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Omtatah Files Urgent Bid To Stop Parliament From Considering Finance Bill

By: Sharon Resian

Worth Noting:

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The petitioners said it is both unlawful and unconstitutional that the Finance Bill 2024 is based on the FY 2024/2025 budget estimates submitted to the National Assembly on April 30.

They said it is only after the F/Y 2024/2025 budget estimates of revenue and expenditure have been considered and enacted in law, with public participation through the Appropriations Act, 2024, that the Finance Bill, 2024, can constitutionally, lawfully, and logically be published and processed into law, to become the Finance Act, 2024.

3-judge bench

The two seek to have the matter referred to Chief Justice Martha Koome to form a bench that will determine the matter which they argue raises substantial questions of law.

“Unless this court intervenes, there is no remedy when the legislative process is complete and the unlawful conduct in the course of the legislative process will by then have achieved its object especially because every statute enjoys the presumption of constitutionality,” read the court papers.

Finance Bill 2024 published on May 9, is undergoing public participation proposing a wide array of tax and administrative measures that will affect different tax laws.

Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning Njuguna Ndung'u submitted the proposal to Parliament in an ambitious plan to enhance revenue-raising measures.

“The proposed legislation contains proposals relating to revenue-raising measures, including liability to and collection of taxes. The Bill also amends other pieces of legislation relating to fees, lev-

ies and management of public funds,” he stated.

The proposed law seeks to amend the Income Tax Act (Cap. 470), the Value Added Tax Act (Cap. 476), the Excise Duty Act (Cap. 472), the Tax Procedures Act (Cap. 469B), and the Miscellaneous Fees and Levies Act (Cap. 469C).

The Finance Bill 2024 also seeks to introduce an annual wealth tax payable during motor vehicle insurance cover acquisition.

Set at a minimum of Sh5,000 and a maximum of Sh100,000, the levy will be 2.5 percent of the vehicle's value.

It also proposes 16 percent VAT on bread, which will see the price of the commodity skyrocket. The change could see bread prices, currently VAT zero-rated, go up by at least Sh10.

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The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) Commissioner, Hadija Juma, has revealed that the 47 counties have the potential to collect up to Sh216 billion. However, in the last financial year, the counties only collected Sh45 billion, highlighting the need to take the counties through all their revenue streams and show them how they can achieve their potential own source revenue targets. The study by CRA estimated that Uasin Gishu County could collect Sh2,774,980,522 per year from various revenue streams, including hospital and public health services fees (21%), trading licensing fees (18%), parking fees (11%), property rates (9%), natural resources transportation fees (6%), agricultural resources transportation fees (6%), and other streams (21%). The commission encouraged county governments to link revenue collection to service delivery, as citizens will appreciate the use of fees paid for services like water and access roads. Uasin Gishu Governor Chelilim commended the commission for the study on its own source of revenue collection, noting that they are ready to bolster revenue collection streams to deliver services to the citizens, especially as the county becomes a city with an increasing urban population.



Detectives from the Anti-Narcotics Unit (ANU) Busia, have arrested two suspected drug traffickers and seized three bales of bhang stashed in backpacks believed to have been destined for the capital, Nairobi. Ferdinand Wanjero, 29, and Daniel Juma Mwadimwa, 26, were arrested following information from members of the public that two men were spotted at the bustling Busia bus station, preparing to board a Climax bus bound for Nairobi, carrying suspected narcotics in their bags. Anti-narcotics officers responded swiftly and managed to arrest the two, and upon thorough search discovered the 12kg of cannabis sativa with an approximate street value of Sh360,000. Legal processes have been initiated against the duo.



The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) team sensitised senior county officials of Uasin Gishu County on ways to enhance their own source revenue streams, Eldoret, Uasin Gishu on Tuesday.

Former Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Innovation Principal Secretary (PS) Jerome Ochieng was put to task to explain why he accepted a nomination for a county job (County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing, and Urban Planning) after a stint at the helm of a senior national government docket. Market Milimani Ward MCA Seth Kanga asked, "Why are you opting to take up a lesser job than your previous position, yet we know civil servants move on an upward trajectory?" Jerome told the vetting committee that his decision to accept the offer was based on his desire to serve the public, not necessarily the salary and portfolio. adding that, "I describe myself as a career civil servant, and my focus is on service delivery. Even when I was PS, I made sure that we got projects that were of benefit to the people," he said. He told the vetting committee that his desire is to serve the government, saying, "I have had opportunities to get a higher salary in the private sector, but I declined because of my desire to serve the government.I still have the energy to serve." If cleared by the committee to take over the docket, the former PS said his first assignment would be to operationalize the new municipalities established by the county government. The new municipalities, which include Maseno, Ahero, Katito, and Muhoroni, he said, shall be upgraded with the necessary infrastructure put in place to enhance service delivery. He added that top on his agenda is to digitize operations and the land docket to ensure that members of the public have easy access to county government services.



The Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Services (KUCCPS) says 134,743 students are poised to join public universities.

Speaking during the release of the placement report for the 2023 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidates, the agency's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Agnes Wahome said 18,558 students have been placed in private universities.

11,991 students who had met the threshold for joining university opted to pursue diplomas.

Every year, the placement agency announces the opening of its online application system for candidates aspiring to join institutions of higher learning.

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Kenya Breaks Silence On Sunday's Coup Attempt In DRC

By: Capital Correspondent



Worth Noting:

- “Any action aimed at the forceful removal of a democratically elected government [is] flagrant contravention of the norms ascribed to by all peace-loving Nations under the framework of the Constitutive Act of the African Union,” Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Sing’Oei, accompanying President William Ruto on a State Visit to the US, stated.
- ICGLR had commended DRC forces in its statement earlier on Wednesday, praising them for defending the rule of law.



Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Sing’Oei/FILE.

Kenya has condemned Sunday’s coup attempt in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) terming it a violation of established norms.

Nairobi voiced its condemnation while endorsing a statement by the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), a twelve-member peace and security league including most of EAC Member States.

“We join ICGLR in condemning the coup attempt in the Democratic Republic of Congo,” Kenya’s Foreign Office said on Wednesday.

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“ICGLR commends the defence forces and the people of DRC for standing up for democracy and the rule of law,” the bloc stated.

“As ICGLR, we strongly believe that the people of the DRC deserve to live in

peace and have their democratic institutions respected,” ICGLR Executive

Secretary, Amb. João Samuel Caholo, said in a statement issued from Bujumbura.

Christian Malanga

The coup attempt unfolded a day after President Felix Tshisekedi postponed a scheduled election for DR Congo’s Speaker of Parliament.

The Congolese army, which took credit for foiling the coup, said it had killed the coup leader and made about fifty arrests. Those detained included three US citizens.

Congo named Christian Malanga, a US-based Congolese politician, as the leader of the attempted coup.

News agencies reported gunfire in the early hours of Sunday as armed groups

targeted Palais de la Nation, Tshisekedi’s official residence, in Kinshasa.

Another group launched a parallel attack at the home of Vital Kamerhe, a lawmaker tipped to become Speaker.

Malanga, who DRC accused of a similar coup attempt in 2017, had accused Tshisekedi of derailing the country in live-streamed remarks on Sunday calling for a “New Zaire”.

“We, the militants, are tired. We cannot drag on with Tshisekedi and Kamerhe, they have done too many stupid things in this country,” he stated.

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National Standards Council Chairman Assures Of Government's Commitment To Consumer Safety

By: MKT Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- The Chairman who was accompanied by the ISO/COPOLCO Acting Chair Eunsook Moon, said it was crucial however that even as the regulatory framework was strengthened, the importance of standards as a solution to consumer protection is prioritized.
- “Standards play a very important role in consumer protection by ensuring quality, safety and reliability of products and services. It is through standards that we're able to establish benchmarks for product quality and safety, and where recourse can be obtained in the event of harm caused by products that fail to meet applicable standards,” he observed.



The Chairman of the National Standards Council (NSC) Anthony M. Munyiri has affirmed the government's commitment towards consumer protection and safety through establishment of the right standardization infrastructure.

Munyiri, who was officially opening the 45th International Organization for Standards (ISO) Committee on Consumer Policy (ISO/COPOLCO) Plenary meeting in Nairobi this morning, stated that standards had assumed grave importance especially considering the myriad challenges that consumers face today.

The chairman, whose Council oversees the policy direction of the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), said standards provide a foundation of safety and reliability and are vital in building consumer confidence while enabling emerging technologies to flourish.

He assured the Plenary that the Kenya government has prioritized standardization not only as a key driver for industrial growth as set out in the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, but also as an important component in ensuring consumers are protected from harmful products and practices.

Munyiri said Kenya had put in place the right regulatory framework

to guarantee consumer protection through the Consumer Protection Act 2012 (No. 46 of 2012) prohibits unfair trade practices and false and misleading advertisement while setting out rights and obligations respecting specific consumer agreements.

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Munyiri said the KEBS, as the national standards body, has a mandate to implement and enforce standards pivotal for quality, safety and efficiency. KEBS is also responsible for issuing quality certification marks like the S-Mark to indicate that a product meets quality standards as a way of helping consumers identify safe and reliable products.

KEBS Managing Director Esther

Ngari, in a speech read on her behalf by the organization's Director for Quality Assurance and Inspection Dr. Geoffrey Muriira said KEBS plays an important role in providing standardization, metrology and conformity assessment solutions for sustainable development in the country. The Managing Director said the organization's mission is to enhance the quality of life, protect consumers and promote trade, industry and innovation through rigorous quality control mechanism. Ngari said even as KEBS establishes and enforces adherence to standards, it was imperative that manufacturers produce goods that meet set benchmarks.

She called for closer cooperation within the ISO community to develop stronger, better and more consumer-focused relationships, and to enhance communication with consumers to help them make informed and confident decisions.

The ISO/COPOLCO Acting Chair, Eunsook Moon, in her speech called for consumers to be given more say in global trade matters, noting that despite constituting the largest economic group, consumers were rarely consulted on important global matters, especially those relating to standardization.

Moon observed that consumers

made up 70 percent of all global spending and hence cannot be ignored whenever important decisions relating to consumption and trade are concerned.

The 3-day Plenary is being hosted by KEBS is being attended physically by participants from 36 countries who are members of ISO and seeks to explore how standards can support sustainable trade alternatives and the role standards can play in promoting the circular economy. The Plenary, which is themed, Building circularity into sustainable trade, Standards as solutions in consumer protection, will explore examples of good practice and demonstrate how promoting and implementing standards can help national economies set up programs to reduce waste and help consumers make sustainable choices.

It will also consider ways for consumers to be informed about circular processes in manufacture and reuse of materials and goods through awareness-raising. The plenary will at the same time review the relevance of marks or labels in circularity claims and whether there is an opportunity for new standards work in the area.

KPLC Meets Scrap Metal Council And COFEK To Address Vandalism Of Power Infrastructure

By: Sharon Otieno
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Worth Noting:

- The CEO was speaking during a press conference with Consumers Federation of Kenya and Scrap Metal Council on eradicating vandalism of national infrastructure among them transformers and metals on Wednesday at a Nairobi hotel.
- Siror said that the nature in which the vandalism crimes were committed was troubling, and required stakeholders to join hands to eliminate it and make the country a convenient place to do business.
- Eng. Siror said that the challenge in combating the menace lies in far reaching consequences, and that the implementation of the Energy Act of 2019 has been an avenue for most future actions.



Kenya Power, Consumers Federation of Kenya (COFEK) and Scrap Metal Council have agreed to implement policies against vandalism of the infrastructure among them transformers and metals.

Kenya Power Chief Executive Officer Eng. Joseph Siror said the company would work together with other institutions, energy sectors and members of public in order to eradicate vandalism of energy equipment to enable every citizen to get affordable and reliable power for their livelihood.

Siror said power plays a crucial role in everything that people do and KPLC would not condone incidences of vandalism which inconvenience customers and risk both human and animal lives as they leave power infrastructure exposed leading to the possibility of electrocution.

He added the sectors that solely depended on power without backup such as the high dependency and intensive care units increased the cost of doing business, risked widespread power outages, compromised law and order leading to loss of foreign investments among other negative effects.

Citing the impact of power outage and vandalism, the CEO in the year 2023 was some 365 transformers worth Sh328 million were lost while

this year, a total of 78 transformers have been vandalized, adding that the loss of the transformers would make the company incur high costs of installing new ones.

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“Criminals tampering with electricity supply installations, damage of street lights and power installations will attract a fine of Sh5million or 5 years’ imprisonment,” he warned.

He added that the Energy Act not only addresses vandalism but also protects shared resources as a collective responsibility and commended the Judiciary for supporting the sector.

He revealed that in the year 2022 and 2024, KPLC has had 12 suc-

cessful convictions where the culprits have been sentenced to serve jail terms while 166 cases were pending in courts. He hoped the cases would be expedited soon as this would minimize vandalism.

“We have embarked on initiatives including collaborative partnerships with law enforcement agents who include the National Police Service, National Intelligence Service, Directorate of Criminal Investigations and National Government Administration Officers,” he revealed.

Eng. Siror at the same time stated that the partnership has enabled KPLC recover at least 1,178 electricity handles between the year 2022 and 2024 and to protect the safety of transformers unit based on channel installation.

“We have also enhanced our patrols and surveillance on road scrap metal divas while working with the community,” he said adding that the Company would collaborate with stakeholders in metal industry to transition from a reactive response mechanism to a protective response.

He stated that destruction of infrastructure, particularly transformers should be denounced by everyone since it is a crime against all Kenyans.

The CEO said for the country to have reliable electricity, the export of copper should be banned, noting

that in the year 2023, Kenya exported copper waste and scrap worth Sh6.7 billion yet it does not produce the same.

“By failing to protect our infrastructural assets, we are collectively digging ourselves into a big problem since the process will be recovered from customers or taxpayers through increased tariffs and taxes,” he reminded Kenyans.

In his remarks, the Secretary General Consumers Federation of Kenya Stephen Mutoro noted that the cost of vandalism has inconvenienced the citizenry as it has caused power outages, affected water supply and cut off railway lines among others.

“As COFEK, we believe in creating solutions, the problem has been focused on the supply side. It is a high time to shift the burden from the supply side and demand side,” he said.

Mutoro urged the government and private sectors to come up with a policy that would form the community policing against vandalism, adding that the policy was vital as intelligence cannot be shared through community policing without a policy.

The Spirit Knows How To Get Victory



By: Eric Musa

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The devil cannot stand against God's power. And remember: Where the devil has been before and done damage, he will try to come back. If you are cured of alcoholism, but you used to love whiskey, the same demon will return and again and try to tempt you to just take one drink. He will tempt you with the sin that he knows is your weakness. I admire anyone delivered from the world of society. I know what social drinking is like. It is not easy to get delivered from all of that. I made up my mind I would not go back into that kind of life after I got saved, it is costly but worth it.

Pastor Hayes gives his testimony: "Some people will not give up the world of cocktails and social

life because they want to be with the "big shots." Porterhouse steaks, cocktails, and dirty jokes—that's what I was delivered from (not the steaks, but the rest of it). PRAYING IN TONGUES WILL KEEP YOU STRONG ENOUGH IN GOD that the devil cannot drag you back."

The things you cannot figure out, call out to God and pray in tongues. The Spirit of God knows how to get victory in every instance. If you will let Him come through you and pray in tongues, He knows how to get the will of God in every situation. You can be sick in any form or fashion, and the prayer of faith in Jesus' name will get you your healing.

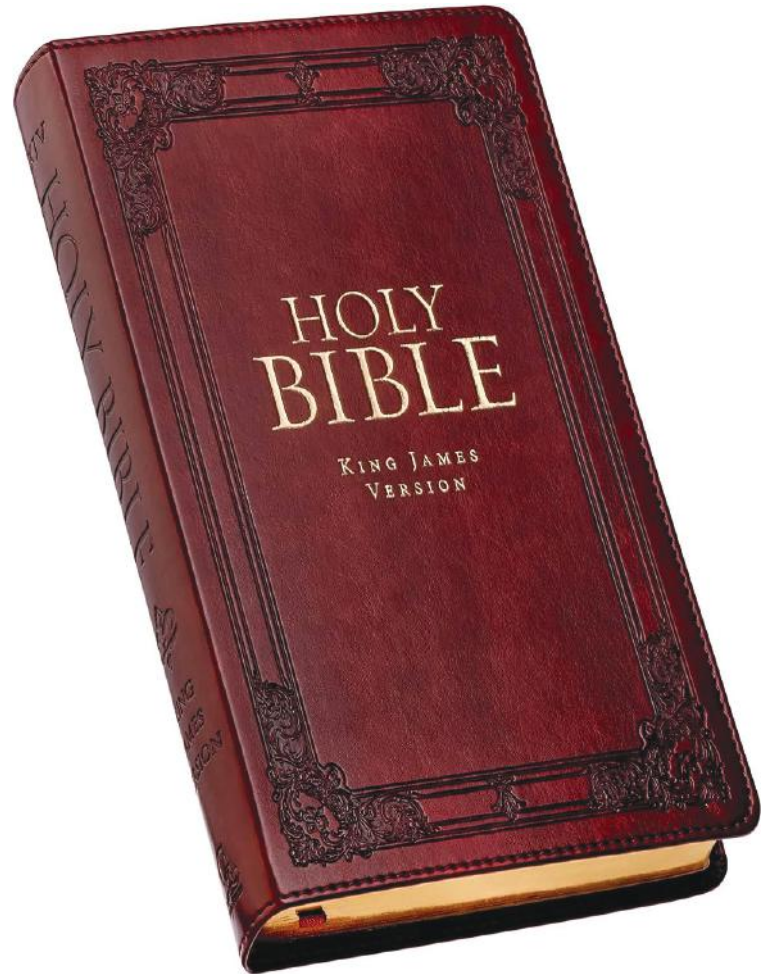
The Bible is more powerful than Satan and all of his demons. The devil cannot stand against the Word of God. The Word will put the devil on the run. The Word will bring the presence of the Holy Spirit onto a person, and when His presence goes on a person, the devil has to leave. The Word of God is powerful enough to set free the demon possessed. The Word of God is powerful enough to heal the sick. His Word will never

fail. His Word is not weak; it is strong and powerful. The Word of God will set people free.

HALELUJAH: PRAISE BE TO THE HIGH GOD FOREVER : AMEN.

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.



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Ruto Assures Kenyans Living In US That Cartels Behind Fake Fertilizer Will Face Full Force Of Law



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Worth Noting:

- The procurement and distribution of subsidized fertilizer to farmers was one of key pillars of United Democratic Alliance (UDA).
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President William Ruto .

President William Ruto is currently in the United State of America (USA) for a state visit.

This visit coincides with 60 years of diplomatic relations between Kenya and America.

Before sending out the invitation, his host, President Joe Biden is reported to have called Dr Ruto.

They discussed the agenda and agreed on the issues that will feature during the bilateral talk.

Since his arrival in the US, President Ruto has met chief executive officers of big companies and industries.

Kenya is poised to reap big. He has so far witnessed the signing of lucrative deals and agreements by members of the Kenyan delegation and top officials of US Centers for Disease Controls (CDC) and giant Coca Cola Company.

During a meeting with Kenyans residing in US, the issue of fake fertilizer came up.

A Kenyan working in New York told him that he lost Sh200,000. I'm a farmer in Narok Kenya and I grow wheat.

I did not know the National Cereal and Produce Board (NCPB) was selling stones to the farmers.

Mr President, I request you to help me recover the money.

In a swift response, the President told him. The government has compensated all those who received fake fertilizers.

We have supplied to them free of charge the number of bags commensurate to the number they had bought.

We are going to do the same to you.

Having said this, I want assure all of you that my government was taking this matter very seriously.

You heard me saying that the heads will start to roll immediately.

The director and top managers of NCPB have already been arrested and arraigned in court.

I want to assure you that they will face the full force of law.

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The farmers were upbeat as high price of a key farm input was beyond the reach of most of them.

This did not only have negative impact on their livelihoods as they could not produce enough but it was also a serious drawback to the growth of our economy.

As we know, agriculture is the backbone of our economy, Dr Ruto stated.

So, our focus is to move away from subsidizing consumption and instead re-direct our resources towards boosting production.

If we produce enough, we shall do away with the shame and indignity of hunger.

Our economy will also grow because it will be driven by a human resource capital that is health and energetic.

At one point some farmers had lodged complaints that they were yet to receive brands of fertilizer whose prices had been reduced. Who had slept on the job? Could it turn out that some of state officials were out to derail or sabotage Dr Ruto's agenda?

By now, one would have expected the price of the fertilizer to have been adjusted to reflect the new price?

The Ministry of Agriculture had come on spotlight because the National Cereal and Produce Board (NCPB) is one of its key dockets.

The farmers from North Rift who spoke with the media stated. A number of NCPB depots have already received the stock.

The management's hands are however tied. They cannot sell the input to us because they are yet to receive a new written directive reflecting the new price.

As we know, the short rains are about to start. So, further delays in release of the fertilizer mean the production would be hurt. This would translate to a drastic drop in harvest. But President Ruto intervened immediately and the matter

was sorted out.

As of his commitment to fulfill the pre-election promises he made to the people of Kenya, President Ruto recently presided over an all important function at State House Nairobi.

Attended by cabinet secretaries (CSs), Principal Secretaries (PSs) and other top government officials, he witnessed each signing a performance contract.

In his brief speech, a tough talking President told them that he expected each one of them to undertake the mandate he had assigned him effectively and professionally.

You have been employed by the people of Kenya. You owes allegiance to them. You must serve them. One of your key assignments is to visit them and listen to their plight and grievances.

He reiterated that he will not entertain any excuse. If you fail to deliver, you will see me in true colors. I will not allow you to let me down.

There are so many qualified Kenyans who can do that job and in a way that would satisfy the public.

As the President, I'm also being monitored and watched by the citizens.

Come 2027 polls, they will look at my score-card. They will renew my contract if they are satisfied with my work. I have no doubt that they will do this.

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Worth Noting:

- Social class differences have also been found in research on achievement, independence and conformity. Rosen (1956) found that the middle class parents emphasise independence in early childhood, expect good school performance and have a greater belief in the possibility of success than the parents from the working-class.
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Another significant fact about modern life is that children are treated as equals by the parents. When children are treated as "little ones," they continue to be immature. But when they are treated as equals, in adult-like fashion, they mature earlier. They get a sense of responsibility. Their 'self-images' become different. They look upon themselves as "grown-ups" and behave like "grown-ups". When their questions are answered by the parents in a serious manner they can develop self-respect. However, this is not the way in which children are treated in the traditional, agricultural society. They are looked upon as little children who are not taken seriously. Such an outlook on the part of the parents will not help the children to develop self-respect. Reference may now be made to studies regarding social class and parental values. Kohn (1959) found that parents of all classes shared certain values; they said that their children should be honest, happy, considerate, obedient and dependable. However, he also found differences in parental values depending upon the social class to which the parents belonged. Middle-class parents emphasised honesty, self-control, consideration and curiosity. The working-class parents emphasised qualities that assure respectability, such as obedience, neatness, and cleanliness. Another difference that has been found is that while the working-class mothers emphasised specific behavioural conformities, middle-class mothers focussed rather on the child's growth, development of affection and satisfaction. Middle class parents have been found to have more acceptant, egalitarian relationships with their children than the parents of the working-class.

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shown by the boys whose fathers were in the clerical and small shopkeepers' group. The boys from the professional group showed the lowest level of need achievement. This finding augurs well for the progress of the society, since lower class parents are eager that their children should come up.

While some cultures train the child to have a well-developed conscience so that he has guilt feelings when he does something wrong, some other cultures make the child feel ashamed when he does something wrong. Guilt feelings make individuals self-regulating individuals who punish themselves when they do something wrong whether they are caught in the act of doing wrong or not. But feelings of shame arise only when one is caught in the act of doing wrong; feelings of shame do not arise if one is not caught. Both guilt and shame are technique of controlling behaviour. Shame is quite effective in a primary-group society like the rural society, since all acts in the rural society are public; there is practically nothing that is private. But this is not adequate in an urban industrial culture, since anonymity is possible. The group ties are not strong in urban society, so shame is not an adequate technique for controlling behaviour. Here guilt-feeling has the greater influence. However, excessive guilt feelings lead to neurotic symptoms. Guilt-oriented parents make the child feel bad when he does something that is prohibited. He will be asked to say that he is sorry and promise that he will never repeat the act. The shame-oriented parent would follow a different procedure. When the child does some prohibited act he will be told that other people will ridicule him, that he will not be able to hold up his head; scolding and physical punishment will be resorted to in order to correct him. According to Mowrer (1967), the psychopaths, people unconcerned with and who are uninfluenced by the disapproval of others are the least socialised persons, the neurotics are somewhat socialised persons and the normal people are the most adequately socialised persons. An attempt may now be made to review briefly some of studies that have been carried out to study the various child-rearing practices, particularly because of the emphasis laid on them by the great psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud (1856-1939). He said that these practices have considerable influence on the development of the personality of the child. A description of Freud's theory of stages of growth in sexual behaviour is given in a section below. — Feeding. Observation of an infant's behaviour shows that much of



its activity centers around the region of the mouth. Sucking, mouthing and crying constitute the most important aspects of infantile behaviour. Freud maintained that sucking was not only the means of sustenance for the infant but also a source of pleasure. The earliest pressures of socialisation are applied to the infant in the area of feeding. Regularity in satisfying the hunger drive is looked upon as a very important step in socialising the infant. With respect to the method of acquiring sustenance there are changes from sucking to eating and chewing. Also the nature of the diet shifts from liquid to solid foods. In all these aspects of feeding, the mother intervenes to greater or lesser degree. The mother who breast feeds her infant can establish a warm affectional relationship with the infant. But when the mother is unable to secrete the necessary amount of milk, she has to resort to bottle feeding. Also the working mother prefers bottle feeding. Studies have been made to find out if there is any difference between the mothers who breast-feed and those who bottle-feed their infants. Another aspect of the problem is whether there is any effect on the child's personality. The results show that the practices of breast-feeding and bottle-feeding are not based on any significant differences in the mother's personality nor do they affect significantly the development of the personality of the child. Sears et al. (1957) in their study of six aspects of child behaviour such as aggressiveness, dependency and development of conscience, did not find any significant relation between the mode of feeding and these aspects of the personality of children. Sewell and Mussen (1952) made an extensive study of some phases of infantile feeding and found no relationship between the type of feeding in infancy and various oral symptoms like thumb sucking, nail biting and stuttering among five and six years old. It appears as if the manner in which the infant obtains his milk, whether breast or bottle, has no psychological consequences. The mother who feeds her infant with the bottle holds

it close to her with the same warmth and affection as the mother who feeds it with her breast.

Another significant aspect of the situation is the duration of breast feeding. Clinical studies have found no relation between short duration of breast feeding and maternal rejection. Nor has any relation been established between length of breast feeding and personality ratings of nursery school children. Thumb sucking. According to psychoanalytic theory an infant takes to thumb sucking if it lacks sufficient oral gratification through sucking to obtain food. On the other hand, according to learning theory the greater the reinforcement received by the infant from sucking, the stronger his sucking drive. Thus the two theories put forth contradictory explanations for thumb-sucking. While the psychoanalytic theory holds that lack of oral gratification leads to non-nutritional thumb-sucking, the learning theory holds that it is oral gratification itself that leads to it. However, the research findings have not been able to confirm either hypothesis. It appears as if there are other reasons than oral gratification or its absence to account for prolonged thumb sucking.

Clinically thumb sucking is taken as a sign of maladjustment in the child. But its seriousness depends on the age of the child. While in a three or four years old child such behaviour may not be indicative of maladjustment, if it persists in an elementary school child of six to eight years it may be an indication of personality disturbance requiring investigation by a clinical psychologist. Clearly such behaviour in later childhood years is a regression in the broad sense of the term; the child is reverting to an earlier form of behaviour which is useless now. It may indicate the presence of strong feelings of insecurity. Thus our present knowledge shows that the parents need not have any anxiety regarding the thumb sucking behaviour in the preschool child, that is, when the child is only three or four years old.

Maara’s Magutuni Hospital Receives A Major Facelift

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Worth Noting:

- The hospital is surrounded by home-steads and it was very difficult to deal with medical waste but the newly installed micro-wave medical waste management machine is able to reduce the waste by 80 percent and sterilizes it to make sure that it is not harmful.
- Governor Njuki has also established a modern oxygen plant which has enabled saving of many lives considering that initially, the management had to get it kilometers away at Chuka County Referral Hospital.
- The opening of modern laboratory and theatre facilities and the deployment of specialist doctors has also enabled the hospital to offer specialist medical services including critical surgery.



Governor Muthomi Njuki (left).

Magutuni Sub-county Hospital in Maara constituency, Tharaka Nithi County has witnessed a major facelift in the last few years by the county government in a bid to offer better services.

The health facility is the biggest public level-four hospital in the region and serves people from as far as Tharaka constituency and South Imenti constituency in the neighbouring Meru County.

Before Governor Muthomi Njuki took over the county’s top leadership, the facility was operating in a deplorable state of both services and infrastructure.

The recent improvement is the installation of a modern X-ray machine which is a major boost to specialist health services and the establishment of a dental unit.

Before, workers had to wash blood-stained clothes using hand brushes due to the lack of a basic laundry machine which has since been installed and also a medical waste management plant installed.

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The availability of ambulance services has also made it possible to rush patients for referral services at Chuka County Referral Hospital and other advanced hospitals.

The hospital security has also been enhanced with the erection of a fence and gate and roads paved to improve movement from one building.

“It was very embarrassing to see workers wash blood-stained clothes using hand brush but today the hospital has a modern laundry machine,” said Governor Njuki.

Speaking recently in Mwimbi ward, Njuki said services including labo-

ratory services will be improved at Makengi dispensary to ease access to the healthcare services and also decongest Magutuni Sub-county hospital.

“With the improvement of health services at Magutuni Sub-county hospital many people including from the neighbouring county are streaming there for treatment and my target is to make the services even better,” he said.

However, residents have claimed that sometimes they are asked to buy drugs from outside and urged the county government to make sure that they are always available.

Speaking during a recent interview

with Weru TV, Tharaka Nithi County Health Executive Dr Gichuyia Nthuraku explained that it is not possible to stock all the drugs in each and every hospital but they make sure that the essential drugs are available in line with World Health Organisation recommendations.

He also noted that drugs are stocked according to the need considering the common illnesses in the region.

“It is not possible to stock all types of drugs in every health facility because some will even expire on the shelves but we make sure that the essential drugs are available all the time,” said Dr Nthuraku.



Wake Up Girls



Today, the opportunities for women and girls in our country are incomparable. Girls who are active in all aspects and work tirelessly on themselves have their place in life and in our society. Currently, the gender issue of women and girls is one of the issues that are being actively promoted. In particular, the recently held "Asian Women's Forum" held various roundtable discussions on these issues and the announcement of expected plans. Within this form, many issues were discussed, including the role of parliament in improving the economic status of women and girls.

Beijing Platform for Action +30: Challenges and Opportunities for Women's Economic Empowerment in the Current Global Economy Gender Budgeting: A Pathway to Gender Equality and Climate Resilience for All A discussion of topics such as "Regional approach to issues of economic, social and political rights and empowerment of women" was held.

An example of the opportunities created for women is the Asian Women's Forum, and today, various content and classes are held by active women in various social networks.

This is also an example of women's activism. Among women promoting activism in every field, I was able to create a project that would benefit our girls and women.

In order to improve the skills of girls, I founded the academy "Wake up girls", today we have developed an online education system by gathering girls who are finding their place in each direction. career development, sharing small information about business and ways to succeed in one's work in the international arena, various motivations encouraging to engage in sports are shared. This program is not only for female students, but also for women sitting at home. In some cases, it is possible to observe boredom and psychological stress among women who are unemployed and busy raising their children at home, and we are trying to provide them with useful knowledge through various interesting challenges. its purpose is not only with the scientific community, but also with the aim of ensuring the activity of women

and girls who are unemployed at home, who are currently only busy with social networks and separated from society. The difference of the Academy from other projects is that its goal is not only to work with an educated audience, but also for women who want to be active while sitting at home. During the project, it is planned to receive useful content from special psychologists, that is, the role of the mother in the upbringing of a child is incomparable. It is in this context that it is planned to deal with the psychology of young children, to carry out practical work on bringing children out of crisis situations (crisis in transitional periods) or to make them easy. It is aimed to increase the attention of mothers towards their children and educate a young generation with healthy thinking.

"Wake up girls" Wake up girls, when the doors of the world are open for us, don't consider your competition as the girl who bought your aunt a beautiful dress, the girl who wears a beautiful bag to school is not your competition, she is currently studying with you in America and has a career A girl who fights for is a competitor. Wake up, girls, let's not be a society that spends a lot of money on weddings, let's invest in science. The door of our academy is ready to open its doors for all girls and women who want to develop.

By Bakhtiyorova Sevinchkhan Doniyor kizi

Bakhtiyorova Sevinch Daniyora's daughter on February 9, 2005

He was born in Jomboy district of Samarkand region.

Currently, he is a First-year student of Uzbek language and literature at Jizzakh State Pedagogical University named after Abdulla Qodiri. Future teacher.

One of the girls who have been active in the youth organization since 2017. In 2017, he worked as a captain in the "Rainbow" children's organization "For the Motherland, Friendship and Happy Childhood!" was awarded for his enthusiasm and effective work at the traditional XVII conference organized under the slogan, and later continued this practice in the "Youth Union". In the 2021-2022 academic year, he won first place in the subject of mother tongue and literature in the district Olympiad, won a ticket to the region and actively participated.

Currently, he has a National Certificate in his field, i.e. Mother Science. Sevinch, who successfully graduated from school with excellent grades, was awarded the "Gold Medal" by the Ministry of Public Education

Karimkulova Farangiz Graphics

Karimkulova Farangiz, 2nd grader of the 80th general education school in Sariasia district, Surkhondarya region



Call To Awareness!



Isn't it better to read a book? Today, our youth cannot imagine their lives without internet cafes and telephones at every step.

The Internet is compared to a spider's web.

A child caught in his trap will develop militancy and violence. Today, the Internet has become a den of incitement, gossip and slander. The young people who enter it fall under the trap of various "popular culture" foreign currents. A person who has access to the Internet can surf on it as he likes, go to any site and read various information. This affects the morality, outlook, and spirituality of our youth.

It is no secret that multi-functional mobile communication devices of various types in the hands of my peers are

happy to achieve such results faster than expected. Falling into the trap of extremist currents also comes from this.

How many people suffered from the effects of various currents.

They stand and look at it indifferently.

Also, the Internet is not without its positive side. Universal discoveries are introduced in it. There are many of us who use the Internet correctly. Spiritual youth can use the Internet properly.

I think it would be right for parents to give our young people the money they spend on the Internet to buy one book.

The book is a friend for us. There is a big difference between a person who considers it a friend and a person who is addicted to the Internet.

We are a free and prosperous country, we have gained a reputation in other countries for our hospitality, simplicity and sincerity. When a guest comes, the door of our house is open,

My peers, is it better to fall into the negative stream of the Internet, is it better to read one work or a book of poetry? Think about it and draw your own conclusions.

Obidakhon Khalikova
Nurse of the 51st family polyclinic.

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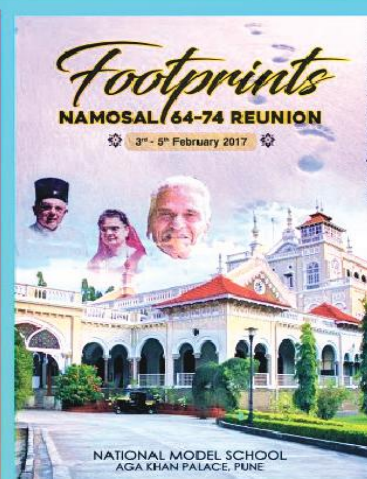
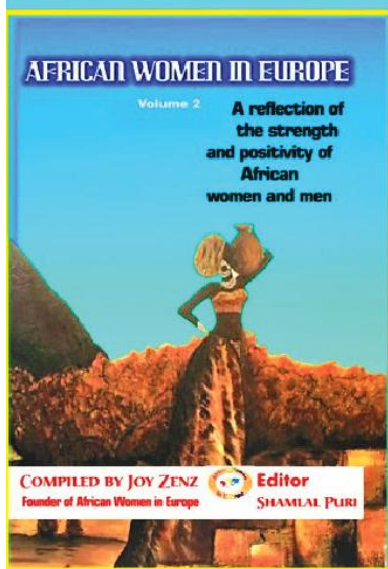
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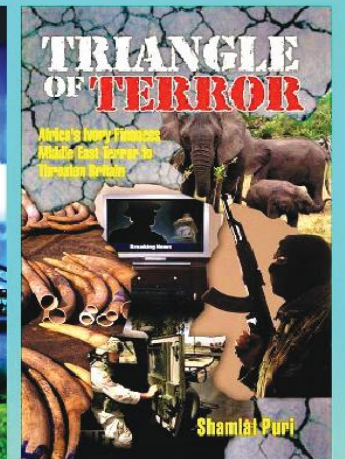
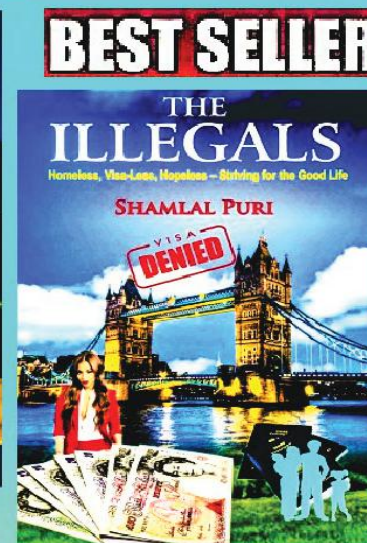
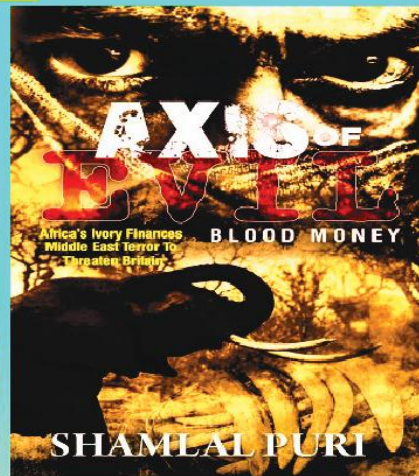
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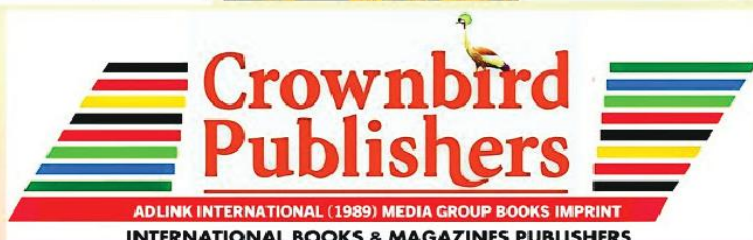
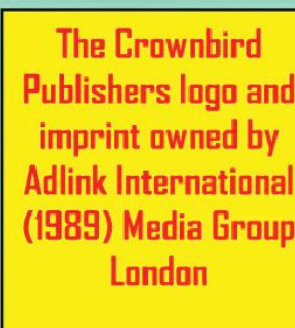
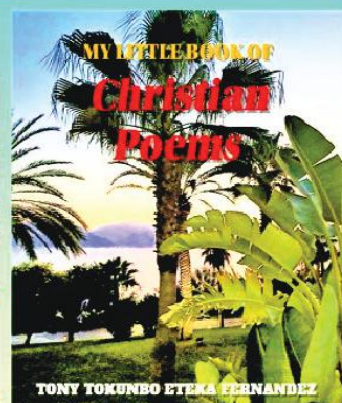
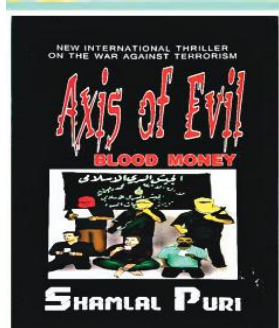
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Human Rights

African Union, EU, And Expertise France Convene In Nairobi To Enhance Democratic Governance And Human Rights

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Worth Noting:

- **Implementation of Political Norms:** The project has been pivotal in ensuring that political norms, standards, and recommendations by AGA Platform members are effectively implemented and adhered to by African Union Member States. This has bolstered the adherence to democratic principles and human rights across the continent.
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Recently, a high-level dissemination event took place in Nairobi, uniting key African Union (AU) organs, the European Union Delegation to the African Union, and Expertise France. This assembly aimed to present the achievements and insights from the African Governance Architecture Support Project (AGA-SP), a four-year continental cooperation project designed to advance democratic governance, human rights, and citizen engagement across Africa.

Project Overview

The AGA-SP, launched in 2020, has been integral to the African Union Commission's reform process to enhance its structural and operational efficiency. The project is aligned with Aspirations 3 and 6 of the African Union's Agenda 2063, envisioning a continent characterized by good governance, respect for human rights, justice, the rule of law, and people-driven development, particularly emphasizing the potential of women, youth, and children.

Support and Implementation

The project provided crucial support to five key African Union and AGA platform organs:

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)
The Pan African Parliament (PAP)
The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR)
The Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC)
Additionally, the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) played a significant role in enhancing citizen engagement and participation in political processes. Strategic civil society organizations such as Afrobarometer and the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) were instrumental in implementing initiatives like the Data for Governance Alliance and the Charter Africa Projects in collaboration with AGA member organs.

Key Achievements

Under the AGA-SP, notable progress has been made in four critical areas:



High level dignitaries representing the AU, ECOSOCC and PAP engaging in an insightful panel discussion.

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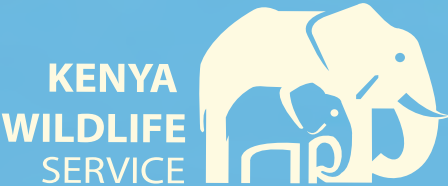
Event Highlights

The dissemination event in Nairobi provided a platform to share key learnings, insights, and outcomes of the AGA-SP project with a broad constituency of political stakeholders and representatives from African Union stakeholders and beneficiaries. Roundtables featuring high-level experts discussed future perspectives and strategies for sustaining and building upon the project's achievements.

As the AGA-SP project approaches its conclusion in June 2024, today's event underscores the importance of continued collaboration and innovation in promoting democratic

governance and human rights across Africa. The shared experiences and lessons learned will serve as a foundation for future initiatives aimed at achieving the ambitious goals set forth in the African Union's Agenda 2063.

The commitment shown by the African Union, its international partners, and civil society organizations highlights a collective effort to advance democratic governance and human rights. The success of the AGA-SP project demonstrates that cooperative efforts can lead to significant progress, setting a precedent for future endeavors in the region.



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Equity Group Partners With UNHCR And World Food Programme To Transform Lives

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Worth Noting:

• Dr. Mwangi stated that the mission to Kakuma represents a united effort by the private sector to tackle the difficulties encountered by refugees and foster their economic inclusion and integration. He further noted that EGF has significantly focused on health and is contemplating extending the Equity Afia franchise network within the refugee camps. This planned expansion aims to provide high-quality affordable healthcare to an increased number of refugees.

• The UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner, Kelly Clements who led the mission to Kakuma expressed gratitude to Equity Group for its willingness to help accelerate the integration of refugees and host communities.



Equity Kakuma Business Growth and Development Manager Daniel Makhulo (Right) discusses refugees' banking experiences to UNHCR Deputy High Commissioner Kelly Clements (left), who was accompanied to the branch by Equity Group Foundation Executive Chairman Dr. James Mwangi (2nd Right) and Safaricom Chief Financial Services Officer Esther Masese (2nd Left). UNHCR has invited Equity Group to be a private sector catalyst for a new refugee integration initiative named "Shirika Plan".

Equity has partnered with the World Food Programme (WFP) and United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to implement projects aimed at stimulating sustainable development.

Equity has been at the forefront of promoting financial inclusion and social integration for refugees in Kenya. As part of the Private Sector Partners Mission, Equity Group MD & CEO, Dr James Mwangi, visited the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana County. This mission was initiated by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which invited Equity Group to serve as a private sector catalyst for a new refugee integration initiative known as the "Shirika Plan".

This plan is a collaborative program involving UNHCR, the State Department for Immigration, and the private sector. The Shirika Plan is a five-year transition initiative designed to foster socio-economic inclusion for both refugees and host communities in the Kakuma and Dadaab Refugee Camps. Speaking of the partnership Dr Mwangi, who is also the Executive Chairman of Equity Group Foundation (EGF), said, "We chose to collaborate with UNHCR as their

programs align seamlessly with our mission at Equity Group Foundation. After engaging in discussions with authorities, including a session with the State Department for Immigration, we are confident about our areas of collaboration. The integration process is gradual, and we are proud to be an integral part of it."

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on behalf of Equity last December," said Clements, while referring to Equity Group's commitments regarding support for migrants at the Second Global Refugee Forum in Geneva last December.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), EquityBCDC and the World Food Programme (WFP) are collaborating on a project, titled "Promotion of Sustainable Food Security in the DRC". The goal of this ambitious initiative is to encourage the growth of a sustainable agro-industrial sector. This sector will aid in diversifying the economy, ensuring food and nutritional security, creating employment opportunities, and enhancing livelihoods within the DRC. The pilot phase is currently underway in two provinces: Kongo Central and Kasai Oriental, with plans to scale it up to the rest of DRC.

Peter Musoko, Representative and Country Director of WFP in the DRC, commenting on the partnership said, "Innovative finance has the power to turn challenges into opportunities, driving sustainable development and growth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with women and youth at the forefront."

EquityBCDC and the World Food

Programme are dedicated to fulfilling the project's goals through five key strategies:

- Support in boosting the productivity, production, and income of farmers.
- Building capacity and providing support for young men and women to secure dignified and rewarding jobs in agro-industries.
- Encouraging and promoting competitive agro-transformation and valorization driven by the private sector.
- Enhancing beneficiaries' access to financial resources (credit) and markets.
- Managing the project effectively and strengthening crucial institutions within the value chain.

This project is set to create impact in the lives of local community members by bolstering food security, generating employment, and enhancing living conditions. These outcomes align with Equity's vision of becoming "the champion of socio-economic prosperity of the people of Africa" and the WFP's mission to "Save Lives and Change Lives".

Aga Khan University Harnesses The Power Of Simulation Based Education For A Safer Healthcare Future

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Medical practitioners in Kenya sharpen their skills in health simulation during a two-day conference organised by The Aga Khan University Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CIME)

Simulation-based education is revolutionizing healthcare education for a safer and more skilled future by recreating medical scenarios within the actual clinical environment, providing learners with immersive and realistic experience.

Dubbed SIMPACT, to signify simulation and impact, the conference has provided a dynamic platform fostering collaboration, innovation and education. SIMPACT 2024 is making meaningful contributions to patient care and safety, shaping a future where innovation, collaboration and education converge for a safer and more skilled healthcare



landscape.

Dr Michael Money Penny, Regional Director of CIME East Africa, expressed his excitement saying, “As we embarked on this pioneering journey with SIMPACT 2024, we were thrilled to bring together the brightest minds in healthcare education simulation. This inaugural conference has marked a significant milestone for our region, and we

were excited to explore new horizons and drive innovation that will transform the future of healthcare training and practice.”

The conference commenced with pre-conference hands-on workshops covering specialties such as Interprofessional Simulation, Laparoscopic Skills, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Cardiology Management of Dermatological

Disorders in Primary Care, facilitated by renowned experts. It also includes discussions around research and publication essentials.

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin, President and Vice-Chancellor of the Aga Khan University, officially opened SIMPACT 2024, praising the efforts of the CIME teams in organising this groundbreaking event. “SIMPACT embodies the essence of simulation-based education, offering benefits such as enhanced patient safety, skill acquisition, team training, personalized learning, and fostering research and innovation. In the words of His Highness, The Aga Khan, ‘We must look to the future, seeking always to think creatively, to innovate, and to improve.’ These sentiments resonate deeply with CIME’s vision since its inception. With 14 workshops, 93 abstract submissions, and keynote addresses from leading figures, SIMPACT have drawn over 300+ attendees, reinforcing the importance of simulation-based practice and charting a clear path forward.”

The hybrid conference held in both Nairobi, Kenya and Karachi, Pakistan, brought together a diverse array of simulation professionals, including doctors, nurses, educators, researchers, engineers, students, and expert and industry leaders. The hybrid format blending in-person events in Karachi and Nairobi with virtual participation options, SIMPACT 2024 ensures global accessibility and inclusivity, drawing attendees from around the world.

Dr Faisal Ismail, Regional Director of CIME South Asia, remarked, “SIMPACT 2024 is not just a conference; it’s a celebration of our collective commitment to excellence in simulation. For the first time in our region, we have created the first simulation network of the region – the Network for Simulation in Pakistan (NSP) – where educators, practitioners, and innovators can collaborate and inspire each other. Together, we will push the boundaries of what’s possible in healthcare and simulation-based education.”

World Vision Embraces And Supports Otuoma Nutri-Care In Teso North

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The Busia County Government’s Department of Education and Industrial Skills Development (ISD) has lauded the efforts put in place by World Vision to support the Otuoma Nutri-care feeding program in Angurai Division in Teso North.

While receiving bags of beans worth Sh900, 000 to be distributed to 58 Early Childhood Development Center (ECDE) centres in Angurai Division, the County Executive Committee Member for the Department Beatrice Nakholi said besides the donation from the World Vision, the County Government would give an additional 6,770 kilograms of rice, 400 litres of cooking oil and 16 bales of salt.

“World Vision is the first donor in Busia County to come out and support our feeding programme. Thank

you so much World Vision. As a county we can’t take this gesture for granted and since we are partnering, the county will give 6,770kgs of rice, 16 bales of salt and 400 litres of oil,” said Nakholi.

She elaborated that the programme, known as the homegrown solution, was meant to promote farmers in Busia, and whatever was grown in Busia would be eaten by the Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) children.

“I urge all parents to at least plant a quarter an acre of beans and orange-fleshed sweet potatoes to help supplement the diet and allow the programme to continue as this will help fight the poverty index in our county,” she noted.

Other than just providing food to the school-going learners, the CECM noted that the programme was also meant to fight malnutrition among children citing statistics showing a lot of children in Busia were stunted and underweight affecting their growth cycle to even adulthood.



Her remarks were echoed by Ms Grace Ogaga, from the Support Community Engagement sponsorship project in Angurai.

“World Vision is privileged to host the county team led by CECM Nakholi and the main agenda is to ensure that children have proper nutrition in schools,” she said, while promising to work towards ensuring that activities being implemented in the area bring impact to the child that World Vision serves.

“I know this programme will help retain children in schools and also bring about high enrollment, and bring regular school attendance among children,” she emphasized.

Besides foodstuffs, learners also received learning material from World Vision.

Dr. Moses: DP Rigathi Is Right To Ignore Limuru 3

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Murang'a politician Dr. Moses Mwangi has shared the latest happenings in the Kenyan political landscape and in particular the Limuru 3 Conference held last week. Dr. Moses Mwangi, underscored the shrewd nature of Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, whom he said acted wisely by being silent on what transpired prior to, during and after the said Limuru 3 gathering.

"Yes indeed our Deputy President is a very wise man. He chose to hold his horses and avoided speaking to matters Limuru 3 which is largely criticised the Kenya Kwanza government that he is a part of. The conference pointed out in not savoury terms, the oppression Kenyans were experienced with regard to oppressive taxation, high cost of living, and poor representation of Mt Kenya region within Government and so on and so forth". That's wisdom because it's not good to appear to align

with your opponents, even if you could agree with them on some matters as DP Rigathi Gachagua does when it comes to the call for, "one man, one vote, and shilling ". As the principal assistant to the president, the DP must be seen to support the president, in word and deed.

On the flipside, however, Dr. Moses welcomed the proponents of the Limuru 3 conference, citing their positive criticism as very healthy in regards to keeping the government on its toes and, most importantly, calling for accountability and good governance.

"I welcome this as an exercise of democracy. It's important to underscore that as Mt. Kenya region, we must have options. One of the key benefits of the Limuru Three is to restore the voice of the region in spelling out what exactly we need to do as we look to the future. We must remember that some of the leaders elected through parties other than the UDA were silenced and can hardly stand their ground. Most of them have been dancing to the narrative of sycophancy that characterised the infamous KANU re-



Murang'a politician Dr. Moses Mwangi

gime. The Limuru 3 is also a good indicator that multiparty democracy is still alive because if not checked, the UDA would wish to dominate and is on record calling for the fold-

ing of its affiliate parties to form one monolithic outfit. We cannot, must not and should not allow Kenya to slide back to the old days of single party dictatorship. As we approach

the 2027 general elections, the Mt Kenya region must fight to have options, and it's important to have at least one strong party with roots in its backyard as parties have owners.

One On One With Executive Director Of Africa Energy Commission

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Mr. Rashid Ali Abdallah is the Executive Director of the African Energy Commission (AFREC). He took a moment of his time to share his thoughts on the sidelines of the 9th Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency.

"Africa and indeed the World must and should embrace energy the sustainable way and this can be done through building our capacity in order to have better planning so as to achieve our rising energy needs. Africa also needs to invest in capacity-building of her people so as to train them on how to collect and analyze data, so as to develop the right policy especially to govern the bio-energy which comprises well over 50% of the African Continent's energy needs. We are emphasizing that access to energy is very important. Africa is well endowed with natural gas for example, but before allowing foreign exploitation of this

resource, it's very important to see to it that it first benefits us."

Mr. Rashid has over 22 years of experience in the energy field at the national, regional, and continental level. Under his leadership, AFREC has developed several programmes and undertook several initiatives to support the African Energy Sector Transformation and African Union Member states' effort toward energy transition, by creating the enabling policies and strategies to increase investment for the African Energy Sector, and to meet the AU Agenda 2063, Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) and the global commitment on climate change.

Mr. Abdallah has previously served as the Head of Energy Division within the Department of the Infrastructure and Energy at the African Union.

Mr. Abdallah hold a M.Sc. Project Management from Birmingham University - UK, Post Graduate Diploma in Energy Engineering and a B.Sc. (Hons) Mechanical Engineering from Khartoum University- Sudan.



Rashid Ali Abdallah is the Executive Director of the African Energy Commission (AFREC).

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Irked Firat Committed To Stars Despite Burgeoning Salary Arrears



By Peter Mwangi

In what seems like throwing a spanner in the works for national team Harambee Stars’ attempts to qualify for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, head coach Engin Firat has laid bare his recent travails, revealing that he has not been paid for the past five months.

Speaking during a press conference held at Police Sacco Stadium on Wednesday afternoon, Firat reiterated their desire to have a successful qualifying campaign by coming out top in

Group F.

“We are not going to sit and cry about it,” noted Firat.

He, however, did not shy away from highlighting the challenges Kenyan football is facing, terming them as a major hindrance that bedevils local football.

“We do not have the infrastructure, which makes it an impossible to develop good players in a given the deplorable nature of our facilities.”

Notably, the unavailability of CAF-approved pitches in the country has forced the nation-

al team to play crucial qualifier matches against Burundi and Ivory Coast on foreign soil.

“As long as we don’t solve the issue of infrastructure, we will continue playing games in other countries.

According to the Turkish tactician, playing home games abroad will not only disadvantage the national team but also deprive it the much-needed support of the home fanbase.

“In history, no team gets success by playing away matches,” he said.

Kenya is scheduled to face off against Burundi in Lilongwe, Malawi, on June 7, before squaring it out against reigning AFCON champions Ivory Coast a week later on a venue that is yet to be confirmed.

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Ronaldo Poised For Euro Record As Portugal Name Squad



Portugal’s forward #07 Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates scoring his team’s first goal from a penalty shot during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group H football match between Portugal and Ghana at Stadium 974 in Doha on November 24, 2022. (Photo by PATRICIA DE MELO MOREIRA / AFP)

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The 39-year-old, five-time Ballon d’Or winner will be appearing in his 11th major international tournament.

He played his first at Euro 2004 and will be making a record sixth appearance at the men’s continental championship. He collected a winner’s medal in France in 2016, even though he went off injured after 25 minutes in the final.

Ronaldo, who plays his club football for Al Nassr in Saudi Arabia, already holds the men’s world record for caps (206) and international goals (128).

He again proved indispensable as Portugal won all 10 of their qualifying games, scoring 36 goals and

conceding two.

Ronaldo hit 10 goals in nine qualifying appearances.

Praising “a player who has scored 42 goals in 41 matches for his club,” Martinez said he felt that the striker continued to offer “a quality in front of goal that we really appreciate and need.”

In spite of his advancing years, Ronaldo will not be the senior player in the squad.

His former Real Madrid teammate Pepe, 41, now playing for Porto, has also been called up because of his “important role in the dressing room,” said Martinez.

Before facing the Czech Republic, Turkey and then Georgia in Group F of the Euro, from 14 June to 14 July in Germany, the Selecao will play warm-up matches against Finland, Croatia and Ireland.

Alongside Ronaldo in attack, Martinez has selected strikers Rafael Leao, Joao Felix and Goncalo Ramos, as well as Pedro Neto and Francisco Conceicao.

The creative midfielders include Bernardo Silva, who has just won an English title with Manchester City, and Bruno Fernandes of Manchester United.

Squad:

Goalkeepers: Diogo Costa (Porto), Rui Patricio Roma/ITA), Jose Sa (Wolves/ENG)

Defenders: Joao Cancelo (Barcelona/ESP), Nelson Semedo (Wolves/ENG), Diogo Dalot (Manchester United/ENG), Nuno Mendes (Paris Saint-Germain/FRA), Ruben Dias (Manchester City/ENG), Antonio Silva (Benfica), Goncalo Inacio (Sporting), Pepe (Porto), Danilo Pereira (Par-

is Saint-Germain/FRA)

Midfielders: Joao Palhinha (Fulham/ENG), Ruben Neves (Al-Hilal/KSA), Joao Neves (Benfica), Vitorinha (Paris Saint-Germain/FRA), Otavio Monteiro (Al Nassr/KSA), Bruno Fernandes (Manchester United/ENG), Bernardo Silva (Manchester City/ENG)

Forwards: Cristiano Ronaldo (Al Nassr/KSA), Rafael Leao (AC Milan/ITA), Joao Felix (FC Barcelona/ESP), Goncalo Ramos (Paris SG/FRA), Diogo Jota (Liverpool/ENG), Pedro Neto (Wolves/ENG), Francisco Conceicao (Porto)

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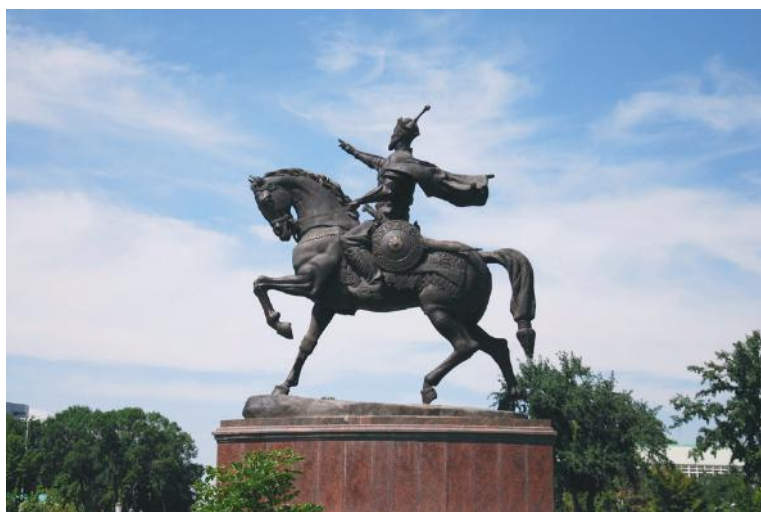
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The Great Warlord Who Conquered The World



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The great master Amir Temur.

Worth Noting:

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- The territory of our homeland was part of the ulus (state) named after Chingiz Khan's son Chigatai. When Amir Temur came of age, the struggle for power in Chigatoy ulus was extremely intense had increased. Amir Temur's struggle for freedom against the Mongols lasted for eight years. Amir Temur finally expelled the Mongol army from the territory of Movarounnahr. On April 9, 1370, Amir
- Temur was declared the ruler of Movarounnahr. At that time, he was 34 years old. Samarkand was designated as the capital of the state. Soon, the Golden Horde, established by the Mongols in the state of Amir Temur

Annotation:

In this article, the life and activities of the great master Amir Temur, his travels, etc

His place in the world community, as well as the buildings he built, are generally recognized through the article to what extent they are in the field of science, culture, art, tourism, and military

The great works done in many fields are highlighted. The great masters of Uzbekistan and the world

He is one of the leaders who left a great mark in history. Key word. Amir Temur, owner, Uzbekistan, military campaigns, science, Europe, strategy, recognition, world history, tourism, literature. Amir Temur on April 9, 1336 Khoja in the Yakkabog district of the present Kashkadarya region

He was born in Ilgor village. His father, Amir Taragai Bahadir, is a barlos clan of Uzbeks and Kesh was one of the influential emirs of the province. His mother, Takina Mohbegim, was an accomplished scholar of Bukhara.

She was the daughter of one of his household. Amir Temur spent his youth in Shahrisabz. Seven years old when he grew up, his father sent him to study. Amir Temur has been under the supervision of teachers since his youth engaged in activities such as riding, hunting, shooting from a bow.

He mastered the science of his time from the age of 17, he started to independently manage all his father's property. Amir Temur spent his first

military career serving the regional emirs with his soldiers started doing. He showed bravery in the battles, and this earned his name in the Kashkadarya oasis made him famous. Amir Temur, who was struggling in the battles, now has the homeland before him

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Tokhtamishkhan, the ruler of the state, began to threaten. In 1395, Amir Temur defeated Tokhtamysh Khan's army. This victory made the Golden Horde weakened. Also, the Mongols of Russian troops dependent on the Golden Horde

The great Russian was inspired by this great historical victory Historian quoted this sentence, "Amir Temur freed Russia from the oppression of

the Golden Horde," and this accelerated the rise of the state." Mikhail Ivanin (Russian historian), the book "Two great generals", and defeated the army of Sultan Bayazid of the Empire (Turkey) in the battle near Ankara in 1402.

European countries that were freed from the threat of the Ottomans to Amir Temur they sent letters of thanks. And the kings of France and Spain are also ambassadors they sent A monument was erected to Sohibkirin in Western Europe as early as the 15th century, and it was named "Europe they wrote down the deeply meaningful words "to the deliverer". In the time of Amir Temur, science was also made great progress. The science of the Timurid era is strong for the development of science in Europe as well had an impact. Therefore, in 1996, by the decision of the UNESCO organization, Amir Temur

The 660th anniversary of his birth was widely celebrated internationally. In 1995, International Amir Temur

Foundation was established. In 1996, in Amir Temur Avenue in Tashkent, the era of the Timurids museum was established; "Amir Temur" order was established. On June 30, 2017, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev "Kamolot" youth during his speech at the 4th congress of the social movement, military education for young people put forward the proposal to name the cadet schools "Temurbek School" and this proposal was accepted by the youth. Statues of Amir Temur were installed in Tashkent, Samarkand and Shahrisabz. Tashkent

The State Museum of the History of the Timurids was established in the city. One of the highest awards of our country - the Order of "Amir Temur" was established.

He mainly relied on the army in his foreign policy. That is why he is the commander of the army choosing and educating them, military units and their arrangement, service and he attached great importance to the issues of arming soldiers and internal discipline. Sahibqiran was one of the first in the East to introduce firearms - cannons - to the army.

Mountainous special military units

and units conducting combat operations were organized in the regions. Ibn

According to Arabshah's testimony, Sahibqiron's army had units consisting of women, who Amir stood on the same line as men and showed examples of heroism and fortitude. Every military campaign of Timur was motivated by a reason. These are the reasons of their country to strengthen the borders, to protect against external enemies, to separate the caravan routes to learn from historical sources that it consisted of cleaning up the people, punishing traitors, traitors, deceivers, obeying those who did not obey, and expanding their political influence possible Amir Temur's military art and state management style during his lifetime a special work dedicated to him was created, which became famous under the name "Temur Tuzuklari".

In it who to rely on in managing the state, the order of activity of the crown and throne holders and tasks, the procedures for appointing ministers and army commanders are defined. Amir Temur's "... nine parts of state affairs are done by the council, events and consultations, and the remaining part by the sword

I have done it", his words "Strength is in justice" made the country intelligent and justice testifies that he ruled with. Thus, Sahibqiron Amir Temur the state created a unique method in the management and military sphere and surprised the world with the state he built on this basis.

We can say that Amir Temur is an inextinguishable light in the history of the world and Uzbekistan, and his memory will forever be imprinted in hearts and tongues.

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