices a child makes later in life.

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“To our boys in this institution, seize the opportunities which have been afforded to you by this institution with both hands. Strive for excellence in everything you do,” said PS Beacco.

Commissioner General of Prisons Brigadier (Rtd) John Warioba was also present and encouraged the continued efforts to reach the population behind bars for their transformation into good citizens.

Kakamega First Lady Prof. Janet Barasa commended the spouse of the DP for taking her time to come encourage the boys whom she said ‘sometimes feel they are forgotten’.

“We are here as your mothers. As you are reintegrated back to society, become good citizens for our nation and become a good example after exiting this institution,” said Prof. Barasa.

Regional Commander DCP Samuel Ruto said the young offenders at Borstal were going through reintegration in a holistic manner to take them back to society as changed people.

The institution provides opportunities for study as some are at secondary school level, and also skilling in different vocational skills. There is space for reading, laboratories and workshops for perfecting ones craft.

Others present were Secretary Probation and After-Care Dr. Christine Obodi, Director Rehabilitation Jane Kiiri, Officer Incharge Shikusa Farms DCP Samuel Chepkonga, DCC Kakamega East Madam Emma Kibaara, and Superintendent Incharge Shikusa Borstal ACP Rhoda Anyim among others.

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The Netherlands, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), and the Counties of Marsabit and Turkana have signed an agreement to improve the livelihoods, food security, and nutrition of communities living along the shores of Lake Turkana.

The agreement, signed in Nairobi, will provide EUR 10 million (1.4 billion Kenya Shillings) from the Netherlands to UNESCO and WFP to partner with Marsabit and Turkana County Governments to change the lives of fishing communities around the lake through integrated water resource management.

The programme will provide modern fishing equipment, cold chain facilities, improved handling, storage, and transportation to reduce post-harvest losses, enhanced market access through partnerships with the private sector, and job creation for young people, particularly young women.

The agreement was co-created with local communities to enable them to adapt to a changing climate and foster peace and stability.

The agreement is a good example of a demand-driven, locally led programme where counties are in the lead, community stakeholders are actively involved, and national government institutions engage from the policy angle.



The national government, through the Agriculture and Food Authority, has provided over 43,000 coconut seedlings to farmers in the coastal counties of Kilifi to improve production. The reduction in coconut tree populations has led to low production and reduced household incomes. Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi emphasised the importance of working together to plant more coconut trees and maximise production to meet the varied product demand. The coconut value chain is a key agricultural subsection in the coastal region, supporting an estimated 1 million people due to its effective forward and backward linkages. The Kilifi North Member of Parliament, Owen Baya, proposed a new bill in the National Assembly for the formation of a Coconut and Cashewnut Authority to better look after the interests of coconut and cashew plants. The Agriculture and Food Authority representative, Calistus Kundu, will hold a conference in Kilifi to further discuss improving coconut production across all six coastal counties.



The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has made significant improvements in the Likoni channel ferry crossing since the merger of KPA and Kenya Ferry Services (KFS) in 2021. The channel has seen a significant reduction in incidents of pickpocketing and improved passenger safety. Key changes in policy and operations have restructured the channel, making movement and safety more efficient and reliable. Professionalisation and modernization of security services have been the most notable enhancements. Other measures include the use of security priority passes, automation of payment, and specific vessel allocation to separate motor vehicles and passengers. Resident Evans Momanyi, a resident of Likoni, praised the KPA's involvement and called on the management to recognize their efforts. He also urged the County Government of Mombasa to work with stakeholders to relocate hawkers along the channel, as they pose a risk and obstruct traffic flow. Rashid Juma, a trader from Diani, praised the reduced waiting times and security measures at the channel, noting a significant reduction in pickpocketing incidents. However, he suggested improvements include setting up more street lights and personnel to bolster safety, especially during the wee hours of the morning and night.



Narok Presiding Judge Justice Francis Gikonyo has praised the Alternative Justice System (AJS), stating that it would ease the backlog of cases in court.

Gikonyo believes that AJS provides a win-win situation as the panelists understand the parties well and can easily tell who was on the wrong or right.

He also noted that AJS would not be costly as it would be done in the villages, allowing people to access justice faster than the court system.

However, he clarified that cases dealing with children, such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), defilement, and early marriages, would not be handled through AJS, as they infringe on the rights of children and cause permanent damage.

Gikonyo ordered that all those involved in child abuse be charged in court, as well as those involved in succession cases and discrimination against women.

The panelists will consist of men, women, youths, and persons with disabilities to ensure equal representation of all parties involved.

County Attorney Allan Meing'ati said Narok County would be among the first counties to launch AJS in the country, and over 60 stakeholders from various sectors have been trained on AJS.

Gikonyo believes that AJS will resolve many issues in society today, as it will allow people to resolve their issues faster than the long court system.

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Effective Praise: How To Use Praise To Encourage And Empower Children



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Encourage And Empower Children

Worth Noting:

- It is vital to praise effort, not just outcomes, by acknowledging hard work, determination and resilience. Children need to understand that effort matters, not just outcomes. This is especially important for children who would do well without much effort in the early years, as they become empowered when they know they are not simply relying on their innate skills, but also taking ownership of their learning.
- If a child, or student is working towards achieving a goal, do not wait until the goal is attained before acknowledging the work being put in.

Praise is a powerful tool that can shape a child's behaviour, self-esteem, motivation and self-actualization. When used thoughtfully, it can foster a positive environment and encourage growth.

However, ineffective praise can have the opposite effect, as unintended consequences can render it counter-productive and even cause damage.

It is important to understand the dynamics of effective praise, to ensure it has the intended impact. It is equally important to encourage effort, resilience and learning in children.

Adults should strike a balance between praise and encouragement to create a supportive environment that empowers children to thrive.

Effective praise should be specific, celebrate effort, and emphasize practice, by focusing on the actions, rather than the innate characteristics of a child.

Being specific helps children understand what they did well and build upon that.

So instead of saying 'good job', praise the child for sharing their toys with their friends, completing their homework timeously, or preparing for exams to the best of their ability. It is also a good idea and a point of connection, to show genuine interest in the effort. Use praise as an opportunity to engage children to share their experiences and learn from them.

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It is important to notice progress, no matter how small, as effort and practice build confidence on the way to mastering the task. Incremental improvements are cause for celebration

and should be acknowledged as such.

Allowing for mistakes takes away performance paralysis and inculcates a growth mindset. Mistakes and setbacks are important learning opportunities. Praise children when they manage disappointments well and encourage them to keep trying and moving forward.

While addressing a child consider using body language for emphasis purposes. Using an enthusiastic tone, smiling and making eye contact drives the message home, and gives children the psychological boosts they need to continue doing their best. Take care to be sincere as children can sense inauthenticity and fake praise.

Be present in the moment to ensure steering clear of absent-minded praise. Absent-minded praise is when an adult offers praise without engaging the child. For example, if your child shares that they did well on a test, put aside whatever you are doing to acknowledge and engage them. Tossing out a 'good job' while scrolling on your phone can be hurtful and damaging.

Absent-minded praise misses the chance to provide meaningful feedback and reinforce positive behaviour, while children may perceive it as insincere, or inconsequential, affecting their self-esteem and motivation.

Mindful and specific praise builds trust and will profoundly impact a child's development. By mastering the art of praise, parents and teachers can inspire confidence, resilience and a growth mindset in their children.

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Be Wary Of Online Radicalization And Terrorism Recruitment



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The solidus separating radicalization and violent extremism is papery. Both processes involve adopting extremist beliefs and willingness to facilitate violence and fear. They involve criminal acts committed by individuals and groups to further ideological, political, racial and societal goals.

Radicalization of youths and recruitment is not new to Kenya. Criminal gangs, ethnic sects and local militias have been practicing the vice.

Radical organizations recognize and prey upon a combination of political realities, socio economic factors and individual habits that render youths susceptible to recruitment. Poverty, inequality, ethnic and religious tension, political marginalization, insecurity, peer and family pressure are key drivers pushing individuals towards joining such groups. Much more attention is needed towards the youth by increasing education, job

opportunities and political participation to tame exposure.

Technology, internet and social media has radically altered the world of interaction, considerably influencing all sectors of human ventures. The digital revolution has greatly enhanced public vulnerability to information manipulation. ICT has yielded positive societal change with an immense value addition swell, though with extraordinary challenges that are now becoming a threat world-over.

Cyber-related crimes such as phishing, cyber extortion, cryptojacking, money laundering, cyber espionage and now online radicalization and terrorism recruitment are on the rise. Social media has allowed both international and domestic terrorists to gain unprecedented virtual access to online users.

Violent extremists have invaded online spaces. They are using local languages that are challenging to detect through technology to peddle violent ideologies and propaganda. The Government's multi-agency security approach in taming terrorism is noteworthy. They have embraced soft power measures that include the Jasiri platform to deal with the threats.

The user-friendly public information portal, leverages on technology



Radicalization And Terrorism Recruitment

to counter terrorism propaganda, addresses drivers of terrorism, stimulates sharing of good practices in countering and enables preventing and countering terrorism actors to network.

The platform will go a long way in bolstering efforts by security agencies in fighting terrorism threat which is rapidly mutating. It provides an opportunity to literally take the war on terror to online spaces which extremist elements and terrorists are utilizing to radicalize and recruit youth into terrorist groups like Alshabaab,

Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Hamas and Hezbollah.

Let Kenyans take advantage of the Jasiri observatory platform and learn ways of collaborating with the government and other stakeholders to fight terrorism and violent extremism.

As we embrace technology, it remains prudent to positively utilize the platforms and be on the alert of falling prey to fictitious online offers, fake-news, job adverts, lotteries, scholarships as well as disinformation, misinformation, cultism-luring,

porn site recruitment and computational propaganda.

Notably, state terrorism is no better than terrorism. Anti-terrorism security measures need to be balanced by equal protection of human and citizens' rights. Too strong security measures by the state plays into the hands of extremists by radicalizing the youth and targeted populations.

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Kenya Ready To Host AllAfrica Media Leaders' Summit

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AllAfrica Global Media will launch a new convening platform for the AllAfrica Media Leaders' Summit (AMLS) 2024 from May 8 to 10, 2024, in Nairobi.

The platform under the theme "Re-engineering African media in Times of Critical Transformation" is re-established after a 10-year hiatus as part of a broader campaign to support media practitioners with the skills, enhanced contextual knowledge, and structures to play appropriate and essential roles in driving regional integration and the transformation of African economies while championing human development.

The event is expected to bring together over 250 top African media leaders, owners, and operators (representing almost all African countries and territories), global media players

and opinion leaders, government officials, corporate leaders, academics, civil society champions, and development partners to discuss the business of media and the critical role it must play in shaping Africa's future.

In a press statement sent to newsrooms, AllAfrica Global Media said the pan-African media leaders are gathering to discuss the role they could play in addressing critical issues that threaten to exacerbate civil unrest and conflicts.

"As with journalism institutions elsewhere in the world, African print and broadcast media have witnessed major changes in their industry. They need to address the challenges they face collectively," said the statement.

It was further noted that in the media industry, increased digitization, the introduction of Artificial Intelligence, widespread misinformation and disinformation campaigns, as well as the use of deep fakes, have created a new reality full of opportunities that threaten to exacerbate conflicts.

The objective of the summit is to



share an understanding of the forces shaping Africa's integration and align on the role of Africa's media in crafting the continent's economic transformation and integration narrative, to support media leaders and practitioners through an era of rapid change brought by Artificial Intelligence, digitization, the scourge of disinformation and misinformation,

as well as economies responding to the post-pandemic recession. It also aims to share and discuss new ideas in order to shape and support Africa's future by strengthening the continent's collective efforts towards African integration and economic progress in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063.

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Chief Of Defence Forces General Francis Ogolla Is Dead

By:Christine Muchira



Chief of Kenya Defense Forces Francis Omondi Ogolla.

Worth Noting:

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- The Head of State said the CDF had left Nairobi yesterday morning onboard the Kenya Air Force Huey Helicopter, to visit troops deployed in the North Rift under Operation Maliza Uhalifu, and to inspect the ongoing school renovations works in Chesitet Primary School, Cheptulel Boys High School, Chepoton Primary School, Ksaa Primary School and Sablimoi Primary School.

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According to President Ruto, the CDF had been briefed on the security situation by a multi-agency team stationed at Chesitet in Baringo County, after which he proceeded to the Kainuk Forward Operating Base in Turkana County.

“The CDF and his entourage departed from Kainuk to Chesegeon, West Pokot County, where he launched the rehabilitation of Chep-

tulel Boys High School. He then departed Chesegeon for the Recruits Training School in Uasin Gishu County, where he was scheduled to inspect construction facilities at the institution. Unfortunately, the aircraft crashed shortly after take-off.” The President regretted.

“The demise of General Ogolla is a painful loss to me” said President Ruto.

The Kenya Air Force has constituted and dispatched an air investigations team, to establish the cause of the air crash.

The President has announced that the nation will observe a period of three days of mourning commencing today (Friday) 19th April 2024 in honour of the life of the late General Ogolla.

“During this time of national mourning, the Kenyan flag, the Ken-

ya Defence Forces Flag, and the Eastern Africa community flag shall fly at half-mast in the Republic of Kenya and Kenya missions abroad.” He said.

General Ogolla makes history as the 1st chief of defense forces in the country to pass away while in active service.

He joined the Kenya Defence Forces on the 24 of April 1984 and was later commissioned as the 2nd Lieutenant on 6 May 1985 before being posted to the Kenya Air Force.

On 29th April, 2024, the late General Ogolla was appointed and sworn in as the Chief of the Defense Forces of Kenya.

Keys For Supernatural Faith



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Man is created to interact with the physical and the spiritual realm, because you are a spirit being living in a physical body. It is very key for one to be aware you are able to interact with the spiritual realm, which the devil desires people to be ignorant of it.

The origin of the physical(what you see) is the spiritual(can not be seen), as it is written in Hebrews 11:3 : “By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.” When you compare the two, the Spiritual realm is exceedingly huge, powerful and permanent.

Know with surety the FAITHFULNESS OF GOD. Consider Numbers

23:19 “ God is not man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfil? One of the tendencies of man is say one thing, and do something else irrespective whether they are saved or not! But God is dependable, that He is faithful, and when He promises He fulfils. He can not promise and not fulfil. He is not a user, He is a blesser. The character of God is faithfulness.

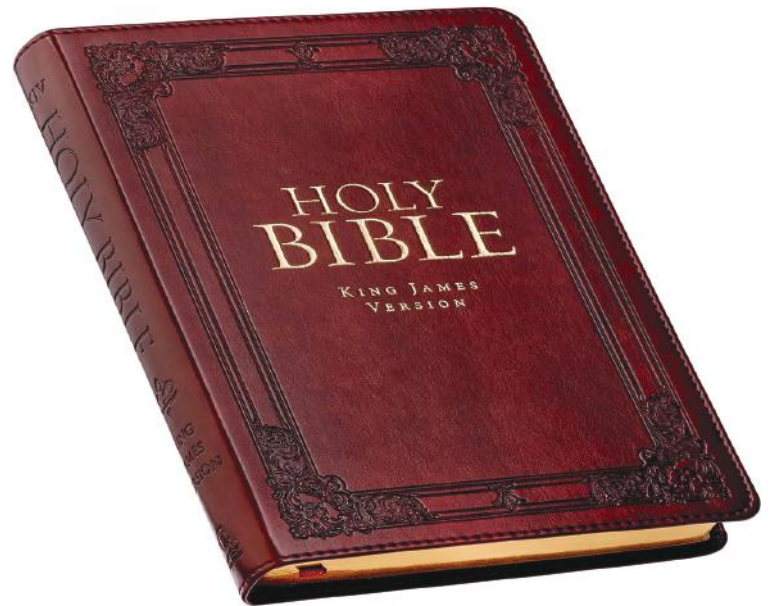
Know and believe in the immense POWER OF GOD. He is immutable, all powerful, He is able to deliver His promises in all situations through HIS AWESOME POWER. That is why we see in Matthew 9: 21 “ She said to herself, “ If I ONLY touch His cloak. I will be healed. Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter, “he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that moment.”

It is very key to understand that GOD HAS THE POWER TO DO THAT WHICH YOU ARE TRUSTING HIM TO DO. Paul says, “ I know WHOM I have believed, and

that HE IS WELL ABLE.” And Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of God.

The other most crucial key, and where most people get it wrong is: YOUR CO-WORKING DUTY: it also DEPENDED ON YOU. This means we are co-workers with God. We have our part, and God has His part. This is a spiritual law, as GOD CAN NOT FORCE HIMSELF ON US. He has given us, a free will. It is written in James 2:18-26 “[18]Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”[19]You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. [20]How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless? [21]Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?

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CEIVE THE GRACE TO ACTUALIZE THESE KEYS FOR SUPERNATURAL FAITH.

Evangelist Eric Musa:
(My message continuously: The best decision in this earthly life is to receive Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour: Believe and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit:AMEN).

As it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion; to support Evangelism contact Ev. Eric Musa on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you unconditionally, perfectly and forever.

LSK President Mourns Fallen General

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The president of the Law society of Kenya faith Odhiambo has added her voice in mourning the fallen General.

“I join the country in mourning the death of our Chief of Defence Forces, General Francis Ogolla, and the 9 other KDF personnel who lost their lives in today’s tragic helicopter crash.

Our Defence Forces are a fundamental safeguard to the sovereignty of our nation and a constant reassurance that enables us all to enjoy our lives and rights as we do. It is deeply saddening to lose these dutiful servants of our nation.

CDF Ogolla’s dedicated service to our nation, unparalleled professionalism, and undocumented but invaluable sacrifices in service to



Fallen Chief of Defence Forces, General Francis Ogolla.

the people of Kenya are the hallmark of a true statesman and loyal patriot to the Republic.

May their souls Rest in Eternal Peace.”

Kisii County Commander Calls off Planned Demos

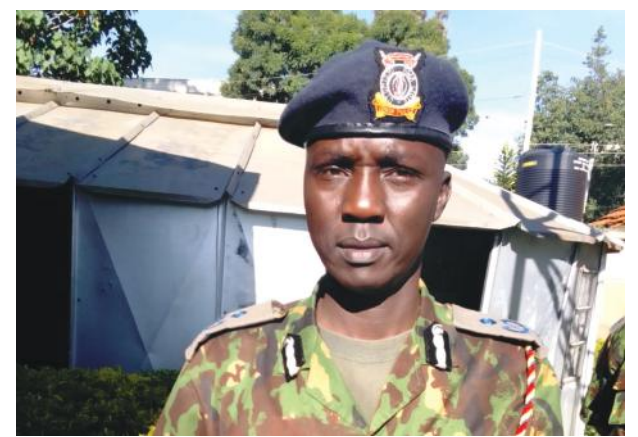
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Kisii County Commander Charles Kases has called off two planned demonstrations for tomorrow following requests from civil society group Gusii Governance Watch and ODM for peaceful gatherings.

ODM aimed to transfer Kisii County Commissioner Joseph Kibet, CCIO, and Commander, while Gusii Governance Watch sought to hold Governor Simba Arati accountable due to a leaked viral audio targeting him.

Addressing the press Kases said that no group which is allowed to participate in demonstration .

Kases, citing section 5(4) of the Public Order Act, prohibited simultaneous meetings at the same location to avoid clashes.



Kisii County Commander Charles Kases addressing the press on the issue of demonstration scheduled tomorrow. Photo/Elizabeth Angira

Stressing security concerns, Kases declared any demonstrations tomorrow as illegal to prevent potential confrontations.

However, Kisii ODM Chapter’s Okerosi Ondieki stated they would proceed with their demonstration, having previously applied for permission.

Earlier, Members of the County Assembly tabled a motion to censure an officer

heard on the audio issuing arrest threats.

Ward Reps called for an investigation into the leaked audio and threatened mass action if they didn’t receive satisfactory responses regarding threats against Governor Arati.

Majority Leader Henry Moracha emphasized the urgency of addressing threats against the governor.

Gen Ogola Was A Gallant And Great Soldier, God Rest His Soul In Eternal Peace



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Worth Noting:

- The accident occurred in Kaber area at the border of Elgeyo Marakwet and West Pokot. General Ogola died while on a tour of duty of bandits prone North Rift. He had gone there to visit KDF troops deployed there under the banner of Operation Linda Maisha.
- After President William Ruto appointed him as the Chief of KDF, I wrote an article in this column. In the countdown to 2022 general elections, Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition flag bearer Raila Odinga and his running mate Martha Karua used all the tricks in the book to cast Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate William Ruto as a person who is unfit to lead the country.

The nation of Kenya is currently mourning the death of Chief of Kenya Defense Forces (KDF) Francis Omondi Ogola. President William Ruto, who is the Commander-In-Chief of Armed Forces, broke the news of his death after chairing a high profile meeting of National Security Council (NSC) at State House Nairobi.

He eulogized him as a gallant, most experienced and indeed a great soldier. He further revealed that 9 top military personnel, who had accompanied him also perished. This is a big blow to country Kenya.

The President also announced three days of national mourning during which the national flag will fly at half-mast.

The accident occurred in Kaber area at the border of Elgeyo Marakwet and West Pokot.

General Ogola died while on a tour of duty of bandits prone North Rift.

He had gone there to visit KDF troops deployed there under the banner of Operation Linda Maisha.

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Dr Ruto is taking you for a ride. They would further allege that one of his weaknesses stood as being vengeful and vindictive.

But the more they attacked him, the more he gained political mileage.

By the time they realized this blunder, Dr Ruto has already become a household name.

Majority of Kenyans believed the allegations made against him were politically motivated and hence not based on truth.

This is because he had fallen out with his boss, President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The outgoing President had thrown his full weight behind the candidature of Raila Odinga.

Uhuru's decision extremely angered his community, the Kikuyu. They would read it as a pure betrayal.

This is because he had signed a pre-election pact with Ruto which stated. He will run the country for 10 years and then pass the baton to Ruto to do his 10.

Rigathi Gachagua, now the Deputy President, would kick off and lead a vigorous campaign rallying the Mountain to abandon President Uhuru and reject his project. "Uhuru is now going home. He has no business to lecture and dictate to us where to cast our votes.

We could have listened to him if he kept his promise. We want to tell him Kikuyus are truthful people. They are not liar. So, they will overwhelmingly elect Dr Ruto to do his 10".

Gachagua further stated. Raila candidature is unsellable in the Mountain.

Uhuru is totally misled. Selling Raila in the Mountain is like selling pork in



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Saudi Arabia.

Dr Ruto and Gachagua's move to unveil the 'Hustler Nation' slogan bolstered their campaigns.

As they say in Aviation industry, this is the energy that would power the plane to takeoff. They rode on this wave all the way to ballot.

Since he assumed office, President William Ruto has made great strides to address the promises he made.

I'm sure many would agree with me on this.

During the electioneering period, the leading contenders would always promise the voters heaven on earth.

We heard this during the campaigns that catapulted honorable Mwai Kibaki to power and later his successor Uhuru Kenyatta.

The implementation plan would be categorized in two phases: Short and long term. As it turned out, none of them would meet timelines for the projects he had lined up.

Well, we are seeing the same thing happening in this government.

However, in my considered opinion President Ruto had made great progress.

We know he took over at time when the country was facing four main challenges: Drought and famine (the worst in 40 years), dilapidated economy, huge foreign debts, Russian-Ukraine war and at a time when the country was recovery from the devastating effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

During an interview with journalists drawn from mainstream electronic and print media houses, the President de-

fended the Finance Bill, 2023.

This came in the wake of criticism from well known critics. If it is passed by parliament, Kenyans will end up being overtaxed.

We have a good President who listens to the concerns raised by the public. He is always ready to respond to the issues in contention and not well understood.

This explains why he invited journalists to this interview at State State.

Responding to the questions related to the proposed new taxes, he stated. Let me start by giving comparative analysis of the taxes collected from the citizens in other countries across the world. It is very high compared to taxes that all of us are obligated to pay here in Kenya.

In countries like Turkey and France, the taxes deducted from each citizen were above 40 percent for salaried and those in business and informal sectors.

Closer home, in South Africa and other countries in the region, the percentage is very high.

In Kenya, it is very low at 14 pc.

He further reiterated: A time has come for we Kenyans to live within our means.

The previous governments had developed insatiable appetite for borrowing foreign loans.

Borrowing is a bad idea. It does not help the economy to grow. So, my commitment is to drastically reduce the level of borrowing.

It is extremely wrong to borrow more than the total sum of the country's wealth.

It is also wrong to borrow money to

pay salaries and sort out other recurrent expenditures bills.

If we have to go for loan monies, let us take very little and spend the whole amount for development.

Here, the point is clear. For now, Kenyans should agree to tighten thier belt.

This will not take long because the President is working hard to return the economy back on track.

As Deputy President stated. Kenyans will start to put money into thier pockets after one year.

During the interview, the President took this opportunity to dismiss his critics.

If I am vengeful and vindictive, I would not have appointed General Ogolla as the head of Chief of Defense Forces (CDF).

You know he was one of those who wanted to overturn my victory at the Bomas of Kenya.

For this reason, I had been told not appoint him.

But I told myself, if I do this I will look petty. I will also do injustice to him.

I looked at chequered career. He had the best credentials. That is why I appointed him. I did not look his tribe.

However, contrary to the impression created, the President said.

14 Military Generals were qualified for the position of Chief of CDF. So I had an option to pick one of them.

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Digital Superhighway: ICT Committee Commits To Facilitate Legislative Reforms

.....As Kenya Aims To Book A Bigger Share Of The Global KSh34 Trillion BPO Market Opportunity And Further Implored The Players, Such As Sama, To Consider Rolling Out Delivery Centres At The Constituency Level

By: MKT Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- As part of the Digital Innovation Hubs strategy, the committee has also petitioned Sama, among other BPO operators, to consider forging partnerships with Constituency leaders to scale their operations to Constituency and Wards.
- “The committee is impressed by Sama’s data labelling, annotation, and curation work, and we will work to ensure that we provide a conducive legislative and related investment environment to replicate this success at the constituency level,” Kiarie said.
- He added, “The global BPO market commands more than US\$262 billion (about KSh34 Trillion) in annual revenues, and this committee will work tirelessly to ensure that Kenya grabs a piece of this pie as more than 56% of global firms prefer to outsource their business processes.”



National Assembly’s Communication, Information and Innovation Departmental committee chairperson John Kiarie and Mbooni MP Erastus Kivasu at Sama Delivery Centre.



The National Assembly’s Communication, Information and Innovation Departmental committee has pledged to consider legislative provisions to facilitate the expansion of Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) firms to all constituencies.

Committee members led by chairperson John Kiarie, speaking during a familiarisation tour of Artificial Intelligence (AI) BPO firm, Sama at Nairobi’s Sameer Business Park, confirmed plans to undertake the necessary legislative reforms to accelerate the expansion of such firms to the constituency and ward levels.

Noting that Sama employs more than 3400 staffers and serves global

technology organisations, including NASA, Walmart, Google and General Motors, among others, the committee, Kiarie said, will consider legislative reforms as part of the National Digital Superhighway and Creative Economy strategy.

Accompanied by other committee members, including Mbooni MP Erastus Kivasu and Tetu MP Geoffrey Wandeto, the committee chairperson reiterated the government’s strategic commitment to setting up 1,450 Digital Innovation Hubs equipped for digital innovation in every ward in the country and establishing eight remote working and other online enterprises to enable the youth to find work opportunities in the online space.

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While welcoming the committee, Sama, Vice President of Global Service Delivery, Ms Annepeace Alwala, disclosed that the firm is currently working with eight of the ten leading global automobile firms on developing autonomous vehicles. The firm also works with major agricultural production firms that have deployed AI-based AgTech solutions for plant husbandry.

With a fully-fledged global service delivery centre in Nairobi, Kenya, Sama, Ms Alwala said, provides quality data annotation solutions for computer vision that power Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) models and is one of the world’s leading AI value chain players.

“Kenya is well positioned to claim a bigger piece of the global AI data collection and labelling market that

is estimated to hit the US\$ 18 billion mark in the next six years,” she said, adding that “to gain a bigger share of the market, Kenya must however actively work to promote and market the country as an ideal BPO destination as other countries such as Philippines, India and even Uganda are working very hard to maintain and gain a piece of the market.”

By far, Sama is the single-largest Safaricom broadband data consumer connecting to client virtual and physical data centres worldwide. The firm’s solutions minimise the risk of model failure and lower the total cost of ownership through an enterprise-ready ML-powered platform and SamaIQ™, actionable data insights uncovered by proprietary algorithms and a highly skilled on-staff team of over 5,000 data experts.

Currently, 25% of Fortune 50 companies, including GM, Ford, Microsoft, and Google, trust Sama to help deliver industry-leading ML models driven by a mission to expand opportunities for underserved individuals through the digital economy.

Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina Disburses More Than KSh53M Bursary Funds

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Thousands of students from Othaya constituency have benefited from a KSh53 million Bursary kitty, courtesy of area Member of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina alias Mount Kenya.

The MP presided over the issuance of cheques at a colourful ceremony held at NG-CDF offices in Othaya town.

The cheques were addressed to various Universities, Colleges, Boarding Secondary Schools, Vocational institutions and Special schools where the 8,204 learners take their studies

The KSh 53.7 million is an increase of more than KSh9 million from the KSh44 million that was given out last year.

Wainaina who is the Patron of his constituency NG-CDF team said the increase was aimed at alleviating the financial burden on parents who have financial challenges.

“I have disbursed cheques worth Ksh53,739,000 million to 8,204

beneficiaries reflecting my commitment to ensuring that learners from Othaya Constituency have access to quality education regardless of their socio-economic background. I continue to ensure steadfast commitment to ensure equal and transparent disbursement of bursary.

God bless you, God bless Othaya,” the MP said after presiding over the ceremony.

The bursaries have already hit their respective learning institutions, bringing a sign of relief to thousands of parents.

Like last year, yesterday, the Othaya MP said he is committed to ensure that every student from the constituency receive quality education as it is the backbone for their future.

The beneficiaries thanked the MP for the timely disbursement saying that education is the only tool that can change this World.

Early this year, Wainaina, through the local NG-CDF sponsored thousands of students in the area day secondary schools.



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina alias Mount Kenya addressing stakeholders during the disbursement of bursary in Othaya town yesterday.

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Indian Culture: A Rich Heritage



clothing, and customs, which make the culture special.

Indian Art and Culture:

An important part of Indian culture is Indian art, which betrays its uniqueness and beauty. Here its traditional glory has been preserved in various arts like classical music, sculpture, dance, and literature.

Religious Heritage:

A unique part of Indian culture is its religious heritage, which includes Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Buddhism and Jainism. Here every religion has its own religious festivals and rituals, which show its richness and diversity.

Cultural Unity:

An important feature of Indian culture is its cultural unity, which brings people together despite their diverse richness. Here is a rich treasure of messages of righteousness, prosperity, and peace for the family, society, and nation.

Indian culture is a priceless heritage of the world, which carries forward the message of diversity, richness, and unity. It reminds us once again that we are all one, and our diversity is what makes us unique and rich.

Indian culture is considered as its priceless and precious heritage for the world. It is one of the most ancient and rich cultures in the world, with a spiritual and cultural experience of richness, colourfulness, and diversity.

Contested heritage of Indian culture:

Indian culture is exciting to the world as it is a unique music that celebrates its diversity, richness, and heritage. Here every region has its own distinct language, food,

Lifestyle



Lifestyle is a concept that represents the daily life of an individual, social group, nation, nation.

Lifestyle is a social category. The Uzbek people pay particular attention to moral qualities such as humility, respect for elders, hard work, tolerance, and honesty in their work. Such qualities of the Uzbek people are reflected in national customs and traditions, daily life style and inter-ethnic relations. He strictly adhered to his plan. It is also necessary to continue these traditions in modern Uzbekistan.

For example, we must not lose the nationality of the Uzbek people.

We should study our history and grow up to be a generation worthy of our ancestors.

Protection of human rights and ensuring them is in the first place in modern Uzbekistan. That's why we need to explain these things to people and help them develop as well. And we need to bring news into our life and promote them to life. For example, modern technologies.

Currently, psychology is helping people to develop. It completely changed their thinking. People's negative comments and blogs were removed. They are being helped to gain a small place in society.

In modern Uzbekistan, attention has increased for young people and girls. Conditions are being created for their development and they have been given an excellent opportunity to develop their personal business. But some people don't want to use it.

[Mubina Bekmirzayeva Farxodjonovna]

I Still Remember My First Student Days



student

Our address is far away.
No matter how much you want it, it won't come back
We miss the lecture halls.
We are not worthy of our teachers
It hurts my heart to remember it now.
We were always happy
We hurt the kind teacher a lot.
Some of the students are angry today
We all know the value of a teacher.
Now the audience cannot accommodate us
Our golden age is over.
Let's go back for a moment
Now we are suffering today.

The first audience fear and excitement.
It's like we've landed in an unfamiliar world
This world is a different world.
An example of best friends we met
We have become friends
Years have passed, my dear fellow

Yaqubov Ulugbek Normurodovich the student of Jizzakh State Pedagogical University named Abdulla Kodiriy Faculty of Primary Education

The Rapid Advancement Of Technology

The rapid advancement of technology has indeed been a major driver in the changing global landscape. The convenience and efficiency that new technologies offer have greatly impacted how people live their lives. The rise of digital nomadism and remote work, for example, has allowed individuals to have more flexibility in how they work and live.

Additionally, the proliferation of health-related gadgets and programs has made it easier for people to monitor and improve their health. This can lead to better overall well-being and lifestyle choices. The increasing prevalence

of health issues such as obesity and diabetes has also spurred the development of innovative solutions to help individuals manage these conditions.

Overall, the modern world is characterized by a reliance on technology and digital tools to enhance various aspects of life. As these advancements continue to evolve, we can expect further changes in how people interact with technology and incorporate it into their daily routines.

[Yusupova Munira daughter of Chori]

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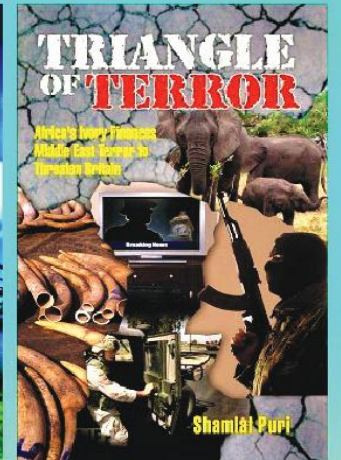
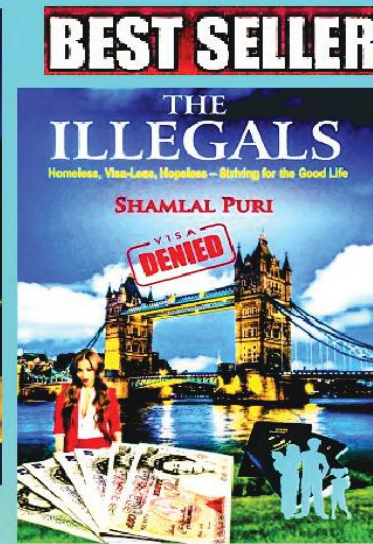
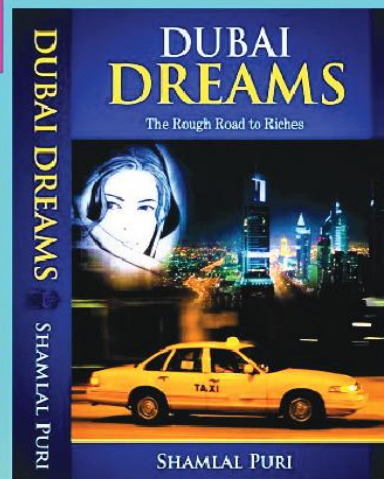
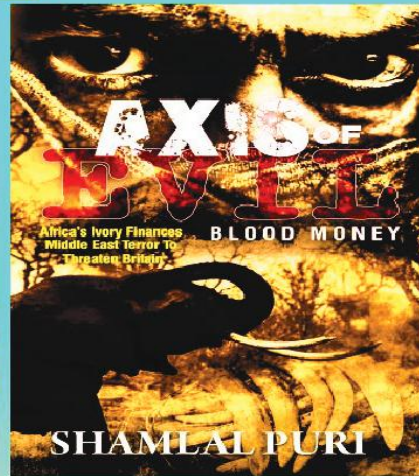
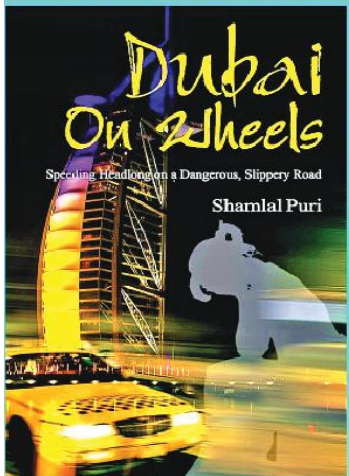
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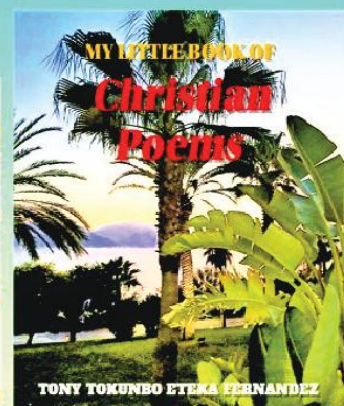
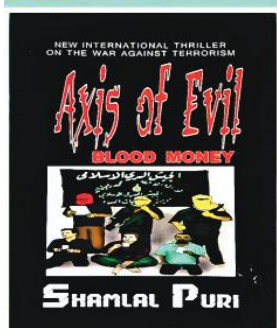
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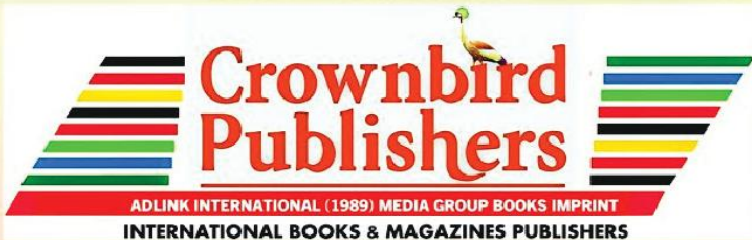


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Socio-Economic

Wife and Property Inheritance, Land Succession Matters Derail and Delay the Socio-Economic Empowerment of Widows

By: OSDP

Worth Noting:

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Pastor Dorcas Rigathi plants a tree at the Malava High School Grounds where the widows meeting was held in Kakamega County on Wednesday. More than 2,000 widows attended and also present were Kakamega First Lady Prof. Janet Barasa, Woman Representative Elsie Muhanda, and clergy from across faiths among others. PHOTO/OSDP.

With a population of more than eight million widows in the country, Kenya can not afford to ignore the plight of widows.

In the western region, widows’ socio-economic empowerment is derailed and delayed by the challenges of wife inheritance, property inheritance and land succession upon the demise of their partner.

These issues came into the fore during a meeting of widows organized by the office of the spouse of the Deputy President (OSDP) at the Malava High School Grounds on Wednesday and attended by more than 2,000 widows from across the county.

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She, however, appealed to the widows not to engage in the brewing of killer brews, which had killed many youth and men in the society. “What is the difference between the person who kills using a gun, and the one who uses killer brews?” she asked.

“Through the enablement of God, and together with the county gov-

ernment, we shall work to empower the widows and orphans,” she said. “In response to the challenges that widows face every day, my office has come up with Safari ya Ujane initiative that will take widows through stages towards socioeconomic empowerment aimed at helping widows achieve financial independence. I call upon every stakeholder, both within and outside the government handling matters widows to always expedite them with speed.”

Kakamega First Lady Prof. Janet Barasa stated that the population of Kakamega comprised 7 per cent of widows across ages, and needs that differ according to when their partner died.

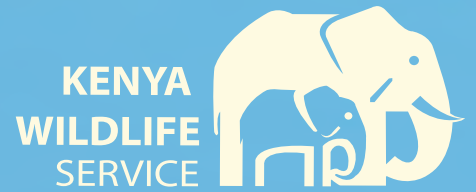
“Widows are mostly forgotten by the government and their families. The young widows have needs aligned to child upbringing, and forced wife inheritance. Meanwhile those in the age bracket of 35 to 50 years face

challenges in also raising their more grown children, caring for their families and the inheritance of land and property,” said Prof Barasa.

Kakamega Woman Representative Elsie Muhanda encouraged the widows to form groups and benefit from different government initiatives, funding and other opportunities.

Dry foodstuffs were also distributed to the widows.

The office of the spouse of the Deputy President (OSDP) has held similar meetings with plans underway for empowerment in Embu, Meru, Kajiado and Kilifi, among other regions.






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RELI Africa and JASLIKA Convenes To Empower Girl's Education

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The Regional Education Learning Initiative, Africa (RELI Africa), in partnership with JASLIKA, recently came together to co-host a 3 day significant convening focused on advancing girl's education.

The event was held under the theme "From Data and Commitment to Action, Creating a Movement for Girls' Education," highlighting the crucial transition from gathering insights to implementing impactful initiatives.

Commenting on the study findings, Dr Sheila Wamahu, Jaslika Director and the lead author of the report, observed that

"In the 1990s, we in the girls education space, had a dream ,a dream we would be able to achieve gender equality in and through education way before now. But this dream remains unfulfilled for girls living in adversity in Our region. Many of the issues affecting girl's education today are the same Issues that we talked about 30 years ago. The social media and the COVID-19 Pandemic has aggravated the problem they did not create them for girls Living in adversity patriarchy continues to intersect with poverty, the politics Of development and humanitarian crises to deprive girls of their right to be Children, to be curious, to play, to go to school, complete their education and Live quality lives" She noted.

RELI Africa and JASLIKA's collaboration underscores the importance of collective efforts in addressing challenges and driving progress in girls' education across the region. The convening also emphasized the transformative power of education in empowering girls, fostering gender equality, and building a more inclusive society.

Speaking at the event,Justice Njoki Ndugu representing Chief Justice Martha Koome delved into her admiration for RELI Africa indicating her willingness to be one of the members of the network. She also called upon Stakeholders to collaborate for the benefit of the girl child.

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Over 100 stakeholders from Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya together explored actionable solutions to the persisting exclusion of children, especially girls living in adversity, from the mainstream of education in the East African region. The Conference amplified Southern Voices, providing space for conversations and actions to revitalise the movement of and for



Dr Sheila Wamahu presenting the unveiled report report to Justice Njoki Ndugu as Acting CEO RELI Africa Margaret Wawira and Zizi Afrique CEO John Mugo applaud.

girl's education.

The Participants also engaged in discussions centered on leveraging data and insights to develop targeted strategies that address barriers to girls' education, including access, quality, and retention. Attendees, comprising educators, policymakers, advocates, and stakeholders, reaffirmed their commitment to taking concrete actions that promote and protect girls' right to education.

The event aimed to catalyze a movement for girls' education, encouraging ongoing collaboration, advocacy, and innovation in this critical area. The convening's outcomes are expected to have a lasting impact, influencing

policy agendas, resource allocation, and community engagement efforts geared towards improving girls' educational opportunities. It sets the stage for continued collaboration and sustained action, driving positive change and creating a brighter future for girls across Africa.

RELI Africa and JASLIKA's joint effort in hosting this convening signals a proactive approach towards addressing the challenges faced by girls in accessing quality education. By rallying stakeholders around a common cause, they pave the way for a stronger, more equitable education system that empowers girls and contributes to sustainable development.

JASLIKA is a global organisation promoting girls' education and gender equality. With a strong focus on empowering girls and investing in education, it works in partnership with other multi Stakeholder partners to create change while RELI Africa is a not-for-profit regional non-governmental organization also a member-driven and peer learning initiative that brings together Over50 Civil Society Organizations from the East African region working on education with the main aim to enhance learning outcomes in education systems .



RELI Africa group photo

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Importance Of Traditional Herbs To The Society

Many traditional herbs are deeply rooted in cultural practices and traditions. They often carry symbolic meaning and are integral parts of rituals, ceremonies, and culinary traditions.

Traditional herbs have been used for centuries in various medicinal practices, such as Ayurveda, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and Indigenous healing systems.

These herbs often contain bioactive compounds that offer therapeutic benefits for treating ailments. Traditional herbal remedies often take a holistic approach to health, focusing on restoring balance and harmony within the body.

They address not only physical symptoms but also mental, emotion-

al, and spiritual aspects. Many traditional herbs are sourced from local ecosystems and have been cultivated sustainably for generations.

By preserving and using these herbs, communities can maintain biodiversity, protect natural habitats, and support local economies. Traditional herbs are often readily available and affordable, making them accessible to people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. This accessibility ensures that individuals have options for maintaining their health and well-being outside of conventional.

Using traditional herbs fosters a deeper connection to nature and encourages an appreciation for the healing properties of plants. This connection can promote environmental

stewardship and a more sustainable way of living.

Incorporating traditional herbs into one's wellness routine can empower individuals to take an active role in their health. Learning about herbal remedies and experimenting with different plants allows people to become more self-sufficient in managing their well-being.

Overall, traditional herbs play a vital role in cultural heritage, holistic health practices, and sustainable living, making them invaluable resources for individuals and communities worldwide.

Laws governing plastic production and distribution

Implementing and enforcing laws

that regulate the production, distribution, and use of plastics, including bans on single-use plastics and polythene bags.

Educating the public about the environmental impact of plastic and polythene usage through campaigns, workshops, and media outreach to promote alternatives and behavior change. Encouraging the use of eco-friendly alternatives such as biodegradable plastics, paper bags, reusable containers, and cloth bags through incentives and subsidies.

Investing in proper waste management infrastructure, including recycling facilities and waste collection systems, to effectively manage plastic waste and prevent it from polluting the environment.

Collaborating with industries to develop sustainable packaging solutions and promote the use of recycled materials in production processes. Involving communities in clean-up activities, recycling initiatives, and conservation efforts to raise awareness and foster a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

Supporting research and innovation in sustainable materials and technologies to find alternative solutions to plastic and polythene usage.

Stephen Ochieng & Antonninah Aluoch Media Students Rongo

The Unnoticed Economic Potential Of Mombasa Road

It is on Monday in the morning. At 6 Am, as the sun begins its ascent, casting a warm glow over the bustling Chyulu Hills in Makeni County. We meet David Kyalo, an aging roadseller. At this time, together with his lastborn son are displaying different items for the potential customers along the famous Mombasa Road.

The business is well established for it has got so many items that other roadsellers don't have. I begin by questioning him when he started his business. "I began this business about 10 years ago, actually, I was the very first person to have the kind of this business here in Kinyambu and probably

the first also along Mombasa Road. I started by selling guards alone. The idea of starting the business is very interesting. One day back then, a friend of mine and I were sitting under the tree you see there. We were just having men talk like any other men could once they met.

The tree had a good shade for it was during rainy season unlike now, and had a boost of guard plant that already had big green fruits. Suddenly, a dirty green tourist car appeared from the lower side of the road and as it approached where we were sitting, it slowed down. In it, there were several white men and immediately when

they stood, all of them were out and the only thing that they were upto, were the green big guards.

After the greetings, the other question that the whites asked was, how much for each? We were surprised at first for we were not used to selling guards. We saw them as of no value. Being whites, they mentioned a huge amount and obviously, they gave out. It was since then when I thought it was wise to start a business of such kind."

According to Kyalo, the business was good and sustainable. He says that in the first four years, he made significant developments out of the

business. It is through the business that he has been able to educate his sons and daughters and also change their lives.

However, Kyalo says that of late, businesses along the road are at diyer situation. He outlines several factors that have resulted to the business going low. "In the four years that I have mentioned to you that were characterized by significant developments, we were only few who operated this kind of business here in Kinyambu, infact, were at most seven stalls. Now, we are more than hundred in the centre. Other centres have also established. I can say that after every 2-3 Kilome-

ters, there is a centre that deals with this same items. Some have even established more than ours despite been the oldest along the road."

In his few the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway is another factor to the deterioration of economy of the towns and markets along Mombasa Road and specifically Makeni County that covers the longest part of Mombasa Road. Despite the challenges they are facing right now Kyalo hopes that one day everything will be okay as before.

By Ann Syombua.

Voices From The Frontlines Of The Ongoing Strike

As the sun rises on another day, a sense of determination fills the air as doctors across the country continue to stand in solidarity, their voices echoing with a resounding call for their rights and fair payments of their salaries. From hospital floors to picket lines, the ongoing strike has become a rallying cry for doctor's fair payment and the government to check on the agreement they signed in 2017

In the streets of Nairobi, where gen-

erations of doctors have toiled in hospitals and clinics, the strike has taken on a deeply personal significance. For these men and women, it is not merely a fight for better wages and benefits, but a struggle to reclaim their dignity and agency in the face of exploitative labor practices.

Yet, despite facing mounting pressure from corporate executives and threats of job loss, both the doctors and nurses remain steadfast in their resolve. With each passing day, their

numbers grow as more nurses and doctors join the cause, united in their belief that together, they can create a better future for themselves and their families.

But the impact of the strike extends far beyond the hospital gates—it reverberates throughout the community, touching the lives of ordinary sick citizens who depend on the labor of these workers to get medication and maintain their body system. Patients feel the pinch of reduced or no medi-

cal attendance making them and their families struggle to make sure that they are at least okay.

As I walk alongside the strikers, their chants ringing in my ears, I am struck by the resilience and courage of doctors and nurses standing up against seemingly insurmountable odds. In their faces, I see the faces of countless others who have dared to defy injustice and oppression throughout history, from the civil rights movement to the fight for their rights.

And as the sun sets on another day, casting long shadows across the picket line, I am filled with a sense of hope a belief that even in the darkest of times, the flame of their cry will be heard so that our patients can get medical attention and care.

Nanjala Abigael Rongo

Teachers Trained To Impart Knowledge Relevant To The 21st Century Challenge

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About 9,595 teachers are undergoing a training course on the expectations of the ongoing school curriculum reforms that emphasise making learners acquire competencies to fit in the 21st century work environment.

The Coordinator of Special Programmes and Student Learning at the Centre for Mathematics, Science, and Technology, Education in Africa (CEMASTEA) that is facilitating the courses, Ms. Beatrice Macharia, said the programme being conducted during the April holidays targets Junior Secondary School teachers from 47 counties assigned to teach Pre-Technical Studies, Agriculture and Nutrition.

The trainings are being held in Nakuru, Machakos, and Kisumu counties.

Ms. Macharia explained that the teachers were being taken through the tenets of Inquiry Based Learning (IBL) where students gain knowledge by questioning and investigating information received from their teachers as opposed to imbibing established facts unchallenged, as has been the vogue in the past.

“The method places students’ questions, ideas, and observations at the centre of the learning experience to enhance the teachers’ pedagogical content knowledge and inspire learners to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)-related disciplines key to helping the country achieve Vision 2030,” she said.

While disclosing that CEMASTE A had in December last year trained 7,380 teachers of Mathematics and Integrated science on pedagogical content knowledge, the coordinator said IBL enabled learners to be engaged in authentic investigations in which they identify problems, ask questions, propose solutions, make predictions, design procedures, collect and organise data, and draw conclusions.

Speaking in Nakuru during the inauguration of the training programme for junior school teachers of pre-technical studies, agriculture, and nutrition drawn from 15 counties, Ms. Macharia explained that the IBL model presupposes that teachers establish a classroom culture where ideas are respectfully challenged, tested, refined, and improved.

“The culture in the classroom should be one that allows learners to shift from a position of wondering to



one of understanding and questioning,” she noted.

Specially trained facilitators gave the participants sample lessons on the elements of the instructional model adopted by the new curriculum to ensure that learning happens by way of engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration, and evaluation (5E).

Teachers were coached on ways to motivate learners, create interest in the lessons, tap into what students know or think about the topic, and ask key questions while encouraging responses from their students.

The master trainers explained the rationale, objectives, goals, and expected outcomes of the sessions. They told teachers to appreciate IBL as a systematic process that begins with framing the investigation by identifying the questions to be answered.

They said the final stage in IBL consisted of reflecting on the inquiry activity with a view to engaging in further investigations.

Ms. Macharia indicated that Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects were the building blocks of technology, adding that the ongoing training of teachers for the new curriculum was “very important” in the new education order sweeping across the continent.

The Western Regional Director of Education, Mr. Jared Obiero, who was the chief guest, noted that by embracing digital devices and connected learning, classrooms around the country and around the globe cannot only connect to one another to share insights but also boost learning, experience, and communication skills.

He said public-private partnerships can help unlock the potential of digital learning in Kenya by providing first-class, affordable computer systems and digital access to content, textbooks, videos, audio, and training materials in both private and public schools.

Mr. Obiero praised the CBC method as a step in the right direction for the country to realise its industrialization dreams.

He stated that the training exercise is meant to equip Junior Secondary School teachers with skills to handle changing trends and class management as the education system shifts fully to the Competency-Based Curriculum.

“The new curriculum requires innovative human capacity, and revitalising the teaching profession will ensure quality, equity, and relevance at all levels of education,” said the director.

He added, “Among the retooling aspects is the shift of the education system to remote learning through digital apps. The technology will enhance teaching and learning with their students as well as provide features to enhance teacher-learner engagement.”

Mr. Obiero emphasised the effective use of learner-centred strategies in technology learning to enhance the understanding of mathematics and science.

He said technology had changed the way things are done, thanks to science and innovation.

“The future lies in a digital world, and our education must adapt accordingly lest we are left behind,” he added.

Mr. Obiero observed that the African Union had adopted Agenda 2063, which calls for a “revolution” in education, skills, and the active promotion of science, technology, research, and innovation. He was addressing 96 county trainers training on pedagogical content knowledge, drawn from 15 counties.

The counties included Baringo, Kisumu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nyanjira, Laikipia, Kakamega, Narok, and Kirinyaga. Others were Samburu, West Pokot, Machakos, Embu, Nairobi, and Nyeri.

He said the achievement of Vision 2030 hinged squarely on science, technology, and innovation, which

are critical ingredients for a nation’s economic and technological takeoff in the modern world.

The teachers will also be taken through Project Based Learning (PBL), ICT integration, and Inquiry-Based Learning that are in line with on-going curriculum reforms emphasising on making learners experience science and acquire competencies to fit in the 21st-century work environment.

Mr. Obiero pointed out that a concept-based curriculum such as CBC ought to rely on the creativity, technical, and pedagogical latitude of the teacher to come up with more engaging learning experiences that will enable learners to grasp concepts or skills better.

“As such, the teacher must be at the centre of the CBC model. The teacher ought to be better equipped to deliver this. To understand what the whole concept of CBC is all about, the teachers need to be well oriented,” he stated.

CEMASTEA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mrs. Jacinta Akatsa stated that in the CBC curriculum, teachers are expected to use a variety of teaching strategies and resources that involve the learner, while learners, on the other hand, are expected to be active and responsive during lessons so as to construct knowledge, skills, and attitudes.

In a speech read on her behalf by CEMASTE A Management Representative (MR) and Coordinator Field Services Ms. Gladys Masai, the CEO stated that the training had been designed to address teaching and learning gaps observed in schools in terms of interpretation of CBC designs for grade 8 and implementation to realise learner-centred practices.

The CEO further added that the teachers were being trained on the preparation of innovative lessons that integrate ICT, enhancing professional growth by enacting communities of practice and pedagogical content knowledge, rationalising the implemented curriculum, and integrating mentorship and career guidance.

The Coordinator Programme of Junior School and Secondary at CEMASTE A, Mr. Livingstone Makanda, said the teacher is supposed to switch from the role of an expert who transfers knowledge to a coaching role, facilitating and guiding the learning process.

“In competence-based curriculum, skills are not taught but are built. The learner is necessarily the first actor in the construction of their skills. Learner-centred teaching strategies

advocated for the implementation of competence-based curriculum in schools include role plays, problem solving, projects, case studies, simulation, discussion, and outdoor activities.”

Mr. Makanda said the training was aimed at improving the quality of teachers in terms of attitude, pedagogy, mastery of content, resource mobilisation, and utilisation of locally available teaching materials.

He stated that besides improved performance by teachers and students, the benefits of IBL included the nurturing of student passion and talents, solving the problems of tomorrow in today’s classrooms, enabling students to take ownership of their own learning to reach their goals, deepening understanding beyond memorising facts and content, and fortifying the importance of answering questions.

“Besides, the approach makes research more meaningful while fostering curiosity and a love of learning. It is an open-ended line to learning guided by students through questions to their teachers,” he explained.

Sustainable Development Goal number 4, Mr. Makanda, added, advocates for quality and equitable education by 2030, and for this to be realised, improving the quality of teachers is a prerequisite.

He noted that the country’s education system is currently on a reform path, a move geared towards improving the human capital index and quality of life.

Kenya has been making strides in providing quality education, which is not only a constitutional right but also guided by Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG), calling for inclusive and equitable education that promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all.

“Every country is looking forward to responding to the demands of the 21st century, which requires innovative human capacity, and revitalising the teaching profession will ensure quality, equity, and relevance at all levels of education.”

Mr. Makanda affirmed that teachers should be well equipped with changing trends in teaching and class management while at the same time inculcating a tech-friendly model because it is impossible to separate technology from education.

He indicated that in a world where the education system is shifting to remote learning, with so many digital apps which have developed and become so popular, teachers should have access to more of them.

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Self-Love: Learn To Honour Yourself

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How you see yourself?

You perceive yourself as deeply intuitive and intricately connected to the subconscious realms. Within you resides a mysterious and enigmatic aura, veiling the depths of your inner being. In the way that you carry yourself, there is a graceful poise that emanates from a place of profound inner harmony and balance. Every step you take is imbued with the quiet confidence born from a deep connection to the mysteries of the universe. It is this serene demeanor that speaks volumes, silently affirming the strength and resilience that lie at the core of your being.

Why you don't prioritize your own needs?

The reason you don't prioritize your own needs is because you've learned to regain control over your emotions. You can accept them without letting them take over your life. Even when unexpected challenges come your way, you rely on my emotional stability and maturity to handle them. You avoid getting caught up in drama and stay level-headed and composed instead. You set clear boundaries for yourself, knowing what is and isn't okay. You are like composed and in charge of his feelings. You make smart choices based on your intelligence and don't let outside influences sway me from my values. It's important not to let others dictate how you feel; you stay true to yourself.

How can you show yourself your worth?

To show yourself your worth, remember that sometimes you might go through tough changes that feel



disappointing or make you regretful. It could be because of choices you made in the past that led to this shift. But even though it might be hard, it's important to keep moving forward for your future. There are times in life when you have to let go of things you're attached to. It won't be easy, but sometimes starting over is the best choice when nothing else works. It might feel like giving up, but it's not. It's about finding a new path that will lead you to happiness. So, take the time to plot your new direction, and believe in yourself. You're worth it.

How can you be more authentic?

To be more authentic, it's important to understand that there are many opportunities and choices in front of you. But not all of them are what they seem. Sometimes, things that sound great, like lots of money, power, or fame, might not actually bring you the happiness you imagine. So, before you choose, take the time to really think about what each opportunity involves. Don't just go for something because it seems exciting. Consider whether it aligns with your values and what you truly

want. Also, try not to get stuck in wishful thinking, where you dream about doing things but never actually take steps to make them happen. Being authentic means being true to yourself and making choices that feel right for you, even if they're not the most glamorous or popular.

What you need to let go?

you need to let go of your fear of taking risks and trust the process. Sometimes, you have to take a leap of faith, even if you're not sure what will happen. Trust your gut and believe in yourself to handle whatever comes your way.

You also need to let go of taking life too seriously. Instead, be playful, curious, and open-minded. Approach challenges with a light heart and be willing to try unconventional paths. Sometimes, being spontaneous can lead to great things you never expected.

What you need to acknowledge?

you need to acknowledge that while it's natural to be drawn to well-established procedures and traditions, it's also important to question

whether they truly align with your own beliefs and values. Sometimes, you might find comfort in following what others are doing rather than being innovative or breaking away from traditional approaches.

Take the time to reflect on whether these traditions genuinely serve your growth and well-being, or if they're simply inherited norms that may not necessarily reflect your authentic desires and aspirations. Embrace the courage to explore and forge your own path, even if it means stepping outside of traditional boundaries. Your authenticity lies in honoring what truly resonates with you, rather than adhering to expectations or norms that may not align with your inner truth.

Message of Lord Krishna

Lord Krishna's message is to take action on our thoughts, seize new opportunities, and pursue our passions with enthusiasm. He encourages us to make the most of our current situation and approach challenges without fear.

Worth Noting:

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Ruto: Gov't Investing In Development Of Kenya's Creative Economy

By: PCS

The Government is investing in the development of Kenya's creative economy to expand opportunities for talented youth, President William Ruto has said.

To unleash a creative revolution in the country, President Ruto pledged to promote the expansion of galleries for Kenyan art and craft locally and abroad, establish a Film Fund and create incentives to boost local filmmaking.

He said the government will also enforce intellectual property rights and take advantage of the digital economy to enhance incomes.

"Our highly talented youth are capable of creative excellence in such diverse fields as music, theatre and drama, graphic design and digital animation, fashion and craft, as well as new and emerging fields like virtual and augmented reality," he said.

He made the remarks during the National Drama and Film Festival Win-

ners' State Concert, Sagana State Lodge, Nyeri County.

President Ruto said the government has signed agreements with Google, META/Facebook and TikTok to commercialise and monetise content produced by talented youth in Kenya.

"Our creatives in pageantry and fashion have not been left behind either, with global pageants like the iconic Miss Universe headed to Kenya," he added.

The President said the government rolled out the Talanta Hela Initiative to enhance the monetisation of talent in the country.

"Through Talanta Hela, we have a framework for identifying, nurturing and monetising talents in a bottom-up manner. Plans are underway to spread this to other creatives," he said.

He said the government has secured partnerships with international institutions to transform the creative space into a mega industry with the capacity to employ millions of young people and support sustainable livelihoods.



Safaricom Commits KES 20 Million To Power The Connected Africa Summit 2024 That Will Be Held In Nairobi Next Week

The sponsorship underscores Safaricom's position to drive digital societies and foster a sustainable future for Africa

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Safaricom has yesterday announced its commitment to powering the Connected Africa Summit 2024, scheduled to take place from Sunday, April 21st to Thursday, April 25th, at Uhuru Gardens, Nairobi.

With a Kes 20 million sponsorship, Safaricom will also provide services such as Wi-Fi connectivity during the summit, Network optimisation, Experiential Tech showcases, branding, merchandise, and Customer engagements.

"We believe that by coming together at events like the Connected

Africa Summit, we can create meaningful dialogue and collaborations that will drive Africa's digital transformation. Safaricom's commitment to this summit is a testament to the company's dedication to creating together, broadening horizons, and moving forward into the future," said Peter Ndegwa, Chief Executive Officer, Safaricom.

Safaricom's involvement underscores the company's dedication to driving digital societies and fostering a sustainable future for the continent.

The Connected Africa Summit 2024 is a platform for African leaders, investors, and businesses to come together and harness the vast opportunities presented by the digital

economy while addressing barriers and pressing issues affecting our economies. The summit's theme is "Shaping the Future of a Connected Africa: Unlocking Growth Beyond Connectivity," which aligns with Safaricom's vision of powering digital societies and driving a sustainable future for the continent.

In addition to supporting the summit, Safaricom is expected to launch the Connect Academy, a centre of excellence for training and developing skilled fiber optic technicians in Kenya. This initiative aligns with Safaricom's commitment to nurturing local talent and fostering innovation within the country.



Blockchain and Healthcare: Transforming Patient Data Access and Benefits in Kenya

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Blockchain technology presents a promising solution for managing health data in Kenya, a country grappling with the challenge of data ownership and its benefits. Despite data being referred to as the new oil, many Kenyans are unaware of who stores their health data and who profits from it. Sadly, many Kenyan individuals remain unaware of the significance of their health data, both to themselves and the broader medical research community.

The existing problems are multifaceted. For researchers, it's a challenge to identify suitable participants for their studies, exacerbated by bureaucratic obstacles. On the patient level, individuals' data often contributes to medical discoveries, yet they seldom reap any personal benefits from it.

These interconnected issues can be effectively addressed through the creation of a patient portal using blockchain technology. This portal would



encompass a range of critical information, including test results, imaging and pathology reports, diagnoses, medical notes, health management plans, referrals, and discharge summaries.

Importantly, patients would have control over this data, with the ability to decide whether to share it or potentially monetize it.

The advantages of putting patients in

control of their health data are manifold. This approach resolves data portability issues and empowers patients to form health cooperatives, enabling them to negotiate better drug prices

and access to health information. Realizing ownership of our health data necessitates the integration of blockchain technology, along with the complementary technologies of AI and the Internet of Medical Things. This convergence will yield several notable benefits, including:

- Enhanced treatment quality.
- Improved diagnostic accuracy.
- Increased efficiency in clinical procedures.
- Enhanced data integrity.
- Facilitation of medical research.
- A system less vulnerable to attacks.

In sum, by embracing blockchain technology and related innovations, Kenya can revolutionize the management of health data, empowering patients, and advancing medical research and healthcare services

Stakeholders Push For Concerted Efforts To Address The Situation In Haiti

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Various stakeholders have called for concerted efforts in a bid to address the dire situation in Haiti. In a press briefing under the auspices of Africa for Haiti esteemed guests including Dr. Korir SingOei, Principal Secretary of the State Department of Foreign Affairs, and Diplomatic Community were given detailed insights into the upcoming concert and sports extravaganza, scheduled from 10th to 12th in Nairobi, Kenya.

This concert is part of the Africa-4Haiti Initiative, a global collaborative effort to address the ongoing crisis in Haiti, including challenges posed by gang violence, and mobilize support from nations and peoples worldwide.

The establishment of the Africa-

4Haiti Initiative aligns with the United Nations Security Council Resolution UNSCR 2699, emphasizing Kenya's leadership role in the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti aimed at stabilizing the country.

Africa For Haiti (A4H) has undertaken several impactful activities, including hosting a Public Lecture for the Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry, engaging in Press Advocacy Campaigns on national and international TV and Radio Stations, organizing the Africa 4 Haiti Support Conference, and conducting Online Webinars with the Haitian Diasporan Community, among others.

Edward Githaiga highlighted the importance of a multifaceted approach towards addressing the situation once and for all.

Edward Githaiga (Right).



The Key To My Success



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Worth Noting:

- Mothers are not bad, except for the most unloving kakku and Turkon wife in history, of course.
- It is well-known that Kakku's habit of throwing her child into another bird's nest instead of raising it herself is also known and famous that Turkon Khatun betrayed her son's politics and administration for the sake of her tribe.
- It is also no secret that in history there were mothers who did not tire of sacrificing one son for the other. Looking at this biological animal and mozi, what can I say, it's sad that even today there are such unkind people.

It is no exaggeration to say that mother is the highest blessing given to us by God. Mothers love their children so much whether they deserve it or not. Mothers are precious like spring flowers, it is the duty of each of us to take care of them. Sometimes we indulge in worldly goods, whims, and passers-by, and forget our loving mothers. They are the people who taught us how to live in life, how to behave, and who gave their all from the time we were born in their wombs until we reached the level of a conscious person. In fact, they are the ones who encourage us to get up again if we stumble or fall in life. Everyone's giving is grateful, but not mother's. Even though they themselves are dealing with death or facing it, they think of their child, do not spare their advice, advice and prayers.

Humanity, society, and the duration of life directly depend on women and mothers. There are many songs, poems, films and other works about mothers. We have seen a lot of praising them and comparing the country to them. Here, I would like to analyze my favorite music, "Onam" by Sardar Rahim Khan. In it, a young man who has failed in love and even at work is taken care of by his mother, prayed for by his mother, and helps him get back on his feet. Then he will find his place in life and success and luck will follow him. Then he will understand that life, friends, and love can be fleeting and fleeting, their love and help can be grateful, but mothers' love, prayers and support are endless and real.

If we are in trouble, if we are sad or have a problem, we first tell God, then our mother. Their love knows no bounds, we are always mentioned in their prayers.

Mothers are not bad, except for the most unloving kakku and Turkon wife in history, of course. It is well-known that Kakku's habit of throwing her child into another bird's nest instead of raising it herself is also known and famous that Turkon Khatun betrayed her son's politics and administration for the sake of her tribe. It is also no secret that in history there were mothers who did not tire of sacrificing one son for the other. Looking at this biological animal and mozi, what can I say, it's sad that even today there are such unkind people.

There are mothers who are ready to give their lives for their children. At this point, my mother is the biggest reason why I graduated from school with excellent grades, start-

ed studying, and became the owner of the state scholarship named after Navoi. They did not spare their help, prayers, advice and training. I was able to overcome illness and depression thanks to their prayers and efforts. Sometimes, when I feel depressed, immersed in the world of thoughts, my mother gives me strength and helps me get up again. What I have listed is only one of the thousand things that my mother did for me. Thanks to their hard work and upbringing, today I am on the verge of finding my place in society and life. My mother is my beacon that illuminates my path in the sea called life.

I searched for a long time, but in this mortal world I could not find a better word in my language than the name of mother, my mother is such an innocent person, a kind person, a person with a pure heart. Let's recall a story here: Once upon a time, a sheikh and his blind mother lived together. The son grew up, learned his mind, decided to travel the country, leaving his mother in the midst of happiness and wealth. His mother cried blood: "If you take me with you, take me, but don't cry blood and leave me alone!"

Sheikh left her alone despite her mother's tears. Thus, the sheikh arrived in a city, where he slept near a mosque. At night, a thief stole the treasure, struggled to lift some of the gold, put it next to the sheikh and hid from the guards. The guards came and arrested the sheikh and took him to the judge for trial.

The sheikh cried hard: "I am not a thief, I did not steal." Despite this, the judge sentenced him: "He committed theft, cut off both his hands!"

The sheikh cried again: "I am not a thief, I am a praying servant." Hearing this, the judge said: "He stole while praying, put out both of his eyes!"

The sheikh cried blood: "O brothers, these punishments are not for my theft, nor for the sin of praying, this is for leaving my blind mother alone and crying hard. it is a punishment for my coming," he said.

The story depicts the fate of a person who wandered the country and gained a state, left his paradise, his mother alone, walked in the pain of happiness, got lost and suffered the wrath of God. However, for the sake of his mother's pleasure, he takes care of her, is at her service until her death, takes care of her, and preserves her spoils, and by this he becomes a heavenly person, and he enjoys this world and the next. it



Aziza Saparbaeva's mother.

could be, but he went astray, chose the wrong path, and his fate was disgraced from time immemorial.

In conclusion, I can say that do not immerse yourself in the fleeting desires and thoughts of this world, do not live with the sorrows of this world, do not burn, protect your mother, take care of her, cheer her up, because they too they are spoils. It is our children's duty to appreciate them in time, to honor them, to please their hearts, and to get their approval.

Onalarning oyog'i ostidatur
Ravzayi jannat-u jinon bog'i.
Ravza bog'i visolin istar esang,
Bo'l onaning oyog'i tufrog'i.

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Sports >> *Off the pace in the Champions League and the Spanish top flight last season, Real Madrid have bounced back strongly to give themselves a strong shot at securing both.

'We're Still Here': Real Madrid Survival Instincts Pulling Them Towards Glory



Real Madrid's Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti reacts during the UEFA Champions League quarter-final second-leg football match between Manchester City and Real Madrid, at the Etihad Stadium, in Manchester, north-west England, on April 17, 2024. (Photo by Paul ELLIS / AFP)

Off the pace in the Champions League and the Spanish top flight last season, Real Madrid have bounced back strongly to give themselves a strong shot at securing both.

Carlo Ancelotti's side beat reigning European champions Manchester City on penalties on Wednesday to reach the semi-finals. They also boast a commanding eight-point lead on Barcelona in La Liga ahead of the Clasico on Sunday.

With the Los Blancos hopeful of tying up the signing of long-term target Kylian Mbappe, the weeks ahead promise to be exciting.

Madrid's resilience in Man-

chester as Pep Guardiola's side dominated the 1-1 draw (4-4 on aggregate), means they can extend their record 14 Champions League triumphs, with Bayern Munich beckoning in the semi-finals.

Amid Barcelona's euphoria at the end of last season as they conquered La Liga, Madrid surveyed their weaknesses and acted to overcome them.

They moved for Jude Bellingham, adding steel to a team which was dismantled by Manchester City in last season's Champions League semi-finals.

The England international has replaced striker Karim Benze-

ma in the line-up and, although deployed in an attacking role by Ancelotti, gives Madrid more defensive balance when out of possession.

This season the story was different at the Etihad Stadium, with Madrid digging deep and holding firm to force penalties and make the final four.

"We showed the attitude and commitment demanded by this jersey. This is a very special competition for us and we always deliver something that people are not expecting us to produce. Everyone was writing us off but we're still here," said Ancelotti.

'Full of heroes'

In La Liga, Madrid are poised to wrest the title from their arch-rivals. They can virtually sew it up this weekend in the Clasico.

Second-place Barcelona visit the Santiago Bernabeu after being dumped out of the Champions League by PSG on Tuesday.

"We're delighted, but we're very tired -- now we have to celebrate because it's a very important qualification," continued Ancelotti.

"From tomorrow we have to prepare well for Sunday's game, the Clasico is crucial for the league."

Barcelona lifted the Spanish title last season on the basis of their strong backline, and while their defence has become more porous, Madrid's is now the best in Spain.

Without injured first-choice goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, Ancelotti has put his faith in Ukrainian goalkeeper Andriy Lunin.

It was repaid on Wednesday night when Lunin saved Bernardo Silva and Mateo Kovacic's penalties.

"I'm not the hero ... the team is full of heroes," said Lunin.

"Everyone did a great job, running and fighting for 120 minutes."

That backbone gives Madrid what captain Nacho Fernandez called "a different side" of themselves, enabling them to overturn the gaps their biggest rivals exploited last season.

While the likes of Vinicius Junior and Rodrygo have the skill and thrust Madrid fans want to see in attack, the team's survival instincts are also pulling them towards a potential fifth La Liga and Champions League double.

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FA Cup Replays Scrapped From First Round Onwards



Manchester City players celebrate winning the English FA Cup final football match between Manchester City and Manchester United at Wembley stadium, in London, on June 3, 2023. (Photo by Adrian DENNIS / AFP).

FA Cup replays will be scrapped from the first round onwards from next season as part of an agreement with the Premier League, the Football Association announced yesterday.

The FA had already dropped replays from the fifth round onwards and said the move to ditch them altogether had been agreed “in light of changes to the calendar driven by the expanded UEFA (European) competitions”.

From next season the Champions League will feature an extra 64 games, creating increased pressure on the domestic calendar.

The FA said all rounds of the FA Cup would now be played at weekends including the fifth round, which has been played in midweek for the past five seasons.

There will be no Premier League

matches on weekends set aside for the fourth and fifth rounds as well as the quarter-finals.

Teams from the third and fourth tiers of English football enter the FA Cup in the first round, with Premier League and Championship clubs joining from the third round. There are previous qualifying rounds.

The changes, which are part of a six-year agreement, will also mean the removal of the mid-season break from the calendar.

The English top-flight will start the 2024/25 season in mid-August to give players a consecutive three-week break, taking into account “expert advice from medical and technical departments”.

FA Cup replays have provided a cash windfall to any lower league clubs involved, with the ‘smaller’

team benefitting from additional broadcast payments and increased gate revenues when up against a major side.

As part of the new deal, the Premier League is “providing up to an additional £33 million (\$41 million) for grassroots football”.

The FA said the agreement would secure up to £133 million per season in funding in total from the 2025/26 campaign.

FA chief executive Mark Bullingham said: “The FA Cup is our biggest asset and generates over 60 percent of our revenue to invest into the game, so it is critical to secure a strong format for the future. “This new agreement between The FA and the Premier League strengthens the FA Cup and gives this very special tournament exclusive weekends in an increas-

ingly busy calendar.”

He added: “The longer summer period also allows a much-needed player break before the start of the next season.”

Premier League chief executive Richard Masters said: “Throughout our discussions both parties have been committed to enhancing the scheduling of the FA Cup, a hugely important domestic competition with a storied history.”

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Shishu Ullash Organization A Guide To The Future Potential World

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the future world in the eyes of a child

Worth Noting:

- Shishuullash Organization works on all those issues. Their main goal is to fully establish and address the SDG 17 GOALS by 2027 and address all issues. Already they have completed 280 projects in just one year.
- This organization is an organization that is different from all the organizations that work from the ground level and identify the root cause of any problem of the environment and work from the ground and solve the problem.
- This organization is working on all the undeveloped countries and can develop and there are many problems and they are working on the main issues of environment education climate and they are giving solutions.

Shishu Ullash Organization (International Global Youth platform) this organization is a new shaper of a future world who are constantly arranging a new world, a new potential beautiful world that they are building for the next generation. The basic mantra of this organization is:

Motto: The future world through the eyes of a child"

Shishu Ullas Organization is an International Global Youth Platform. It currently has four other branch organizations including shishu Ullash Research Organization, shishu Ullash startup organization, shishu Ullash Global Magazine. Shishu Ullash organization is established today in 80 countries of the world. Today they have branches in eighty countries.

Asia country, Europe, Africa, America, reached all places today shishu Ullash organization. The main goal of this organization is environment, climate, women's education, women's empowerment, youth development, gender equality, SDG17 goals, education, health, safe water, nutritious food and how to deal with all the problems in different countries of

the world.

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This organization is an organization that is different from all the organizations that work from the ground level and identify the root cause of any problem of the environment and work from the ground and solve the problem.

This organization is working on all the undeveloped countries and can develop and there are many problems and they are working on the main issues of environment education climate and they are giving solutions. In their mega mega project, the ministries of different countries and the government of different countries have also joined in this program, one of them is the introduction of women's education in Afghanistan.

They completed research for about 20 and case projects for 80 and article projects for about 30. They identify each country's problem and each country's work as a case proj-

ect. How to protect the environment in the world, how to reduce plastic and how to eliminate all problems, every organization is showing their success is already 70%.

They are constantly showing how to change the world and build a beautiful world. In this organization, all people, regardless of caste, religion, caste, religion, caste, profession, outside the country, are involved, there are about hundreds of thousands of young students.

It has grown into one of the largest global platforms today. This organization is showing how to constantly be innovative and work through review and new ideas to present solutions. African countries are constantly doing how to develop like European countries and they have already achieved a lot of success and are giving a new form to African countries.

This organization is not only African countries but the whole world. This organization is the most different from all the organizations and from all the special organizations and their working methods are unique, their four branch organizations are working constantly. All the organizations that can't show the

work, this shishuullash organization shows the work.

This organization is now being accepted and presented as a role model to the entire world. It is an organization that is constantly working in the country and outside the country with outstanding responsibility.

They are constantly working on all the problems of different people in the country and outside the country. They are constantly working on the way of progress of a country. They are working with very responsible people.

Their work today is constantly spreading across the country and beyond. People are accepting all their work with people's love and trust organization is reaching every corner of the world. Shishu Ullash Organization has become a well-known organization to all students.

The way they are showing a country's environmental education health climate problem and how the country can move forward, they are showing solutions are really admirable. Their work is outstanding and they have already done many projects and many works.

The way in which these organizations have shown their outstanding role and their innovation in their solutions to the adverse effects of the environment and climate today is truly commendable. They are showing how to improve the climate and environment of a country and what actions and methods to adopt will eliminate the climate and environment problems of a country.

As a result of their work, many countries in Africa are benefiting not only in Africa, but also in the countries of Asia, Europe, and the American continent. Students are constantly joining people outside the students are also joining here they are constantly learning work and bringing new things to know through this organization.

This organization is a new shape of the future world. They are working on all the problems of the present world and they are constantly moving forward step by step towards their goals. They show the possibility of a new world