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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

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Kenya To Pioneer The Use Of Child-Friendly TB Medicines

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Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muriuki.

Worth Noting:

- She said that TB continues to be a significant public health challenge in Kenya, impacting families and communities with its devastating effects. While primarily affecting the lungs, TB can affect various parts of the body and is transmitted through the air when infected individuals cough.
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She explained that these achievements position Kenya as the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to meet World Health Organization (WHO) targets for TB case detection and treatment success.

According to the PS, accessible free TB testing and treatment services across over 4,000 public and private health facilities have been instrumental in this success. To enhance TB testing services further, the government has introduced 120 GeneXpert machines for rapid testing of TB and its drug-resistant variants, making

Kenya a leader in Africa in leveraging modern technology for TB diagnosis.

“Quality assurance measures ensure adherence to standards, while the availability of digital X-ray machines in all counties bolsters testing services nationwide. Recognizing the significant overlap between TB and HIV, joint TB/HIV activities have been prioritized,” said Ms Muriuki.

She added that over 94 per cent of TB patients have been tested for HIV, with over 93 per cent receiving life-saving antiretroviral therapy in the last five years. This integrated approach has not only positioned Kenya as a global leader in TB/HIV control but also reduced the TB/HIV co-infection rate by half over the past decade.

“Kenya’s proactive measures extend to preventive treatment for people living with HIV, with nearly 400,000 individu-

als enrolled in preventive treatment using Isoniazid, marking the nation as the second-largest program of its kind globally,” she said.

The PS explained that despite these advances, TB remains the fourth leading cause of death in Kenya, with drug-resistant TB posing a persistent challenge with many cases going undetected due to delayed health facility visits or lack of awareness.

Ms Muriuki advised that early detection is crucial, with symptoms such as cough, fever, weight loss, and night sweats warranting immediate attention.

“To accelerate progress, concerted efforts are needed across sectors to advocate for improved access to TB prevention, testing, and treatment services,” said the PS.

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Security teams in Elgeyo Marakwet are meeting in Chesongoch to address the spates of banditry attacks and raids that has plagued the region in recent times. The crucial meeting that brought stakeholders from security sector was convened in Marakwet East to deliberate on ways of restoring lasting peace in the trouble the troubled county where several schools were closed and hundreds of families displaced due to insecurity. Speaking to the press, Elgeyo Marakwet County Commissioner, John Korir, highlighted the importance of the meeting amid recent calm, highlighting the urgent need for action following cattle theft and loss of lives.



Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro is optimistic that the nation's prospect towards the realization of a sound economic stability and prosperity could be only achieved when the country fully exploited her entrepreneurship potentials. Nyoro told the Entrepreneurship Hub Africa 2024 forum at Mount Kenya University (MKU) in Thika said policies on diverse fields as finance, Technology and Agriculture should be tailored to create a productive environment for entrepreneurship in the country. He cited major economies like South Korea that devised similar strategies only later to become financial giant in the global scene have grown due to the support given by their governments to entrepreneurs.



Kenya Vehicle Manufacturers (KVM) has secured KSh395 million in equity funding from CFAO Group, a key player in the mobility industry owned by Toyota Tsusho Corporation. The funding will be used to expand the assembly and distribution of electric buses in both the local market and Rwanda. Initially, Kenyan startup, partnered with Thika Based KVM, has introduced 19 electric buses in Nairobi, aiming to expand to 1000 in East African regions within three years. The infusion of funds is divided between CFAO Kenya and Mobility54, which is the corporate venture capital arm of CFAO. Thus, in a press statement, BasiGo founder and CEO Jit Bhattacharya said the company was grateful to have CFAO as a partner in the development of electric bus transportation in Africa.



A Kericho medic warns against alcohol abuse to prevent challenges and early mortality, as the government combats illicit liquor and second-generation alcohol. In an interview, a resident surgeon at AIC Litein Kericho Annex clinic Dr. Philip Blasto pointed that no level of alcohol consumption is safe for our health and intake over time can lead to the development of notable chronic diseases that such as diabetes, high blood pressure, anemia, liver and pancreatic diseases, weakening of the immune system and learning and memory problems and even mental problems.



Narok Teachers Training College (TTC) has now embraced digital learning as they switch from PI certificate to Diploma training. Joseph Kiminta, the Narok TTC Principal said the college started in 2014 and has been training for a PI certificate but has now changed to offering Diploma in Primary teacher education and Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE). Kiminta reiterated that with the government-provided Internet connection, the institution was in the process of ditching paper for online learning and assessments.

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School In Hyena Infested Area Introduces Lessons On Them

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Worth Noting:

- Led by Julius Hoho, a parent, the residents said the closure of schools has come at a good time as they will no longer have to fear for their children.
- Over the years, the parents have had to escort their children to and back from school having to walk for about six kilometers to the nearby school, for fear that the animals might ambush and attack their children.



The school teaching about hyenas.

As schools close for the first term, parents of Kaseveni in Malaa, Machakos County are relieved that their children will no longer have to face frequent hyena attack scares when going to and back from school.

The area, known for marauding hyenas due to its closeness to the Oldonyo Sabuk game reserve and several hide-outs has seen residents living in fear and counting losses from attacks on their livestock by the animals.

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for fear that the animals might ambush and attack their children.

“We wake up as early as 4am and before we get to school, it is around 7am. Children too get home around 8pm and have to brave the animals on their way back. It is such a scare,” said Huto.

Luckily for the parents, an investor recently constructed a new school, the Baraka Halali Primary, a big relief to the children and parents who will now be spared the long walk to their former school. Speaking during the commissioning of the school on Monday, the administrator Chrisphine Oluoch said other schools are several kilometers away, and this has over the year’s inconvenienced learners.

He said the animals have forced the

school to adjust learning hours, forcing them to release learners early to enable those from far flung areas to get home before darkness.

He added that they have also introduced lessons about hyenas to the children so that they can understand more about them.

“We took the initiative after learning that many children could not differentiate between hyenas and dogs to enable them understand how they look like, how to avoid attacks and what to do when they face them,” said Oluoch.

Despite the residents’ predicament, little has been done to compensate them from the losses that they incurred from the attacks.

“Anyone who has lived in this area has a story about a hyena attack on

their livestock and also relatives. The animals come in large numbers and some are big and dangerous. We have fought them but it seems they can’t go away. We now have to learn how to live with them,” said Grace Ileri, another parent.

They at the same time took issue with the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) for failure to compensate them despite the huge losses they have faced from the animals.

“Just last week, the hyenas mauled to death over 10 goats and several sheep. Late last year, a learner was mauled to death by the animals. Most of the residents know nothing about the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS),” said Ileri.

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Trade Committee In Countrywide Public Hearing On County Licensing Bill 2022

By: MKT Correspondent

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Parliamentary Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives is conducting countrywide public hearings on a bill that seeks to establish a national legislative framework for standardized licensing procedures across county governments.

The committee chairperson James Gakuya from Embakasi North said the House team will conduct the hearings on The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022, in two concurrent sub-committees of seven Members each.

The sittings started yesterday and run until Saturday.

“We shall visit eight regions in the country to collect views on the Bill. We appeal to members of the public to turn up in large numbers,” said Gakuya, who is leading one sub-committee, while the other will be led by his Vice chairperson; the MP for

Aldsi, Marianne Kitany.

Apart from seeking to provide a legislative framework for uniform procedures for the licensing procedures by county governments, the Bill will also ensure certainty in the licensing processes in all counties.

This is expected to encourage private sector players to do business in the devolved units.

Yesterday, one team held a national public hearing at KICC, Nairobi County while the other was in Kisumu County for a public engagement at the Grace Onyango Social Hall in Kisumu City.

Today, the committee will be collecting views from the public at Kakamega Social Hall in Kakamega County for Western region while another at the Nyeri Town CDF Hall for the Central region.

Tomorrow, the committee members will be at Eldoret Town Hall in Uasin Gishu County for Rift Valley region and Talent Academy in Embu County for the Eastern region.

Residents of the Coast region will



James Gakuya.

have an opportunity to make their submissions before the MPs on Saturday, at the Mama Asha Juwaba

Hall in Kilifi County. On the same date, another team from the committee will be at the Garissa

Library Hall in Garissa County for the North Eastern area.

Information Portal Launched To Help In Fight Against Violent Extremism

By: Erick Kyalo

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Nine years ago, the country woke up to tragic events of the Garissa University terror attack that took the lives of 147 students while leaving others with trauma and lifelong injuries who live with the tales of the day.

In the memories of all those who were killed, the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) has today launched an online information portal to create and increase public awareness of the threat of violent extremism conducive to terrorism.

The portal, which has been named Jasiri Observatory, will be used to sensitise, inform and empower individuals and communities to understand and respond to violent ideologies peddled by extremist groups.

It will also strengthen ongoing efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism (PCVE), a process that involves directly addressing the un-

derlying drivers of terrorism using non-coercive strategies including counter-messaging, public outreach and de-radicalisation programmes.

Speaking at the launch at the Garissa University, NCTC Director Rosalind Nyawira urged Kenyans to visit the portal to learn more on violent extremism and ways to avoid falling prey to radical ideologies aimed at propagating hate, fear and violence in society.

“Violent extremism is a threat to national security. This portal empowers individuals and communities to identify and discredit violent extremist ideologies, facilitating public dialogue on the threat of violent extremism. We want Kenyans to speak out against violent extremism through this portal, hence the appellation ‘Jasiri’ which is Kiswahili for resilience,” Nyawira said.

She added that Jasiri Observatory will serve as a platform for continuous public dialogue and feedback on PCVE and drive public conversations on fighting extremism. The por-



NCTC Director Rosalind Nyawira lighting candles at Garissa University.

tal will also enhance efficiency and coordination in implementation of PCVE initiatives by building a strong and integrated network of stakeholders.

“Jasiri is designed as a public repos-

itory that anyone can access to learn more about various manifestations of violent extremism,” she said.

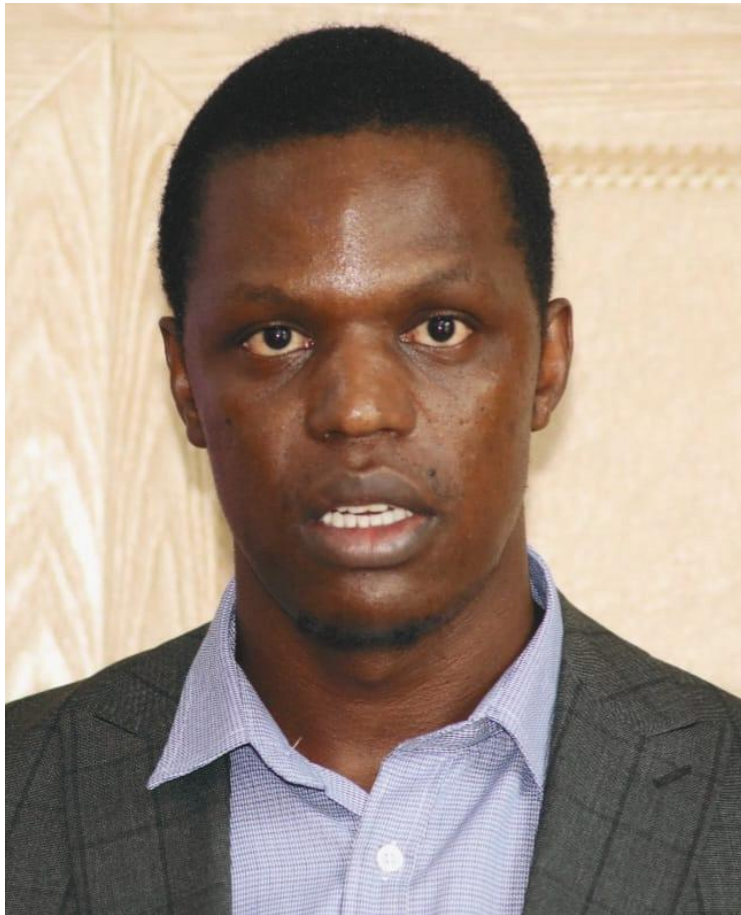
“We chose to launch Jasiri during the anniversary of the 2015 Garissa attack, as this is an opportune mo-

ment to reflect on the strides made towards making our country safer from terrorism and violent extremism,” she added.

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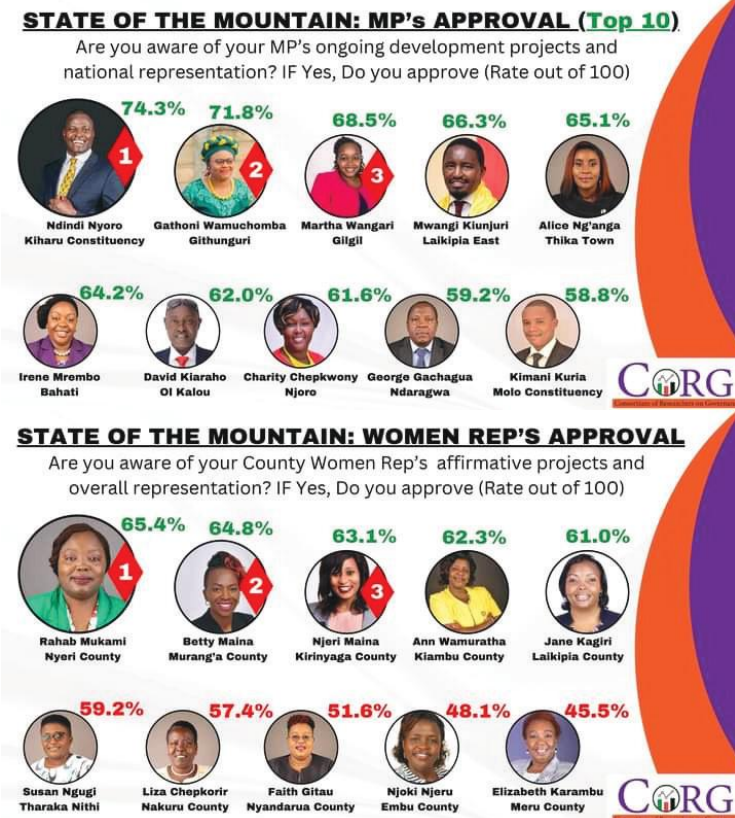
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Mr Charles McOlonde while briefing journalists yesterday. Photo/PAUL WANJIRU.

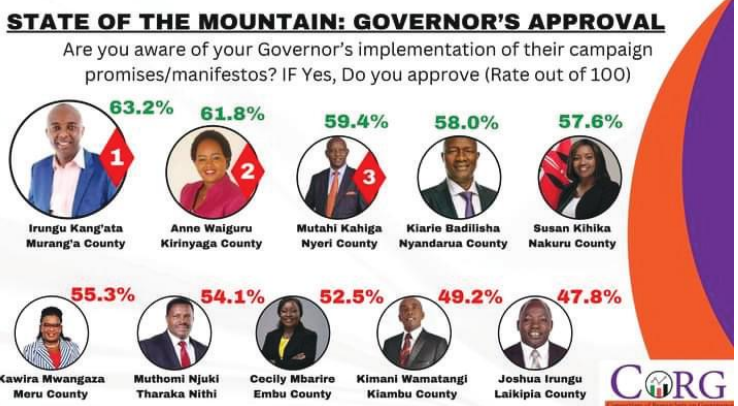
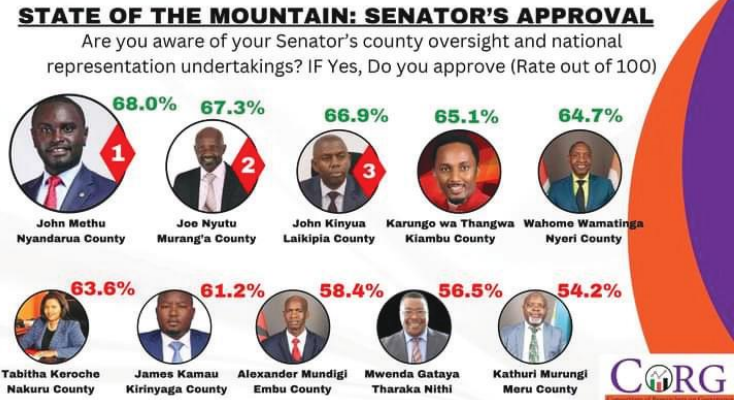
Worth Noting:

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- Mr Charles McOlonde, the CoRG Africa Team Leader who briefed journalists on the survey's outcome disclosed that some of issues that respondents said Gachagua was addressing are matters concerning illicit brews, coffee, tea, milk and unemployment. Others are macadamia and avocado.
- The survey that stratified multi-stage sampling technique with Wards being the primary sampling units also sought the locals views on elected leaders' popularity and approval rating with respect to implementation of their 2022 campaign promises and manifestos.
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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua is the leader of Mount Kenya region, a new survey has revealed. Gachagua has demonstrated his potential in providing solutions to various issues affecting inhabitants

of ten counties neighbouring the highest mountain in the country. A survey released yesterday at The White Rhino Hotel in Nyeri town gave the DP 86.1 approval rating with other area leaders; notably Inte-



rior Cabinet Secretary Prof Kithure Kindiki, Narc Kenya party leader Martha Karua, Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro and former Mungiki leader Maina Njenga getting a combined rating of 10.8 per cent. Of those interviewed, 3.1 per cent said none seemed to care on several cross-cutting issues. Several of those interviewed mentioned former President Uhuru Kenyatta, but they could not make a significant percentage. The survey, conducted by Nairobi based Consortium of Researchers on Governance (CoRG Africa limited) and its affiliate organizations, interviewed 4,000 registered voters in the 64 constituencies that form the 10 counties. The ten counties are Nakuru, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Laikipia, Kiambu, Murang'a, Kirinyaga, Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru. Mr Charles McOlonde, the CoRG Africa Team Leader who briefed journalists on the survey's outcome disclosed that some of issues that respondents said Gachagua was addressing are matters concerning illicit brews, coffee, tea, milk and unemployment. Others are macadamia and avocado. The survey that stratified multi-stage sampling technique with Wards being the primary sampling units also sought the locals views on elected leaders' popularity and approval rating with respect to imple-

mentation of their 2022 campaign promises and manifestos. Those targeted during the research that was conducted between March 19 and 29 are Governors, Senators, Women Representatives, and Members of Parliament in the 64 constituencies. In the Governors' category, Murang'a Governor Irungu Kang'ata led the pack with 63.2 per cent, followed closely by his Kirinyaga counterpart Ann Waiguru with 61.8 per cent and Nyeri's Mutahi Kahiga securing the third place at 59.4 per cent approval rating. Others following each were David Kiarie Badilisha (58.0), Susan Kihika (57.6), Kawira Mwangaza (55.3), Muthomi Njuki (54.1), Cecily Mbarire (52.9), Kimani Wamatangi (49.2) with Laikipia's Joshua Irungu trailing with 47.8 per cent. Among the Women Representatives, Rahab Mukami of Nyeri County emerged the best with 65.4 per cent rating. Mukami who is serving her second term was closely followed by Betty Maina of Murang'a with 64.8 per cent while her Kirinyaga counterpart Njeri Maina got 63.1 per cent. Other Women Representatives scored as follows; Ann Wamuratha

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(62.3), Jane Kagiri (61.0), Susan Ngugi (59.2), Liza Chepkorir (57.4), Faith Gitau (51.6), Njoki Njeru (48.1) and Elizabeth Karambu getting 45.5 per cent.

Under the Senate, John Methu of Nyandarua led his colleagues with 68.0 per cent with Joe Nyutu from Muranga County getting 67.3 per cent as John Kinyua of Laikipia garnered 66.9 per cent. Others were Karungo Thang'wa (65.1), Wahome Wamatinga (64.7), Tabitha Karanja (63.6), James Kamau (61.2), Alexander Mundigi (58.4), Mwenda Gataya (56.5) and Kathuri Murungi ending with 54.2 per cent.

Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro was de-

clared the best Kiharu counstituencys emerged as the best with 74.3 per cent while Gathoni wa Muchomba of Githunguri followed him with 71.8 per cent, while Martha Wangari of Gilgil took the third position with 68.5 per cent.

Other MPs who emerged among the top best were Mwangi Kiunjuri of Laikipia East, Alice Ng'ang'a, Irene Mrembo, David Kiaraho, Charity Chepkwony of Njoro, George Gachagua, and Kimani Kuria.

Mr McOlonde noted that the sample of respondents comprised 54.3% male and 45.7% female, which achieved a 95 per cent confidence level with a margin of error of 2.3 per cent.

He said the quantitative data was collected using CoRG analytica questionnaire where focus group discussions and interviews were also

conducted to collect the data from selected grassroots opinion leaders during the exercise that was conducted in English and Kiswahili as well as the three main languages; Kikuyu, Kimeru and Kiambu, which are dominant in the region.

"Prior to participating, all respondents were briefed on the survey's purpose and requirements and agreed without any perceived pressure or inducement," Mr McOlonde said.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.



Dear Ramadan [2nd Part]



By: Kholturayeva Ugiloy Urol @themtkenyatimes

for its reward, his previous sins will be forgiven." So, because of your respect, our sins are forgiven for our righteous deeds and donations.

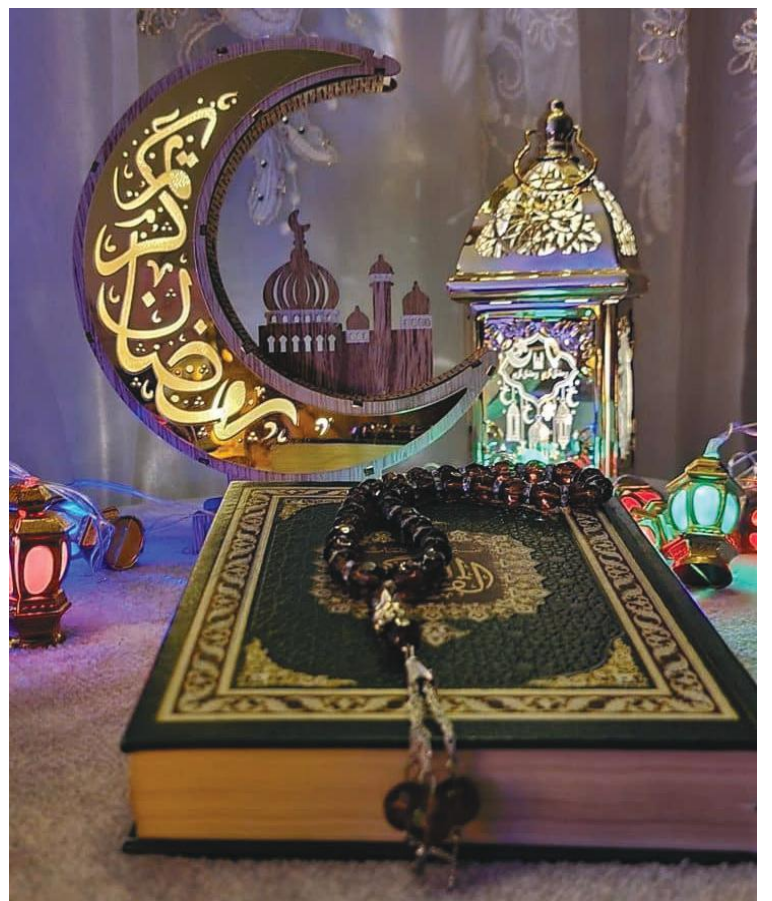
Throughout our lives, we face various trials. Sometimes we suffer from impatience. It seems that a small deficiency turns into a mountain problem. Ramadan fasting educates a person with patience. First, the struggle against the ego begins in the body and soul of a fasting person. In exchange for patiently overcome desires, the fasting person not only fulfills his obligations, but also strengthens his will and achieves victory over his psyche.

The revelation of the Holy Qur'an began with you. It is said in the blessed word of God: "The month of Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an was revealed." Moreover, our Prophet (pbuh) was reciting the whole Qur'an to Gabriel (pbuh) when you came. As a continuation of this beautiful tradition, it is a wonderful virtue that the Holy Qur'an is read in our prosperous mosques and the congregation listens to it.

Honesty is the prelude to virtues. In this regard, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "A true word leads its owner to good. Goodness will lead him

to paradise. Speaking the truth in you, the month of virtues, leads one to good deeds. In addition, in order for fasting to be perfect, it is important for the fasting person to refrain from such vices as telling lies, inciting and slandering, and hurting people's tongues with inappropriate words. In this regard, it is said in a hadith: "Whoever does not stop telling lies and does not follow them, Allah has no need for him to give up his food and wine."

[Kholturayeva Ugiloy daughter of Urol]



You are the king of the months. Our spirit, cleansed by your visit, will prepare for other months. Our good habits are preserved throughout the year and become a tradition, so that our good deeds will lead to great rewards. We will keep the qualities we learned from you for other months.

We are cleansed from sins because of you. In a hadith narrated by Salman Farsi (RA), it is said: "This month is such a month that the beginning is mercy, the middle is forgiveness, and the end is ten days of freedom from hell." In another hadith, the Prophet (pbuh) said: "Whoever fasts Ramadan with faith and hope

Gachagua Visits Police Officer Attacked By Illicit Brewers, Issues Stern Action Against Attackers

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing journalists outside Avenue Hospital, Thika town yesterday..

Worth Noting:

- Speaking when he visited Juja OCS, Chief Inspector John Misoi, who is admitted to Avenue Hospital in Thika town following an attack by illicit brewers during a crackdown in Gachororo village in Juja sub-county, Gachagua said the government will not tolerate the incidents.
- “What we have seen in Juja is an attempt by criminals to attack police officers so they can give up on this exercise. I want to assure them and the people of Kenya that this has strengthened our resolve to fight,” the DP assured.
- He urged the officers not to be scared by those fighting back saying they will be properly dealt with.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday assured police officers leading the war against illicit brews, drug and substance abuse of full government’s support.

The Deputy President warned perpetrators of the vices against attempts to attack the officers in the line of duty, saying such actions will be dealt with sternly and firmly.

He said implementation of the government’s directives against illicit brews, drugs and substance abuse will continue undistracted despite the attacks on the officers.

“We have seen the criminals exercising impunity by attacking police officers. These criminals can run but they cannot hide. For the avoidance of doubt, President William Ruto has given clear instructions that the issue of illicit alcohol and drug abuse must be dealt with once and for all. This is a battle that the government must win,” said Gachagua.

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“I assure all the police officers that the government will take care of them. We urge them to proceed with this war without any being discouraged because

this war must be won. There is no stopping until this menace is eradicated. It may take one, two, three or more years, it will be on until there will be no illicit brews, drugs and substances in the country,” he said.

Mr Misoi was attacked with an arrow on Monday morning as he led the operation against criminal brewers and sellers of illicit alcohol in Gachororo village, Kiambu County. He underwent surgery on his leg and the arrow was removed by medics.

“He was admitted with severe injury on the leg, bleeding profusely and the arrow was stuck on his leg as it had penetrated to the knee. We stabilized the patient and removed the arrow successfully,” Hospital’s Orthopedic surgeon Dr Chege Mwangi said.

Deputy President Gachagua passed President Ruto’s quick recovery message to the officer.

“The President wishes you a quick recovery and encourages you to stay strong. The attack shows that you are

doing a good job,” he told the officer.

Gachagua said two suspects had already been arrested and will face serious criminal charges including attempted murder.

“Two suspects have already been arrested and they have been arraigned. The prosecutors have successfully been allowed to detain them for investigation to continue and they will be charged with appropriate offences including attempted murder,” he said.

The Deputy President also said better terms for officers were being finalised for rolling out starting July this year.

“The presidential task force on police reforms presented recommendations, and they are being worked out and from July 1, 2024 their terms of service will be improved by 40 per cent progressively in three years. Insurance for police officers who get injured or lose lives in their line of duty will have a package for their families so that they don’t suffer. We urge them to proceed with this war without being discouraged, it must be won. There is no stopping until this menace is eradicated,” he stated.

Further, DP Gachagua stated that the operation has borne fruit already asking for its intensification countrywide.

“We have re-energised our teams and there is a lot of supervision. The amount of ethanol that was coming in has lessened. Kenyans are now sober, we are getting good reports that even people who were taking alcohol have given up. The war is 70 per cent won,” he said.

The DP was accompanied by Kiambu Senator Karungo Thang’wa and Juja MP George Koimburi among other leaders during the visit.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with other leaders when they visited CI John Misoi.

MoE Has Enhance A 15B Tree Growing For Climate Change

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Cabinet Secretaries and their Principal Secretaries during the event

Worth Noting:

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The Ministries of Education (MoE) and Environment, Climate Change and Forestry (MECCF) have expressed their determination to champion the growing of the 15 billion National Tree Growing Programme to raise the country’s tree cover to 30 per cent.

The Ministry of Education is one of the key drivers of the 15 billion national tree growing programme which is a flagship government climate action initiative anchored by the 10-year National landscape ecosystem restoration strategy.

Addressing a joint press briefing at the Nairobi Arboretum on the Education sector’s contribution to the 15 billion National Tree growing programme, Education Cabinet Secretary Ezekiel Machogu and his counterpart of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry Soipan Tuya said the strategy seeks to raise Kenya’s tree cover by 17.8 per cent from the current 12 per cent to 30 per cent by the year 2032.

The 30 per cent will make a total of 10.6 million hectares of the created ecosystem and landscape across 11 intervention areas which the government seeks to restore.

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The framework also includes the construction of the new seed centres to increase the high quality of tree seedlings, establishing 15 billion National Tree Growing Programme and restoration of the secretariat headed by the coordinator and anchored at the state department for forestry, as well as the development of forestry adaptation and tree growing initiative framework and overseeing the growing of over 300 million seedlings across the country.

The PS noted that the two ministries have resolved in an inter-ministerial meeting held on Tuesday to enhance the collaboration in tree growing of which the Ministry of Environment, Climate change and Forestry will ensure timely production and provision of 15,000kg of tree seeds annually to enable the Ministry of Education meet its seedling production target of 300 million.

He said that through the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and Kenya Research Institute, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry will provide the Ministry of Education with technical support on seedling production and tree growing.

“The two ministries will jointly strengthen the coordination of tree growing and seedling propagation in schools and learning institutions by cascading coordination framework beyond the vocal points in the state department in the counties and sub-county levels,” said the PS.

The Integrated MECCF committee application and the MoE Elimu application are expected to enhance recording and reporting of tree growing activities by learning institution, through the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital ICT

officers who will ensure that the two applications are real time by integrating and ensuring the reporting of tree growing is smooth.

Kipsang said the two ministries will develop an award scheme that will recognise the best performing education institution, and design innovative ways of mobilising resources for seedling production, tree growing by learning institutions which include seeking approval from National Treasury to allocate 5 per cent of the Ministry of Education Budget to tree growing activities.

“The National Government Constituency Development Fund has to set aside 5 per cent to the Ministry of Environment to ensure tree activities are enhanced,” stressed the PS.

Under the donor support programme, the PS said that they will ensure that the allocation of budget in all programmes run together with the development as a component of the environmental activity and urged the ministries to design communication and awareness creation campaigns.

In her remarks, CS Tuya announced that the Environment ministry is a

technical and coordinating ministry for the 15 billion tree growing initiative, which has made several strides towards achieving the target set by the government.

She commended the work that the MoE has undertaken since in the ministry of Environment, set targets on the tree planting for ministries and agencies.

“Ministry of Education is one of the front-line institutions because of the network, and the numbers it has given on trainers and learners making it have its presence at every level of government,” said Tuya.

The CS announced that her ministry is engaging with development partners across the board and private sector for the necessary support to enable the programme take off, adding that the engagement which is a strategy by the Ministry of Education will be launched soon so that each Ministry, Department and Agency has its ownership.

Tuya said “Everybody has a role to play in this strategy. We have to think about protection of each and every single tree that everybody sets out to plant in the form of fencing the areas that anyone is going to do the tree planting,” and added “We have to think about water strategy, labour and out of school term season”.

In his address, CS Machogu said the two ministries will collaborate to start a tree nursery at every level starting with higher education where it has 74 public and private institutions which he noted must have a tree nursery.

“We have over 300 TVET institutions countrywide which must have a tree nursery since through the nursery, the ministry will have the support of getting the number of seedlings to give to the community across the country,” said Machogu.



Cabinet Secretary Soipan Tuya for of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry planting a tree at the Nairobi Arboretum grounds yesterday.

Data and AI to Revolutionize Border Security: A Vision for the Future



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In a forward-looking statement, Interior CS Kithure Kindiki has emphasized the pivotal role that data and artificial intelligence (AI) will play in shaping the future of border security. Envisioning a border that is both secure and contactless, with minimal human interaction, Kindiki underscores Kenya's commitment to not only safeguarding national interests but also fostering regional cooperation.

Kindiki highlights that Kenya's borders serve as crucial conduits for legitimate trade and travel, facilitating the exchange of goods, ideas, and cultures on a global scale. This perspective underscores the need



Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki..

for innovative approaches to border management that can ensure security while simultaneously promoting seamless cross-border interactions.

The integration of data-driven technologies, such as AI and advanced analytics, promises to revolutionize border security by enhancing efficiency and accuracy in threat detection and response. By harnessing the power of

big data, authorities can gain insights into emerging risks and patterns, enabling proactive measures to mitigate potential security threats.

Furthermore, the shift towards contactless border operations minimizes the reliance on physical interactions, thereby reducing the risk of transmission during pandemics and enhancing overall safety for both border person-

nel and travelers. Automation and digitalization of processes streamline border crossings, leading to smoother and more expedited trade and travel flows.

Kindiki emphasizes that Kenya's vision for border security extends beyond its national borders, recognizing the interconnectedness of regional dynamics. By promoting cooperation and information sharing among neighboring countries, Kenya aims to create a more secure and harmonious regional environment conducive to economic growth and development.

The adoption of data-centric border security strategies also aligns with global trends, as countries worldwide grapple with evolving security challenges in an increasingly interconnected world. Leveraging technology and innovation, Kenya seeks to position itself at the forefront of border management practices, setting an example for other nations to follow.

However, Kindiki acknowledges that the implementation of such advanced border security measures will require significant investment in infrastructure, capacity building, and institu-

tional reforms. Collaboration between government agencies, private sector stakeholders, and international partners will be essential to overcome logistical and operational challenges and ensure the successful implementation of these initiatives.

In conclusion, Senator Kindiki's vision for the future of border security in Kenya is one characterized by the seamless integration of data and AI technologies, leading to secure, efficient, and contactless border operations. By embracing innovation and fostering regional cooperation, Kenya aims to not only protect its national interests but also promote inclusive growth and prosperity across borders.

As Kenya embarks on this transformative journey towards next-generation border security, the nation stands poised to redefine the paradigm of border management in the 21st century, setting new standards for security, efficiency, and collaboration on the global stage.

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14 POEMS

I Miss Spring



A soft touch of flowers and buds.
The trickle of water from the ditch
Everything is closely connected.

Enchanting the world with beauty,
You sprinkle the hills with flowers.
Dazzle your heart with your elegant
radiance,
You call yourself, you are charmed.

✍ Khojiyeva is the daughter of Mukhlisa Abdumansur

Khojiyeva Mukhlisa Abdumansur's daughter was born on March 26, 2005 in Tashkent region. He graduated with a gold medal from the 30th general secondary school located in Qibray district of Tashkent region. He started to practice writing poems while at school. In 2023, he was accepted as a student at Alfraganus University. On December 15, 2023, he took part in the collection "I miss December" with his poems and articles, and this collection was published in the United States of America. Currently, he is a 1st-year student at Alfraganus University non-state higher education institution.

The snow that fell all winter melted,
The whispers slowly disappeared from the hearts.
Gentle winds bring grace,
Fields and gardens covered with flowers.

Two pigeons miss spring
He wants to fly, this is what he needs
In the bosom of a spring tulip
This little heart wants to stay

You always look like a young bride
Wipe away grudges and suspicions
You always bring it with you
Songs of youth, fiery tunes.

The flight of birds in the sky,

Alisher Navoi



He knew it as "treasure".
The "snake" from the treasure,
He lost his thorn.

My grandfather left a legacy,
Poems, works.
Consisting of five epics,
Glorious "Khamso".

You are always in my heart,
I remember you every day.
You are in my language, in my poem,
I wrote a poem for you today.

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

"The Sultan of Words"
He is my grandfather Navoi.
Wrote poems in Persian,
His nickname was Fany.

My grandfather speaks Uzbek,

A Lesson



want our lives to be, God stops the life
he gave us where he wants.

According to the doctor, I was in a coma for 2 months. When I was lying in bed like a person without a soul, my mother prayed for me day and night and did everything in her power to open my eyes. Just like when we lost my father, my mother was very anxious not to lose her only child, and I could not hear my mother's heart. I hurt them and blamed them for my father's death. I was a fool. At one point, my mother came into the house and, seeing me, dropped the packages in her hands and cried and hugged her, saying, "My daughter, Khanzada."

Gavharoy Saidova, daughter of Farhod, was born on February 8, 2007 in Kattakorgan district of Samarkand region. He is currently an 11th grade student at the 66th General Secondary School.

Gavharoy likes to write short stories and draw pictures in his spare time. We wish them success in their future endeavors!

At that time, I studied in the 11th grade. It was around 7:30 in the morning, my mother woke me up saying, "Daughter, you're going to be late for school." I washed my hands, washed my face and put on my school uniform, and without even looking at the game, I hurried to school. Our school is not too far away, about 15 minutes.

When I opened my eyes, doctors in white robes were walking around me and saying to each other, "Open your eyes, you've regained consciousness, doctor." When I came to my senses, I realized that we are not where we

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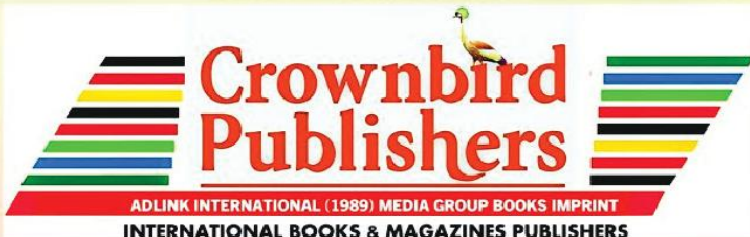
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Coffee Millers In Kiambu Receive Licenses

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Coffee farmers in Kiambu can now process their produce locally, thanks to the Government's intervention.

The County Department of Agriculture, livestock and irrigation has issued licenses to Sasini PLC Millers and Kofinaf Company Limited.

Sasini PLC Millers is a subsidiary of Sasini (K) LTD whose buyers' license was allotted by the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) while Kofinaf Company Limited is affiliated to C Dorman Limited who are now managed by Coffee Management Services (CMS) and are listed as buyers.

Other millers issued with licenses include Komothai Coffee Society and the Aberdare Limited, both small scale coffee farmers operating within Kiambu.

The permits were handed over to the millers' representatives by the Ag County Secretary and Head of Public Service, Peter Ndegwa.

Chief Officer for Crop Production, Irrigation and Marketing Benson Njoroge acknowledged a need for millers to be closer to coffee farmers'

hence cutting production and distribution cost.

"This will make sure coffee farmers across the county will be well served by the licensed millers, as they are evenly distributed in the coffee-growing areas," Njoroge said.

He further added that the licenses will ensure compliance by the millers to operate within the rules of the permits by complying with the laid-down regulations.

Kiambu Coffee farmers in January this year were up in arms against the government over the delicensing of most private millers in the county.

The farmers claimed that most millers in the coffee-growing county have shut down milling business after they failed to secure operational licenses from the county government as required by Coffee Regulations 2019.

Cooperatives and MSMEs Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui during a meet the farmers' tour in Kiambu in January this year said they had given the county governments the mandate to license coffee millers but licensing of marketers and brokers will fall under the Agricultural and Food Authority (AFA).

The move comes after coffee farmers expressed their concern of the industry being taken hostage by one



Some of the stakeholders and county officials who attended the event..

or two cartels that are deeply entrenched not only in coffee but other agricultural sub-sectors.

"Last year Government fertiliser was available at Sh3500 but because of cartels we have been forced to pay Sh5000," George Nduati, a coffee farmer in Kiambu says such price hikes by cartels have led to heavy losses.

The issuance of licenses to the millers comes as ongoing reforms in the coffee sector continue to take shape.

In an Executive Order issued January 9 this year, President Ruto tasked Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with overseeing the implementation of coffee reforms, with the key itinerary of weeding out cartels across the crop's value chain.

The nationwide reforms have seen the Government target increased coffee production from the current 50,000 metric tons annually to 200,000 metric tons within five years.

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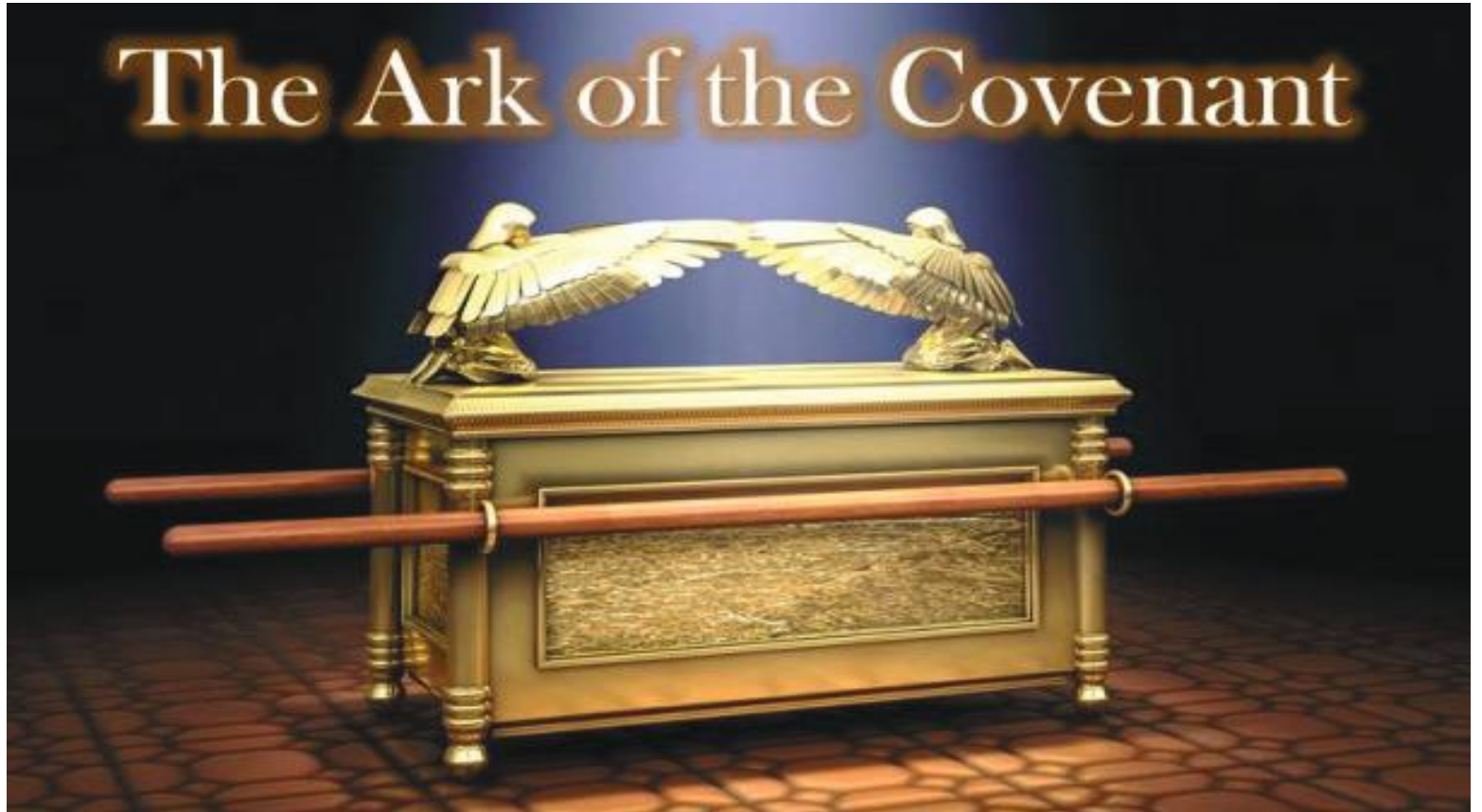


Ultimate Panoramic Experience

Mysteries Unveiled: The Epic Spiritual Journey of the Ark of the Covenant and Tablets to Mount Kenya, the Biblical Mt. Zion



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Worth Noting:

- At the heart of Mount Kenya's mystique lies a tale that stretches back to the dawn of civilization—the epic journey of the Ark of the Covenant and the Tablets of the Law to its sacred slopes.
- From the shores of Tana Island to the dense forests of Somalia and the coastal regions of Kenya, the guardians of the Ark faced adversaries at every turn. Yet, with each obstacle they encountered, they were reminded of the sacredness of their mission and the divine protection that guided their path.
- After years of arduous travel and countless trials, the guardians of the Ark finally reached the sacred slopes of Mount Kenya. Here, amidst the mist-shrouded peaks and ancient forests, they found sanctuary for the precious artifacts they had vowed to protect at all costs.

In the heart of Africa, where the sprawling savannah meets the towering peaks of the Great Rift Valley, lies a place shrouded in mystery and reverence—Mount Kenya. This majestic mountain, with its snow-capped peaks and ancient forests, has long been regarded as a sacred site by indigenous peoples and spiritual seekers alike. Yet, beyond its breathtaking beauty, Mount Kenya holds secrets that are as ancient as time itself—secrets that speak to the very essence of human existence and our connection to the divine.

The Divine Quest

At the heart of Mount Kenya's mystique lies a tale that stretches back to the dawn of civilization—the epic journey of the Ark of the Covenant and the Tablets of the Law to its sacred slopes. According to ancient legend, the Ark, a sacred vessel believed to contain the divine commandments given to Moses by God, found its way to the ancient city of Axum in Ethiopia. However, as the threat of invasion loomed, the guardians of the Ark were faced with a grave decision—to safeguard this sacred artifact from falling into the wrong hands.

Thus began a perilous journey—a journey fraught with danger, intrigue, and divine intervention. Guided by a deep sense of purpose and unwavering faith, the guardians of the Ark embarked on a quest to find a sanctuary worthy of its divine power.

The Trials of Faith

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Legend has it that the journey was not without its miracles. On one occasion, when the guardians found themselves surrounded by enemies, a thick fog descended from the heavens, concealing their movements and allowing them to escape undetected. On another, when they were beset by thirst in the arid plains of Somalia, a spring miraculously appeared, quenching their thirst and renewing their strength.

The Divine Sanctuary

After years of arduous travel and countless trials, the guardians of the Ark finally reached the sacred slopes of Mount Kenya. Here, amidst the mist-shrouded peaks and ancient forests, they found sanctuary for the precious artifacts they had vowed to protect at all costs. In a solemn ceremony steeped in tradition and reverence, the Ark of the Covenant and the Tablets of the Law were entrusted to the earth, their final resting place hidden from prying eyes.

The exact location of the Ark's burial remains a closely guarded secret, known only to a select few entrusted

with its safekeeping. Yet, the presence of these sacred artifacts has imbued Mount Kenya with a profound sense of spiritual significance—a significance that continues to resonate with all who set foot upon its hallowed slopes.

The Guardians of the Legacy

For centuries, the guardians of the Ark have stood watch over Mount Kenya, ensuring that its sacred legacy remains preserved for future generations. Descendants of the ancient seers and priests entrusted with this solemn duty continue to uphold the traditions and rituals passed down through the ages, safeguarding the spiritual heritage of their ancestors.

In an ever-changing world, Mount Kenya remains a beacon of stability and sanctity—a place where the divine presence is felt, and the echoes of ancient wisdom reverberate through the ages. Though the Ark and the Tablets may remain hidden from view, their legacy endures, inspiring awe and reverence in all who dwell in the shadow of the mountain.

The Spiritual Significance of Mount Kenya

Beyond its physical beauty, Mount Kenya holds deep spiritual significance for the people of East Africa and beyond. Revered as the earthly dwelling place of God, known as Ngai Murungu, the mountain serves as a focal point for prayer, meditation, and spiritual reflection.

The indigenous communities surrounding Mount Kenya, including the Kikuyu, Embu, and Meru, have long regarded the mountain as a sacred site, imbued with mystical energy and divine presence. Rituals and ceremonies conducted on its slopes are believed to invoke blessings and spiritual protection, fostering a deep sense of connection to the land and its spiritual heritage.

The Legacy of a Sacred Journey

The journey of the Ark of the Covenant and the Tablets of the Law to Mount Kenya stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith and the resilience of the human spirit. From the ancient lands of Ethiopia to the misty peaks of East Africa, this remarkable odyssey has left an indelible mark on the spiritual landscape of the region, shaping the beliefs and practices of generations to come.

As we gaze upon the majestic slopes of Mount Kenya, let us reflect on the sacred legacy that resides within its depths—the legacy of a journey undertaken in service of the divine, guided by courage, devotion, and unwavering faith. May the spirit of Mount Kenya continue to inspire and uplift all who seek solace and enlightenment in its timeless embrace.

Erick Kamau Kahura, Native Son of Mount Kenya

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Killings Within The Waters As Fishermen Scramble For Space



Fishing is an Economic activity which has been practiced along the shores of Lake Victoria over decades. Many residents living within the villages near Lake Victoria have benefited through this activity of fishing since it has acted as a source of income for most of them. It is an activity which has led to the election of beach leaders and campaigns are always done by the candidates vying for these positions. The elected leaders are in-charge of controlling every activity that takes place along the beaches. Individuals who would wish to join the circle of fishing as fishermen and business persons are required to register as beach members in order to be allowed to do any operation or business activities along the lake shore. It is different from traditional years where individuals were free to just pick their nets, paddle their boats and fish at any point of the lake without being questioned. Today, if you want to be a fisherman within the shores then you go through certain produce of authorization by the beach committee. One has to pay a registration fee and a monthly contribution with a saving to be a member. Again fishing has also been restricted and fishermen have their boundaries or territories they are allowed to do their fishing activities. If in any case you are found casting nets on a territory which you do not belong to then actions are taken against you by the beach leaders and you can be expelled from fishing.

On November 4, 2023, Belsheba a 57 years old woman was on her farm doing her normal morning routine work of weeding before she leaves for the market to sale her farm produce. Belsheba is known for selling fresh vegetables, onions, tomatoes and many other fresh farm products. She looks up un to the sky and realizes that the sun is already high just from the hot rays she is experiencing from her sweating. She calls onto her young granddaughter Akomo, who

was sitting reluctantly weaving the grass so they can leave and go home. As they walk along the path way leading to her homestead she meets her co-wife who they haven't talked over years due to a quarrel over a piece of land their late husband left for them, the woman glance at her once and walk without uttering a word. But does she care? Belsheba arrives in the house and quickly rush in the kitchen to set fire to prepare porridge for breakfast. Just as she washes her pot to place it on the fire her phone rings and she calls on her granddaughter to help her get the phone from the main house. It is a strange number. "I am Mr. Jack Olielo Chief of Arujo ward, you are needed here at my office immediately." Says the caller. Still surprised and wondering about the call, she stopped what she was doing hurriedly wored her shoes as she steps out of the door worried and disturbed on what could be the issue. As she walks to the chief's office which was some few kilometres away from her home, Belsheba asked herself many questions on what could have led to her sermon. Could it be her co-wife who she had met along the way from the farm! Nyachira her co-wife, who was short in height, with a rough dark skin, thin legs and with a sharp striking voice was known of her troubles with everyone in the village. Concerning fights and quarrels was not a problem to her. Belsheba could not join the dots.

Her phone rings again, she struggles to remove her broken buttoned phone from her pocket. Checks on the phone screen to confirm who is calling and receives it thinking that it might be the chief calling again. A voice of a man salutes her and she could hear cries and yelling at the background of the caller. "Are you the mother to Juma, kindly hurry here at Kongiga beach your attention is seriously needed," says the caller as he hangs up. Belsheba gets confused and shocked at the same

time, why all this calls and how did they get my contact? Something must have gone wrong. She gets into a conflict with herself on which place to go first and after battling with her mind she chooses to go to Kongiga beach before going to the Chief's office. She tries to stop a speedy motorbike rider who passes her at a high speed and doesn't realize that a customer has stopped him. She succeeds to get a motorbike and directed the motorbike rider to take her to Kongiga beach.

"Kongiga is a beach which is located in Homabay town along Kisumu- Mbita ring road just next to pier. This is a beach which has been present over years with its major activities being fishing, business purposes and has a larger population participating in the fishing activities. Kongiga beach has officials who are in-charge of every activity which takes place on their shores and also have records of every fisherman and business persons around. They have their chairman, who is the general head and any sensitive information concerning the beach operations must pass through him before a finalised decision is made. These beaches have certain rule and regulations that guide them on how to operate within the waters. One of the rules is that you can only engage in fishing activity within a given space. Each space has their owners and if you are found fishing on a territory which is not yours as a beach member then certain actions are taken against you by your beach officials. Again it can also be risky for a fisherman to cast net on a territory that is not theirs because if caught by the legal owners of that particular space then it could lead to fights and disagreements."

Belsheba could see a group of people from afar distance gathered and crowded on the shore, what could be the problem her mind still not sure of what was going on. Immediately he spots his brother- in law Otiende

hurriedly walking towards her. Otiende had always knocked at her door every single night ever since she lost her husband in persuasion to inherit her. He holds Belsheba's hands walk her towards the crowded direction whispering to her that she should be strong towards the information she is about to receive. Belsheba feels a cold chill as she walks across the crowd to see what awaited her. She couldn't not believe her eyes, there was a body lying helpless on the ground and when she looked closely it was his son Juma. She quickly rushed to confirm if truly it was Juma, and for sure it was him. A loud cry and yelling followed from a poor mother who saw her son for the last time that morning while he was leaving to go fishing. Juma, who was 26 years old left that particular morning with the other fishermen at Kongiga beach to go and fish as their daily routine. Surprisingly they were attacked by fishermen from another beach called Lela insulating that they had invaded their space. This fight which was already planned by their attackers led to the loose of Juma and the other four seriously injured and left in a critical condition. It is surprising that fishermen are killing themselves scrambling for space within the lake shore.

Belsheba wakes up only to realize that she was in an hospital bed, she can't remember how she got their but wishes that all was just a dream. She still can't believe that truly her son is gone and no more. Memories of how she was so close with her son comes to her, she remembers the day Juma spent the entire night with her in the hospital when she was sick. How her little boy was always concern about her well-being and happiness. Tears roll down her chicks as she remembers that she won't see her loving son again. The pain of losing her only child overcomes her emotions, thoughts of how her co-wife who has five disrespectful, indiscipline and abusive sons arise to her. The kind of humiliation she is going to receive from the other family now that she doesn't have a son to defend and protect her when disagreement arises. But immediately she sees Ogwedhi, deep asleep just beside her sick bed, her grandson. She smiles touching his grandson head tenderly, she has hope through

him. Juma who was married had a wife, daughter and a son. Ogwedhi who was the first born was just five years old, tall, dark and had all the looks of his father Juma. Seeing him reminded Belsheba of her son who was now no more.

Immediately the Chief and police officers arrives to talk to her. Madam i am Chief Jackson Olielo, i was the one who called you tgos morning. "We are going to dig into detail towards this case; the culprits must be brought into books." Says the Chief. He continues by narrating that cases of killings within the waters have risen due to limited space of fishing in the lake. He tells how investors have erected cages in the waters denying fishermen freedom of movement hence making fishing very difficult. At a recent interview Robert Omondi Chairman of Kongiga beach reported that things have been going on smoothly within the shores not until the investors erected cages and also "Abuglu" type of fishing was introduced. His reports show that this type of fishing is illegal but most of fishermen tend to practice it hence risking their lives and also going against the law. It is believed that these two beaches, Kongiga and Lela are not in good relationship and this has led to fishermen from both sides fighting and killing themselves when they meet in the waters. Mr. Robert feels that the government should come into aid to stop the frequent deaths in the waters.

Belsheba who was so much interested in what they were discussing, interrupted requested the police to help her get the culprits arrested. That was the only way she could get justice, there was nothing which was going to bring back the life. For vengeance and Karma will catch up with the murderers without any struggle. What she wanted to know was where her son's body was taken for her to start the burial preparations. This was the first time she was going to step back in her compound with the saddest news ever, tears rolls down her eyes uncontrollably. Her grandson looks at her and tries to console her.

*Feature Story
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The Bitter Fruit of Dereliction: How Kenyans Reap What They Sow

“The hand ill nurtured, gnarled and feeble, shakes in the wind withering like a prematurely plucked blossom” - Okot p’Bitek, Song of Lawino



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Worth Noting:

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This scathing indictment from the great Acholi poet mirrors the condition of the Kenyan nation today. A land of immense potential and an indomitable people have been laid asunder by the avaricious machinations of a kakistocracy - a government formed of the worst, least qualified and most self-serving dregs foisted upon the populace. From the soaring heights envisioned by the nation’s founders, we have plunged into an abyss of despondency, destitution and despair wrought by the greed, criminality and dereliction of duty by those entrusted to steer the ship of state.

The lofty ideals and aspirations of the nationalist movements that birthed this republic have been trampled and profaned in the self-aggrandizing stampede of the ruling class. The spirit of Harambee and the promise of an equitable society lie in shards at the feet of the plunderers, the despoilers and the venal vendors of the national interest. This cadre of inept bunglers and avaricious hyenas have put petty self-interest and egomania above the welfare of the 50 million Kenyans subsisting in perpetual penury.

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This systemic and endemic malfeasance has reached such absurd proportions that critical national infrastructure like healthcare and education perpetually teeter on the brink of collapse. Prof. Macharia Munene captures it thus: “The pitiful state of public facilities across all sectors is a haunting indictment of the depravity of those who view public office not as a solemn charge of stewardship but a chance to wildly enrich themselves at the expense of the masses.”

Kenyans have had to contend with dilapidated schools, hospitals without supplies, decaying road networks and non-existent public amenities as the leeches fixate on stripping the nation to the bone. Auditor General reports year after year have laid bare the sheer scale of financial hemorrhaging - where the equivalent of entire county budgets is embezzled and squandered in brazen heists on public coffers. Yet the architects of this economic genocide remain untouched and unchallenged.

As the ravages of corruption and plunder increasingly bite, the silent majorities can no longer remain mute spectators. The empty platitudes, sycophancy and crocodile tears of

the rapacious rulers grate harshly against the existential anguish of the masses. Prof. PLO Lumumba’s blistering critique rings resolute: “Those in the palaces of imperial presidency remain grotesquely out of touch with the quotidian Calvary of the people they continually oppress and impoverish through their untrammelled voracity.”

The nation lies prostrate, a shadow of the promise held at independence. Ngugi wa Thiong’o captured the tragic disillusionment best in his seminal work *A Grain of Wheat* where he portrayed the ideals of the nationalist struggle being steadily eroded and betrayed as “the pockets of the revolutionaries became hollowed by the worms of individual greed.” This is the bitter harvest we reap when we let the insatiable and unprincipled feast unchecked at the trough.

Kenyans must take stock of the path they have allowed the nation to tread and chart a new trajectory. We stand at a critical juncture where the untrammelled mendacity and avarice of the ruling clique risks submerging us into irreversible ruin. The authors of this calamity continue to flaunt their depravity in the face of a long-suffering people.

Veteran satirist Wahome Mutahi’s withering barbs lay bare the farce: “Our ruling has mutated into a grand theatre of the obscene with shameless grafters clowning and strutting like court jesters on a sambaza of pillage and profligacy obliterating the dreams of generations of Kenyans.” The people can no longer remain mute supplicants at the altar of

incompetence and graft.

The people’s dreams of a prosperous, equitable and dignified existence within the tenets of the constitution are being steadily obliterated by the gluttony of the political aristocracy. The choice lies with the beleaguered masses - to either acquiesce into permanent peonage or rise in defiance of the criminal machinations eviscerating the nation. Inertia and complicity will only ensure a bleak future devoured by the hyenas in bespoke suits.

Mugo’s stirring call in *The Crucible* serves as a potent rallying cry: “Those who have carried the yoke of oppression on their bent backs must seize the hour to restore their dignity and humanity. The struggle to overthrow the enemies within must be unrelenting, vigilant and ceaseless.”

The hour beckons. The resilient spirit that saw Kenya through colonialism and oppression must resonate anew. The descendants of the nation’s founders cannot stand impotent as their inheritance is desecrated upon the altars of greed and perfidy. Let the new dawning be of a people emboldened to reclaim their sovereignty from the talons of the insatiable hawks circling over the national carcass.

Past is the age of docile supplication to unconscionable edicts from unbridled basilisks. This must be the era where civic muscle flexes to restore the vision of an equitable, corruption-free Kenya upholding the principles enshrined in the constitution. A renaissance can be birthed from the cinders and ashes of the plunder - but only if the masses find their voice and resolve to extirpate the scourge afflicting the land.

No longer can we mutely wring our hands as our children’s futures are auctioned away by the depraved money-lenders holding the republic’s purse-strings. It is a time for radical and decisive action to defend the dreams for which our forefathers shed blood, sweat and tears. The rapacious phantoms entrenched in public office must be exorcised and consigned to the dunghills from whence they manifested.

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Nyanza Residents Voices Concerns Over Business Permit Renewal Timing

By: PSCU

The requirement for traders to renew their business permits and licenses at the start of the year has been cited by Kisumu residents as a major obstacle for businesses.

These sentiments emerged during a public hearing convened by the Committee on Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives on the County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Bill, 2022. The bill aims to establish standardized licensing procedures across county governments, ensuring consistency and certainty in the licensing processes.

Committee Vice Chairperson Marianne Kitany (Aldai) led the team that collected views from the public on the Bill that also seeks to ensure certainty in the licensing processes in all

the devolved units.

The majority of the stakeholders in their submissions at the event held at the Grace Ogot Social Hall in Kisumu town blamed the rigidity of the requirements for discouraging many people from doing business.

Faridah Salim, Kisumu County Executive Committee Member in charge of Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Marketing, observed that the obligation to renew permits annually on January 1st, regardless of when businesses commenced operations, acts as a significant barrier to trade.

Kitany and committee members acknowledged the punitive nature of the requirement and advocated for a more flexible approach.

They emphasized the need for business-friendly licensing regimes to promote ease of doing business.

“It is sad that, despite over a decade since the inception of devolution, business people continue to encounter



Aldai MP MaryAnne Keitany addressing participants in Kisumu City yesterday

challenges with licensing and taxation. As a nation and as counties, we must strive for more business-friendly

licensing regimes to enhance the ease of doing business,” she stated. She assured the public that the committee would carefully consider all concerns raised during the hearing.

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Today's Guidance

By: Dipa Sharma

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

During a major transitional period in your life, you face various changes and upheavals. The universe might remove things that no longer serve you, whether you're prepared for it or not. These changes touch upon your career, relationships, and finances, offering insights and answers to your questions. This time allows you to clarify your principles and convictions, aligning them with who you truly are. It's a time about decisions or choices, figuring out who you are and what your philosophy

is. Embracing this period of transition, despite its challenges, can lead to profound self-discovery and empowerment, making you stronger and wiser in the end.

What lesson you will learn?

The lesson you'll learn is all about embracing your inner child and believing in the idea that anything is possible. It's about tapping into your creative and expressive side and exploring a different part of yourself. Maybe you'll decide to try something new, like taking an art class or reading about expressing emotions. You might even discover hidden talents you never knew you had, like psychic abilities. During this time, you'll notice yourself being moved by little things and getting lost in daydreams. Most importantly, you'll realize the importance of not being afraid to show your emotions to the world.

Who will support you?

You'll find support from a woman who embodies sophistication and femininity. She's kind-hearted, often well-off or financially stable, and enjoys the finer things in life. This lady is successful in her career and has a

great social standing. She's friendly, reliable, and composed in public, with a knack for staying organized and level-headed. She might be a successful businesswoman herself, bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table if she becomes your strategic partner. Alternatively, she could simply be someone in your life who supports you in your professional or business endeavors. Either way, she'll be there to lend a helping hand and cheer you on.

What should you do during this time?

During this time, it's important to focus on giving back and helping others in any way you can. You can do this by donating to charity, giving a portion of your income or participating in fundraisers. The joy that comes from making a positive impact on someone else's life is truly wonderful. Even if you don't have a lot of money to spare, you can still give your time, effort, compassion, and encouragement to those in need. Sometimes, simply being there for someone and offering a listening ear or wise advice can be just as valuable as giving money or material goods.

Your presence and support can make a big difference in someone's life, and it's often greatly appreciated. So, during this time, focus on giving back and spreading kindness wherever you can.

What you need to remember?

It's crucial to remember that staying stuck in a stalemate or avoiding making tough decisions won't get you anywhere in life. If you find yourself sitting on the fence or trying to dodge a difficult or painful choice, you won't be able to reach your goals. Facing your fears head-on is essential for progress. Being torn between two options, whether they're relationships, loyalties, situations, or people, won't earn you the trust of others. It's like being caught in the middle of a disagreement and trying to play peacemaker between opposing sides. The feeling of being stuck in the middle can also lead to blocking out emotions, denying reality, and being unable or unwilling to see the truth of a situation. So, remember, avoiding decisions or staying neutral won't lead you forward; instead, confront your fears and make the choices necessary for growth and progress.

What will you gain from this?

From this, you're likely to gain a successful career, make wise choices with your money, have a stable and comfortable home life, and possibly even find a loving and long-lasting relationship. Your dedication and effort will pay off, leading to financial stability and the ability to share your wealth with others. This situation assures you that everything will turn out well in the end, and you'll feel satisfied with all you've achieved. It gives you a sense of stability and sets a strong foundation for future prosperity.

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Why Are You Facing This Time?

Relief For Meru County As Partners Mark Significant Milestones In Fighting Diabetes

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Some of the stakeholders in a group photo.

Worth Noting:

- Head of Global Commercial Organisation Roche Diabetes Care Pedro Goncalves told journalists that Roche believes in partnering with the local community to create sustainable solutions to address the healthcare needs of the countries where they operate.

- “We are incredibly proud of the Mwanga Access Programme which focuses on creating a holistic care community empowerment programme to enable improved outcomes and continued support. Along with our partners NCD Alliance Kenya and Medtronic Labs, we are committed to supporting this initiative to improve access to diabetes care for people living with diabetes in Meru County and Kenya,” said Mr Goncalves.

The fight against diabetes in Meru County has received a boost through an intervention of Roche Diabetes Care, Medtronic labs, and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Alliance Kenya in partnership with the county government through an initiative known as the Mwanga Access programme

Through the programme, remarkable milestones have been achieved including the screening of more than 18,000 people for diabetes and training of more than 200 individuals in diabetes management since its launch in November 2022.

The Mwanga programme aims to reach 35,000 individuals by December 2024, bringing them under preventive and early intervention measures.

The programme was initiated at a critical juncture given the prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes in Kenya: 4.0 percent and 15.1 percent, respectively, for adults aged 20-79.

Additionally, an estimated 5,300 children and adolescents are living with type 1 diabetes in the country.

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Of the 18000 screened, the programme has already enrolled 1,475 patients in its care programme, with 539 confirmed as diabetic.

Mr Goncalves added that the robust digital tracking mechanism has achieved an impressive 46.1 percent follow-up rate and a 51.9 percent glycemic control rate for those found to have diabetes, demonstrating the programme’s effectiveness in ensuring continuous patient engagement and improved outcomes.

He added that the programme will continue to provide diabetes screening and monitoring equipment and reagents to health facilities, support groups, and community health workers to continue fighting the disease.

“To increase the efficiency of health care systems, Mr Goncalves added, the programme has also successfully built a robust and sustainable model

of a community where 60 healthcare professionals including medical officers, clinical officers, pharmacists, nutritionists, and nurses were trained on comprehensive diabetes care.

Additionally, 20 health records and information officers were trained on data capturing and presentation, and 106 community health promoters (CHPs) on basic screening, patient enrolment, follow-up, and referral to the link facilities.

The programme has also ensured that 22 people living with diabetes and hypertension were trained in advocacy and public participation skills advocated for effective NCD prevention and control and increased NCD budgetary allocation at the County level.

NCD Alliance Kenya Executive Director Ms Catherine Karekezi said the Mwanga Access Programme exemplifies an innovative public-private partnership designed to address the gaps in diabetes management in Meru County.

“The programme’s success highlights the importance of early detection, accessible care, and ongoing support for persons living with diabetes. We commend the commitment of all stakeholders in making this program a success and look forward to further expanding its reach and impact,” said Ms Karekezi

She added that the programme

utilises a community-driven comprehensive approach, involving healthcare professionals trained in comprehensive diabetes management, and community health promoters (CHPs), who screen and enroll patients and connect them to linked healthcare facilities.

Head of Business Development and Partnerships Lead Africa, Medtronic LABS Mr Eric Angula noted that the collaboration and dedication of all partners involved in the Mwanga Access Program have been instrumental in its success.

“The integration of digital infrastructure has enabled a robust enrolment and tracking of patients leading to the achievement of an impressive follow-up rate and glycaemic control rate, demonstrating the programme’s effectiveness in ensuring continuous patient engagement and improved health outcomes,” said Mr Angula.

He said that the Programme’s dedication to tackling diabetes in Meru County serves as a powerful testament to the potential of collaborative efforts in improving public health outcomes adding that as the program continues its journey, it paves the way for a future where communities are empowered.

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Hansard Reporters Seek To Harness Artificial Intelligence To Enhance Efficiency

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The Hansard Association of Kenya (HAK) has announced plans of tapping and leveraging the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance efficiency in producing timely and accurate records of parliamentary proceedings.

The association which brings members of Hansard reporters from both the National

Parliament and County Assemblies termed the adoption of AI as a necessity to complement their work by enhancing the quality of records and their performance.

According to Serah Kioko, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Hansard reports have for year's strengthened accountability and transparency of legislative arms of government by capturing accurate records of parliamentary proceedings.

Ms Kioko said the integration of AI in the operations of Hansard departments will make work more efficient and allow for timely production of reports for consumption by the legislatures and other consumers such as Judiciary and civil societies.

The clerk emphasised that Artificial Intelligence will enable and ease the recording, transcription, translations, summarising and writing of Hansard reports of both a sitting of parliament or committee proceedings.

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Serah Kioko, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly addressing County Heads of Hansard departments during the 6th Hansard Association of Kenya Annual Conference in Naivasha..

human resources and therefore not a threat to replacing the personnel," said Kioko.

According to Dennis Mutui, the clerk at Machakos County Assembly, the Hansard departments at the counties have been plagued by lack of modern equipment, inadequate funding and low staffing that have hampered their work.

Mutui however lauded the strides made in anchoring Hansard as core part of proceedings of county assem-

blies which he noted have enhanced accountability and transparency in matters transacted at the houses.

Mutui who was representing the Society of Clerks at the Table in Kenyan Legislatures [SOCATT-Kenya] said County Assemblies will henceforth broadcast live proceedings to ensure electorates follow their oversight and budget making processes.

He at the same time called for regular training of Hansard reports and

editors in the age of AI that seeks to produce timely quality reports during the proceedings of legislatures.

On his part, Hansard Association of Kenya President George Wanjoko said they are engaging relevant government agencies to have the association registered which he said will enable lobbying for more funds to enhance hansard reports.

"Adoption of AI in Hansard reporting will provide timely and accurate records of legislatures as well as enhancing accountability and transparency," said Wanjoko.

According to Res Ndilai, a member of the Association, the conference will enable participants to share ideas and unlock gridlocks on language use, publication of Hansard records as well as the integrations of new technologies in their operations.

Ms Ndilai at the same time called for development of common Hansard policy that will guide the operations of Hansard departments and personnel at both the National Parliament and County Assemblies.

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Ms Serah Kioko with some of the Hansard Reporters.

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CAF-FKF Club Licensing Workshop Kicks Off In Earnest



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This workshop, tailored for both the men and women leagues in the country, marks a crucial step in the quest for elevating the quality and sustainability of football clubs across Kenya.

Speaking at the opening ceremony at a Nairobi hotel, Football Kenya Federation President Nick Mwendwa said that the initiative was aimed at ensuring that all clubs playing in different leagues meet the required standards.

“This is aimed to ensure that whatever clubs are playing in the league have a proper standard and organization. This is about professionalizing your club to a level that it is a proper organization.” Said Mwendwa.

He added that good investment

is important for Football Kenya Federation to ensure adherence to club licensing standards.

“You cannot do this without the right investment in place. Our clubs should go out and look for other investments to supplement and increase the investments as we move on.” He added.

On his side, Confederation of African Football (CAF) representative Emmanuel Dasoberi underscored the initiative’s importance in instilling professionalism in the game.

“This is important as it outlines the minimum standards that have been set that each club is supposed to meet. It is geared to make the clubs to operate at a level worth professional.” Said Dasoberi.

The workshop’s curtains will fall on the 4th of April, 2024, with representatives of FKF Premier League and National Super League clubs set to attend.

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MotoGP: F1 Owner Liberty Media Buys Series In Deal Valued At 3.6bn



GASGAS Factory Racing Tech3 Team's German rider Jonas Folger sits in his box during the free practice for the MotoGP German motorcycle Grand Prix at the Sachsenring racing circuit in Hohenstein-Ernstthal near Chemnitz, eastern Germany, on June 17, 2023. (Photo by Ronny Hartmann / AFP).

By Agencies

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The US media conglomerate, which took control of F1 in 2017, has purchased the motorbike series from Spanish company Dorna Sports, which has owned MotoGP since 1992.

The deal will see Liberty acquire about 86% of Dorna, with Dorna's management retaining the rest of

the business.

It is expected to be officially completed by the end of the year.

Greg Maffei, Liberty Media president and chief executive officer, said the company was "thrilled" to be expanding its live sports portfolio.

He added: "MotoGP is a global league with a loyal, enthusiastic fan base, captivating racing and a highly cash flow generative financial profile.

"The business has significant up-

side, and we intend to grow the sport for MotoGP fans, teams, commercial partners and our shareholders."

Dorna chief executive officer Carmelo Ezpeleta said Liberty has an "incredible track record in developing sports assets".

"We are proud of the global sport we've grown, and this transaction is a testament to the value of the sport today and its growth potential," Ezpeleta added.

The first MotoGP season took

place in 1949 with just six rounds of racing but has now grown into 20-grands prix campaign, covering five continents.

Spanish rider Jorge Martin is top of this year's championship on 60 points followed by Brad Binder of South Africa on 42 points.

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Information For Youth Education Effects Of The System



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Annotation: current globalization of the rapid development of information media. The negative effect on the education of the youth

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THEIR PREVENTION

Currently, there is a wave of negative information in the world community the debate is getting more and more intense. "What information do I need?"

Is it okay if I rely?", "Who is right and who is wrong?" such questions are free it is manifested in a different way in front of every citizen who strives towards society. At the same time, geopolitical centers are taking over the world of information it is also important that we do not forget what actions he does not back down from. The process of public information itself is often a purely technological process despite being evaluated as such; in essence, it is deeply social process is also considered.

In today's world, scientific discoveries, huge technical opportunities, universal technologies, globalization of information distribution, that is, the process of occupying the entire Kurrai land by them is growing rapidly is going For example, information exchange through the Internet system, therefore, opportunities for ideological influence are expanding more and more.

In fact, globalization in the field of information is for society, the whole world for the interaction of people in their places, science and cultural resources is a process that creates opportunities for mastery. But information we must not forget that there are negative aspects of globalization.

One by one ideas emerging in a region or country are quickly distributed to the whole world spreading. In such a situation, he is strong in his independent opinion, firm belief. A person who does not have a will and a worldview is sometimes open and sometimes hidden cannot withstand the ideological pressures that are manifested in appearance.

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ternet. Various the functioning of social networks, forums, and dating sites for young people to himself attraction is doing, especially, mobile from the internet users.

The growing audience is open to receiving information of various contents chance by creating is giving. It should be said that currently there are 1294 mass media in our country media, about 160 of them are newspapers and magazines. 200 more than 30% of the website covers children and youth directed. In particular, in the direction of youth policy, "Youth" and "Sport" TV channels, "ZiyoNET" youth information portal on the Internet, 2863 information resource centers have been established, the number of Internet users is 10 about a million and most of them are young people. According to statistics, Today, the number of Internet users worldwide is 2.4

It was reported that it reached billion. As you can see from the numbers, it is public development of information communications, according to the scale, with time is breathing. Most of the young people spend their free time, even education he also spends his time in institutions in internet clubs. As a result, the Internet is becoming only a world of games for them.

In addition, promoting easy ways to commit suicide on the Internet. The existence of more than 9,000 sites is a concern for many.

As a result, many countries now use the Internet classes began to be included in the school program as optional. This too can be shown as a unique way to fight against griffing. After all, children are taken from the Internet through optional classes will be taught to verify the truthfulness and correctness of the information. Such lessons are essential, especially for teenagers. In addition to griffing on the Internet . There are several other risks, especially for teenagers. Even The internet is rumored to be the plague of the 21st century.

American with 70% of free time of schoolchildren turning to the Internet while they are busy. And 80 percent of students turn to the Internet they spend their time on various entertainment programs and computer games it is. As a result of this, many teenagers experience nervousness and moral disorder cases are increasing.

After all, this is the future of the nation does it not indicate his conviction? The same situation is ours , it can also happen to our people. It is widely used abroad movies, fashion, various advertisements through the minds of young people it is not difficult to notice that it is being taken.

As a result, a book among young people computer games rather than reading it is customary to spend time in front of it entering Undoubtedly, the Internet is knowledge and great for getting the information you need

creates opportunities, but to the network of large size to be placed all the information is reliable and not useful. Users determine the accuracy of the information critical thinking to know while being required to have the ability to if this aspect is on the Internet, and then even to children who think rightly is relevant.

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