



The Ministry of Interior and Bungoma County Government Join Forces to Prepare for 61st Madaraka Day Celebrations

The Ministry of Interior, led by PS Raymond Omollo, in collaboration with the dynamic leadership of Bungoma Governor Lusaka, convened a comprehensive preparatory meeting today in anticipation of the highly anticipated 61st Madaraka Day celebrations.

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⚡ The National Assembly approved a motion for the dismissal of the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mithika Linturi from office. In the special motion Bumulala MP Jack Wamboka cited gross violation of the Constitution, the gross misconduct and serious reasons for believing that the Cabinet Secretary has committed a crime under national law. "This motion is not about party politics," stated Wamboka.



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Multi-Agency Team Hands Over Assets To Nyeri County Government

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Nyeri County Deputy Governor David Kinaniri Warui and IGRTC Technical Committee member Dr. Perminus Nyaga alongside other officials in a group photo after the handing over ceremony

Worth Noting:

- The handing over exercise was held outside the County headquarters where the agency composing of the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC), the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), the State Department for Devolution, the Mechanical and Transport Division handed over the documents to the Deputy Governor.
- The team also comprised the County Secretary Ben Gachichio, the County Transport department, the County Executive, and Senior DCC Joseph Mwangi representing the County Commissioner.

A multi-Agency team yesterday handed over various assets worth millions of shillings to the Nyeri County Government.

Area Deputy Governor David Kinaniri Warui received the assets which included motor vehicles, valuation reports, and ownership documents from the agency.

The assets are those relating to the defunct local authorities and devolved functions that will now fully belong to the county government.

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The agency will continue supporting the county in the implementation of the next steps which will involve transfers, re-registration, de-registration, and disposal of obsolete assets.

This is in line with the National Government's digitization agenda where NTSA has embarked on automation of all services relating to motor vehicle registration and licensing.

This activity goes a long way in actualizing the summit directive and finalization of the asset valuation and transfer exercise and ensuring county assets are

transferred, secured, and utilized to support devolution.

During the handing-over exercise, the County valuation reports were signed and handed over to the Deputy Governor who represented Governor Mutahi Kahiga.

They included copies of ownership documents from NTSA and a copy of the county asset register for plant and equipment from IGRTC. NTSA will also guide on follow-up processes.

IGRTC Technical Committee member Dr. Perminus Nyaga called upon the County Government to undertake the establishment of an asset disposal committee in line with the Public Procurement and Disposal Act to fast-track in disposing of some of the obsolete assets held in various yards and parking lots.

The phased approach exercise entails the preliminary engagement and briefing with the County secretary and team on the exercise, physical visit and inspection of some of the listed assets, addressing any gaps in the asset register and report, and ensuring all the relevant stakeholders have been involved and invited for the handing over meeting.

Among those who witnessed the exercise were Senior counsel Abigael Njoki, Devolution Chief Officer Lucy Ndumba, Transport Chief Officer Ann Kihagi, Finance Chief Officer John Ngugi, Lands Chief Officer Fredrick Maina, Joseph Imboba from Agriculture Department, Evelyn Wangari, assistant director IGRTC, NTSA Regional Director Bora Guyo and Principal administrator Solomon Chengecha.

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The Kwale County government has started distributing free insecticide-treated bed nets to vulnerable households in the coastal county to help fight the spread of malaria. Area Deputy Governor Chirema Kombo, along with Kwale County Commissioner Stephen Orinde and County Health Executive Dr Francis Gwama, aims to encourage everyone to sleep inside the treated nets, especially malaria vulnerable populations such as pregnant women and children under 5 years. The devolved government will work to increase access to treated mosquito nets and guarantee the wellbeing of the general population. The exercise will be conducted across the county, including the distribution of 560,000 long lasting insecticide treated nets to 165,000 households. The main objective of the nets distribution programme is to curtail the spread of malaria, which has had adverse socio-economic effects on the locals. The devolved unit will push for a 100% coverage for net distribution and usage by the vulnerable population.



Several groups and leaders among them Choromai Foundation and County Government of Nyeri have joined hands to rehabilitate some impassable roads in parts of Kieni West Sub-County in Kieni constituency. Some of the areas where the team have trained their eyes for improvement include Kabati, Mitero, Kihuhiro, Manoro, Ndiiri, Kiria, Kiambogo, Gituchu, Kula Mawe. Those behind the initiative include Kieni constituency philanthropist John Kariuki Choromai and Members of Nyeri County Assembly Eng. Clement Ndegwa and Christopher Wambugu Mbici. The rehabilitation is expected to ease transport in the areas as heavy rains continue to pound various parts of the country.



Kisii County residents have called for the government to prioritise locals as contractors, suppliers of materials, workers, and owners of the Affordable Housing Programme. The Nyanza Region Director of Housing and Urban Development, Jared Buoga, stated that residents are particularly concerned about the ownership of houses and the process of converting land from public to private. Buoga explained that the Sectional Properties Act has clear stipulations on how land is converted from the public to the affordable housing programme, and the mother title is registered with the state agency in charge of affordable housing on behalf of the National Treasury. The second title given to individuals upon completion of the unit will provide benefits such as using it as collateral to access a loan, sell the house, and transfer the property from one person to another. Buoga also handed over sites to contractors in the Nyanchwa, Ogembo, and Ekerubo regions of Kisii, where 540 affordable houses were to be constructed within a year.



The Sengwer community in Kenya has expressed gratitude to President William Ruto for establishing a unit to address the concerns of minority and marginalised groups. Dickson Rotich, the community's Spokesperson, praised the unit's establishment at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi. The recognition of the Sengwer community as a tribe in Kenya is crucial, given their history of discrimination and marginalisation. Rotich urged the government to issue a tribal code for the Sengwer community, stating that they are part of the Kalenjin tribe and have not been given one like other sub-tribes. He also urged other leaders to ensure all communities are included in leadership, national development, and equal access to employment opportunities.

Forty guests and staff members were rescued at Masai Mara Game Reserve after the River Talek burst its banks and overflowed. Nine camps, including Tipilikwani camp, Mara Leisure camp, Mara Base camp, Olkinyei camp, Mara Big Five, Mariot Camp, Sweet Acacia, Pride Inn Mara, and Kananga camp, were impacted by the floods. The river had overflowed at midnight, affecting parts of Talek town, leaving guests trapped in several camps along the river. The ongoing rains have severely impacted Mosiro ward, with 100 families displaced along the Mosiro Irrigation Scheme. Governor Patrick Ole Ntutu, Narok County Commissioner Lotiatia Kipkech, and the Chairman of Narok County Natural Resources, Nicholas Murero, urged the community living in adjacent rivers to move to safer sites while praising both the national and county governments for the rescue missions.



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FAWE Kenya Takes Bold Steps To Combat Teenage Pregnancy And Promote Education For Adolescent Mothers

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Worth Noting:

The Primary Aim Of This Seminal Gathering Was To Delve Into The Intricate Web Of Factors Contributing To The Alarming Rates Of Teenage Pregnancy In Kenya And To Chart A Course Of Action Towards Empowering Adolescent Mothers To Continue Their Education Journey.

Against The Backdrop Of Rising Concerns Over The Social, Economic, And Cultural Determinants Fueling This Phenomenon, Participants Engaged In Robust Discussions, Meticulously Dissecting The Root Causes And Exploring Viable Strategies For Intervention.



FAWE Momentous Multi-Stakeholder Sensitization Meeting

In An Unwavering Demonstration Of Commitment To Tackle The Pervasive Issue Of Teenage Pregnancy And Foster Educational Opportunities For Adolescent Mothers, The Forum For African Women Educationalists (FAWE) Kenya Recently Spearheaded A Momentous Multi-Stakeholder Sensitization Meeting. This Pivotal Event, Held In The Vibrant City Of Nairobi, Convened A Diverse Consortium Of Stakeholders Spanning Government Officials, Educators, Healthcare Professionals, Community Leaders, And Representatives From Non-Governmental Organizations.

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Central To The Discourse Was The Unanimous Acknowledgment Of The Indispensable Role Of Comprehensive Sexuality Education In Equipping Young Girls And Boys With The Knowledge And Skills Necessary To Make Informed Decisions Regarding Their Sexual And Reproductive Health. Furthermore, The Imperative Of Ensuring Unfettered Access To Reproductive Healthcare Services

Emerged As A Cornerstone In The Collective Effort To Mitigate The Incidence Of Teenage Pregnancy.

FAWE Kenya, Renowned For Its Staunch Advocacy For Gender-Responsive Education, Unequivocally Underscored The Pernicious Impact Of Teenage Pregnancy On Girls' Educational Attainment And Socio-Economic Prospects. Emphasizing The Urgent Need For Targeted Interventions, FAWE Kenya Championed The Cause Of Educational Inclusion, Asserting That Adolescent Mothers Should Not Be Consigned To The Margins But Rather Empowered To Reclaim Their Rightful Place Within The Education System.

In Addition To Fostering Dialogue And Raising Awareness, The Sensitization Meeting Served As A Fertile Ground For The Exchange Of Best

Practices And Innovative Approaches In The Realm Of Teenage Pregnancy Prevention And Support For Adolescent Mothers. Participants Fervently Deliberated The Efficacy Of Mentorship Programs, The Potency Of Peer Support Networks, And The Viability Of Alternative Education Pathways Custom-Tailored To The Unique Needs Of Teenage Mothers.

Looking Ahead, FAWE Kenya Pledged Unwavering Collaboration With All Stakeholders To Translate Rhetoric Into Action, Manifesting Tangible Outcomes Aimed At Curbing Teenage Pregnancy Rates And Bolstering The Educational Inclusion Of Adolescent Mothers. This Steadfast Commitment Extends To Advocacy Endeavors Aimed At Fortifying Policies And Programs That Safeguard The Rights Of Young Girls And Ensure Their Unfettered Access To Quality Education And Reproductive Health Services.

As The Curtains Drew On The Meeting, Participants Exuded A Palpable Sense Of Renewed Commitment, Animated By The Shared Vision Of Creating An Enabling Environment Where Every Adolescent Girl Can Flourish And Actualize Her Full Potential, Unencumbered By The Specter Of Teenage Pregnancy. Their Resolve Epitomizes A Collective Ethos Of Resilience, Empathy, And Determination In Confronting The Multifaceted Challenges That Beset The Journey Towards Gender Equity And Educational Empowerment.

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Gachagua Visits Families Displaced By Floods In Garissa

By: DPCS

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has assured Garissa County residents that the Government is working on long-term interventions to the perennial floods in the region.

The Deputy President said it is not right to respond annually to the challenge without developing a long-term mitigation strategy.

Speaking yesterday at Hyuga Primary School in Garissa Town, where he visited and comforted hundreds of residents displaced by floods in the County, Mr Gachagua said he will meet with all the leaders from the region to work on short-term as well as long-term intervening measures.

“We will hold a meeting with leaders from the county to work on how to assist those affected and agree on the long-term interventions to these challenges so we don’t come here every year for the same problems as today’s,” said the DP.

Mr Gachagua said it is unfortunate lives have been lost this year, calling

on the residents to be cautious and move to safer grounds.

“It is sad that we have lost lives because of the floods. We will support those who have been affected. We have brought adequate foodstuff and other necessary items for them,” he said.

The Deputy President also said they will work with the local authorities in assessing the damage caused in a bid to help those affected to recover quickly.

The DP also thanked the security personnel in the region for maintaining peace and order, urging them not to relent.

The Deputy President was accompanied by Cabinet Secretaries Aden Duale (Defence), Kipchumba Murkomen (Roads and Transport) Davis Chirchir (Energy) ASALs and Regional Development Principal Secretary Harsama Kello, Garissa Governor Nathif Jama, Senators Abdul Haji (Garissa), Wahome Wamatinga (Nyeri), Garissa Deputy Governor Abdi Dakane, MPs Dekow Barrow (Garissa Township), Yakub Adow Kuno (Bura), Abdi Ali Abdi (Ijara), Abdullahi Hussein (Lagdera), Salah Yakub (Fafi), Abdi Shurie (Mbalamba), Garissa Township Ward MCA Hussein Khalid among others.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua handing over relief supplies to Garissa residents.

to avert more damage.

Governor Jama thanked the Deputy President for taking time to comfort the affected residents saying they are ready to work with the Government

to help the people and to develop long-lasting solutions to the challenge,” said Governor Nathif Jama.

Senate Trade Committee Invites CS Rebecca Miano To Respond To Statements Under The Committee’s Purview

By: PSCU

The Senate Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism has resolved to invite the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry Rebecca Miano to appear before it to respond to various statements under the Committee’s purview.

This comes after the Senators noted that the written responses that the Cabinet Secretary had submitted to the Committee regarding the statements weren’t satisfactory and required further clarification.

While considering the response to a statement regarding the disbursement and utilisation of the Uwezo Fund requested by Senator Esther Okenyuri, Members of the Senator Lenku Seki-led Committee underscored the need for the Cabinet Secretary to appear before it in person so that she



could expound on some issues raised.

In her request for a statement, Senator Okenyuri requested the Trade Committee to provide a countrywide report of the total amount of loans disbursed from the Uwezo Fund

since its establishment.

The legislator also asked the committee to provide a report of the total amount of non-performing loans and outline the measures the Ministry has put in place to ensure prudent and ef-

ficient use of the Fund.

Senators highlighted the weighty matters that the statement raised and resolved to invite CS Miano at a later date to expound on her Ministry’s response.

“This statement raises weighty matters. We need to invite the CS so she can expound on this matter,” stated Senator Seki.

“Members of the Committee and the general public need to know how Uwezo and Hustler funds work. That will sort out many of the issues raised,” supported Senator Okenyuri, who also serves as the Committee’s Vice chairperson.

The committee also considered the responses to the statements on the trade viability of Kisumu International Airport, Police Raids on Businesses in Eastleigh over Counterfeit Products, the Financial Viability of the Uchumi Supermarket Chain and the collapse of Malakisi Cotton Ginery in Bungoma.

Senators Lenku Seki (chairperson) and Karungo Thang’wa attended the meeting physically, while Esther Okenyuri (Vice Chairperson), Jackson Mandago, Okiya Omtatah, Steve Lelegwe, Crystal Asige and Betty Montet attended the meeting virtually.

National Assembly Approve Motion Seeking Dismissal Agriculture CS Mithika Linturi

By: PSCU and MKT Reporter

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National Assembly

Worth Noting:

- “I rise to support this motion. Listening keenly to the submission of Hon. Wamboka, and having scrutinized into details the documents presented, I am more than convinced that CS Mithika Linturi has fallen short of the requirements of the Constitution as a holder a public office,” stated the Leader of the Minority Party, Opiyo Wandayi.

- Wandayi underscored the importance of upholding national values and principles. He added that, “A motion of impeachment such as this one is indeed a tool of the last resort all over the world. In mature democracies, Parliament such as this one resort to impeachment processes as an action of last resort.”

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In the special motion Bumula MP Jack Wamboka cited gross violation of the Constitution, the gross misconduct and serious reasons for believing that the Cabinet Secretary has committed a crime under national law.

“This motion is not about party politics,” stated Wamboka.

“This is about the Kenyan people, the farmers who now face a failed harvest because of bad fertilizer. We were voted in by these very people, many of whom can’t even afford a decent meal. My heart goes out to them.”

While seconding the motion, Anthony Kibagendi from Kitutu Chache South constituency echoed his sentiments, calling the situation a “moral issue” and accusing CS Linturi of “denying Kenyans food security.”

However, the motion faced opposition.

Owen Baya raised a point of order, citing sub judice concerns as several cases related to the scandal were ongoing in court.

“Standing Orders and the Constitution guide this House,” countered

the Leader of the Majority Party Kimani Ichungwah.

Similar sentiments were echoed by Gitonga Murugara, who argued that the motion itself breached legal statutes.

Legislator supported the motion.

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On his part, Martin Owino urged the House to support farmers saying, “Anyone who undermines the well-being of our farmers undermines Kenya itself. Parliament must stand with them!”

Subsequently, members of the National Assembly electronically voted and the motion was passed with a clear majority with 149 votes in

favor, 36 against, and 3 abstentions.

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Moses Wetang’ula directed the swift formation of a select committee.

“Parliamentary parties must promptly nominate Members to serve on the committee investigating the proposed dismissal of Hon. Linturi,” he instructed.

An 11 Member Committee was formed including; Majority Party Chief Whip Waomi Waqo (Marsabit County), Leader of the Minority Party Robert MBui (Kathiani), Rachael Nyamai (Kitui South), Samuel Chepkong (Aionabkoi), Gitonga MURungara (Tharaka) as well as Tom Kakwang (Ruaraka).

Others are Malulu Injendi (Malava), Njeri Maina (Kirinyaga County), Kassim Tandaza(Matuga), Catherine Omanyoo (Busia County) and Yusuf Farah (Wajir West).

“The committee will be involved in quasi judicial proceedings, in this regard, it must operate within the requirements of the Constitution, relevant statutes and the provisions of the standing orders”, stated the Speaker while guiding the House

The Select Committee is expected to submit its Report to the House in 10 days; that on May 13, after which the Speaker of the National Assembly shall shall summon the House for a special sitting for the tabling of the report.



Embattled CS MITHIKA LINTURI.

Budget And Appropriations Committee Deliberates On The Framework For Public Hearings For The Coming Financial Year

By: PSCU

The Budget and Appropriations Committee led by the chairperson Ndindi Nyoro met yesterday to discuss the framework for public hearings for the Financial Year 2024/25.

This will be undertaken from May 15 to May 18.

During the meeting, it emerged that in the coming Financial Year, KSh2.5 billion was allocated to public participation priority projects, as designated in the approved 2024 Budget Policy Statement.

This indicates an increase of KSh500 million, from KSh2 billion allocated for the current Financial Year.

To enhance coverage, the committee has also increased the number of Counties to be visited to 20 from 16.

This year's public hearings are expected to give an opportunity for the Budget and Appropriations Committee to engage with members of the public, who are the direct consumers of government policy and interven-

tions on the progress in implementation of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) priorities.

Some of the priority areas that the public hearings will focus on include agriculture; Universal Health Coverage (UHC); Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); affordable housing; digital and creative economy; social services and any other matter of interest to the community.

Public participation in the budget making process in Kenya is stipulated under Articles 118, 201, and 221 of the Constitution.

The process gives valuable input to the approval of expenditure and revenue estimates through the Annual Appropriations Bill, but also serves as a tool to measure the Country's level of equity in development.

Members of the committee raised a concern on the persistent delays in exchequer releases for these funds, which stalls or slows down implementation of the approved projects.

"The government hadn't released any exchequer for development by around February this year, but from then up to now, funds have been



Some of the committee members during yesterday's session

released consistently. Some funds could have been slightly slashed but were released," replied Nyoro.

He further noted that only funds for road development have been affected.

"The road development funds have been affected because the requests had escalated to KSh18 billion which

is too high. The money I could only identify was less than a third," he added.

As a resolution, the chairman advised that moving forward, by the time the committee is doing estimates for the next Financial Year, any exchequer not released for the Financial Year will be budgeted afresh.

Within this month, the committee shall also be receiving submissions from the Departmental Committees on annual estimates for FY 2024/25, and Supplementary Estimates No. 2 for FY 2023/24, which will thereafter be tabled in the House.

Closure Of Numerous Alcohol Selling Joints Impacts Mathira's Economy

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The economy in Karatina town, the headquarters of Mathira constituency is on the brink of collapse due to the closure of numerous alcohol-selling joints and entertainment venues following a directive by the Kenya Kwanza administration.

The move, that has affected other areas in the region is spearheaded by Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, who leads the fight against alcohol and substance abuse in the country.

In Karatina town, a great section of the business community including meat sellers, boda boda riders, and bar attendants are among those hardest hit, according to businessman Wachira Kabirio.

Speaking in Nyeri town, about 25 kilometers away from Karatina, while flanked by several colleagues, Kabirio expressed their frustrations in carrying out their legitimate businesses. He disclosed that despite obtaining a court order, the Mathira East

Sub-County Commissioner where Karatina town falls has been disregarding it.

"We are legitimate alcohol vendors, yet we are being harassed by our own government," Mr. Wachira lamented, adding, "We have attempted to engage the governor, Mutahi Kahiga, Senator Wahome wa Matinga, and our MP Eric Wamumbi, but to no avail."

The business community appealed to the Deputy President to intervene and have them allowed to conduct legitimate business, pledging full compliance with alcohol regulations.

He noted that over 99 per cent of bars in their sub-county have already closed, leaving only a few in operation.

The business community also criticised the area Commissioner, accusing him of violating the law by confiscating goods without due process or documentation.

Like other parts of the country, most of the alcoholic joints were ordered closed for not being compliant with a regulation requiring such establishments not to be situated in less than 300 metres from a learning institution or a church.



Mathira Business community chairperson Wachiri Kabirio addressing journalists in Nyeri town yesterday.
Photo/PAUL WANJIRU.

Ruto Does Not Mind Being Called Zakayo As Long As Kenyans Pay Taxes

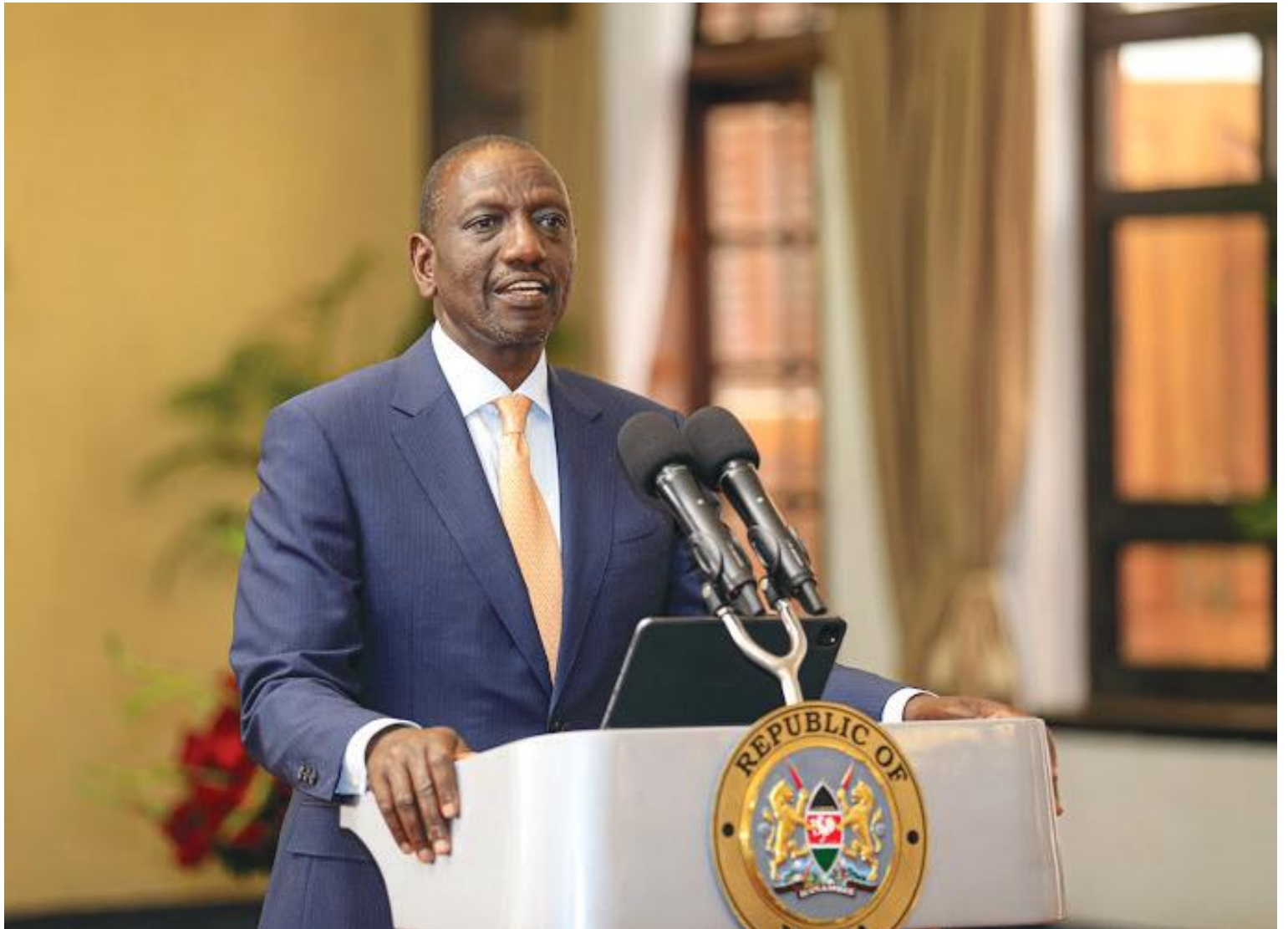


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Worth Noting:

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President William Ruto

I listened to President William Ruto's speech as he led the nation to mark this year's Labour Day.

He minced no word in reiterating the passion and commitment of his government to fulfill pre-election pledges.

We have so far rolled out a number of mega development projects.

The money we spend to do this work comes from your pockets in form of taxes.

The President was right. We know all the governments' world over do not have money of their own. They rely on three main sources to raise money for development and provision of services that transform the lives of their respective citizenry. These sources are; taxes, loans and grants.

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I wrote an article that goes. While addressing a rally at Jacaranda ground in Nairobi, Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga took the battle against President William Ruto a notch higher when he likened him to Zakayo, a tax collector.

For those who have read The Bible, Zakayo was a short man who climbed on a tree when Jesus was passing by.

This is the only option he had because Jesus was surrounded by a sea of humanity.

While atop a tree, he called the name of Jesus. Jesus listened to him as he confessed his sins and pleaded for forgiveness. The son of God told him. I have forgiven you your sins.

For Raila, Ruto is behaving like Zakayo, the tax collector. We know Zakayo later saw the light but Dr Ruto seems not ready to seek forgiveness.

I totally disagree with Raila. As a born again Christian, I want to say without fear of contradictions that his remarks were totally misleading and amounted to misinterpretation of the Bible.

There is no Verse that bars the government or any other institution and this include the Church from collecting money from citizens.

However, the funds must be used to

improve the lives and provide services to the contributors.

It becomes a sin if the funds (taxes) are stolen, mismanaged and wasted.

In the Churches, we call it 10 per cent and tithe.

For Zakayo, the Bible says he was collecting the tax from Churches and Synagogue. This was against the wish of God because he had turned the House of Lord to be a business premise.

Besides, he could not account for the collections.

We know the Azimio leader spent billions of shillings during the campaigns and many believed the outgoing government of President Uhuru Kenyatta was bankrolling him.

How come we did not hear him call Kenyatta a tax collector?

We know that the government does not have money of it's own.

It relies on the taxes, foreign grants and loans to provide services to the citizens.

So, if Raila won the election, what miracle could he have performed? None. He could have done the same thing of rallying Kenyans to pay thier taxes.

Former President Mwai Kibaki is remembered for taking this country to great heights of prosperity and development.

When he ascended to power, he used to

read same template.

He not only rewarded the tax-compliant Kenyans including those running big companies but he developed the slogan "Kulipa Ushuru, Nikujitegemea".

Since President Ruto assumed the power, I have not heard his government being associated with any corruption scandal.

So, I would expect Kenyans to buy Raila's political card that the taxes collected were being stolen and deviated.

This is my unsolicited advise to Raila. He should accept that Ruto won the presidential elections and move on.

The more he continues to make unsubstantiated claims against President Ruto, the more Kenyans believe he is after 'nusu Mkate'.

Dr Ruto has repeatedly stated that he will not succumb to his machinations.

Raila should stick to his role of the opposition. My government is not hiding anything and it is ready to be checked and corrected.

He should, however, engage us in a structured and constructive criticism.

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Return To Work; Joint Health Committee Tells Striking Doctors

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A joint session of the National Assembly and Senate Health Committees’ has urged striking medical workers to return to their duties as the pertinent issues are actively being addressed by their respective employers.

Endebess MP Robert Pukose, who chairs the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Health, alongside his Senate counterpart, Senator Jackson Mandago stressed that the National and County Governments have demonstrated goodwill in resolving the grievances raised by medical workers’ unions.

The two leaders emphasized that only two out of the 19 issues raised by the unions remain unresolved.

Dr. Pukose underscored the urgency of reinstating medical personnel to their posts, given the looming health risks exacerbated by current weather conditions.

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“Devolution was to ensure equitable development opportunities. If only 11 counties have issues should we have a national strike. We want to appeal to the medical personnel to call of the strike and resume work immediately,” the Senator said.

The parliamentary leaders expressed these sentiments during a meeting yesterday with Cabinet Secretaries, the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC), as well as representatives from KMPDU, KMLTU, and KUCO, to evaluate progress in resolving the medical service paralysis.

Doctors, represented by the Kenya Medical Practitioners Pharmacists Dentists Union (KMPDU), have been on strike for 51 days, advocating for the implementation of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) signed in 2017.

The Kenya Medical Laboratory Technologist Union (KMLTU) and the Kenya Union Of Clinical Officers (KUCO) have also joined the strike.

The joint committee directed KM-

LTU to lodge their dispute with the Ministry of Labour and requested COG to convene with KUCO and KMPDU the following Tuesday to address outstanding issues.

Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha and her Labour counterpart Florence Bore acknowledged that the primary outstanding issues revolve around the remuneration of Medical Interns and Registrars, currently under review by the Employment and Labour Relations Court and the Inter-governmental negotiation team.

“We appeal to the Medical staff unions not to regress on resolved matters. Out of the 19 issues in dispute, only two remain pending, which concern medical interns and registrars, and these will be resolved,” stated CS Nakhumicha.

CS Bore emphasized the nationwide approach undertaken over the past 50 days and implored striking medical staff to return to work while negotiations continue to ensure a favorable return-to-work formula for all parties involved.

She highlighted the government’s readiness for court-mediated mediation if necessary, considering the public’s suffering due to disrupted medical services.

“We call on the medical staff unions to consider the challenges facing the nation and allow their members to return to work as we work towards resolving the remaining issues,” urged

CS Bore.

Council of Governors (COG) Chairperson Anne Waiguru announced plans to meet with officials from KUCO and KMPDU the following Tuesday to address pending issues.

She confirmed that all counties have implemented enhanced allowances for doctors as per the 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement, ensuring competitive compensation.

However, Waiguru noted the collapse of court-sanctioned negotiations on April 22 and April 23 due to KMPDU’s absence, hindering the execution of a return-to-work formula.

On his part, KMPDU Secretary General Devji Bhimji Atallah reiterated doctors’ readiness to resume work once all grievances are addressed, emphasizing the need for standardized terms of service nationwide.

Atallah criticized the Salaries and Remuneration Commission for obstructing agreements, stressing that the strike is a last resort due to unresolved issues.

“The Salaries and Remuneration Commission has proved to be enemies of the Doctors because they have always put roadblocks whenever we reach an agreement, let be made clear to Kenyans that it is not our wish to be on strike but we have no other option at the moment,” Atallah emphasized

The More Time You Spend In Prayer, The More Power You Have Inside Your Life



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When Jesus Christ walked on this earth; the power of the Holy Spirit had no obstacles in Him to flow around, no blockages of flesh and soul to hinder His power from coming forth. Jesus told His disciples once that unbelief kept them from casting out a demon. (Matt. 17:20.) Also, He said that kind comes out only by prayer and fasting. (v. 21.) He knew they had not been praying very much. The more time you spend in prayer, the more power you have inside your life. Before you ever go to the street and witness for God, if you are on a witnessing team, pray and pray and pray. Walk the floor, close your eyes, and pray in the Spirit before you ever go out and face the devil on the street.

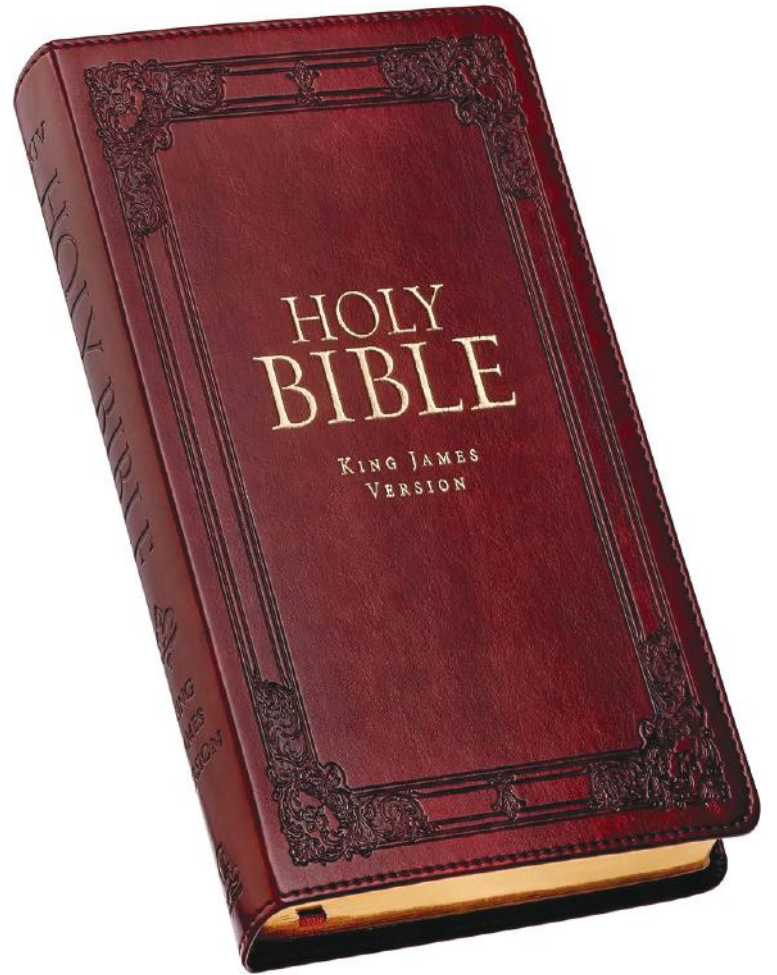
If you would pray even thirty minutes pretty hard and strong, there is no devil in the street that can defeat you. You will be as if you have a one-track mind. More than ninety percent of all Christians have never won a soul to God, and until they begin to pray, they will not be winning one. The hunger God placed inside you was not placed there for your own benefit, but to win souls for the Kingdom. You can turn that hunger into feeding your own spirit and become satisfied with doing your own thing spiritually. You will have no desire to win souls. You are too busy feeding yourself.

No man or woman had better go out to build churches without spending time in prayer to fight the devil. Some mornings I wake up and the peace of God just saturates me, flowing up and down in my body. I just lie in bed and think how wonderful it is to know the Lord. The sweet Spirit of Almighty God soaks through my body and every fiber and cell is at rest. I remember the days when I was a nervous wreck. But when God comes to visit you and lays His hand

on you, you are never the same. HALELUJAH. TO HIM WHO IS ABLE: ETERNAL KING.

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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14 POEMS

I Will Be A Poet



I was born to create
I have to live for creativity,
After my first poem I knew for sure,
Now I have to write a lot of poems.

I can no longer live without writing
poetry,
I have to put my heart into a poem,
I was given such ability,
Of course, I should be a poet.

Nature is my source of inspiration,
I sing poems in flowers,

Moon and stars encourage writing,
Sometimes I go blue in my poems.

Even the sun holds a pen in my hand,
He forces me to write more poems.
Inspiration always comes at that
moment,
A butterfly slowly landed on my pen.

I will put everything in my heart into a
poem,
When inspiration clicks, my heart breaks,
I will confide in spring flowers,
I will follow Zulfiyakhanim!

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The Wind and The Letter..



The skies were too pregnant,
And the wind blew vehemently,
Whistling hard in the tree branches,
When the flashes struck at
Each eye's blink.

The wind blew the letter,
And the wind blew a eulogy
That rested in my palms.

It traded my eyes into

Nostalgic slavery,
Thou' thee are gone already!
But I read and learned to eulogize.

The wind then grew calm,
To free the trees from the bondage
Of vehemence and violence,
And the flashes were no more
To let my eyes read repeatedly,
The cold lines.

Tomorrow,
I devour to climb that hill,
Ahead of a son,
To mow the wild lawn
Around your epitaph,
And, wait[...]

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Is a real life poet brought to earth in a local
kitchen.All glory to God.
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Poetry isn't dead.

Children



We are the bright future
Of our independent
Heavenly mother Earth
We are the diamond stars
Of the ruby field in the sky.
We are the great happiness
Of loving beating hearts,
We are the future children
Of every loving families.
We are the only sun

In the east horizon lights
We are the bright face
Of great ancestors .

✍️ Written by Shaxlo Safarova

Here is my biography:

Safarova Shakhlo Nurkamol's daughter
was born in 2007 on 14th April in
Tashkent the capital of Uzbekistan. She
is one of young, gifted and successful
Uzbek writers. If we narrate her, we
should not pretermit about her first
books which are named as " The sound
of my heart " and "Colourly emotions "
are published in USE.

In one of the successful year of her life
is 2023th year because in that year she
nominated The state "Zulfiya " price
of Uzbekistan and " The best Top-50
searchers" badge.

Guidance Of Students To Profession



By: Tuliyeva Sarvinoz

The goals of developing young people
and improving the skills of teachers and
pedagogues are at the basis of every
reform, seminar, forum and events. I recently
attended one of these seminars. Under the
leadership of the German GIZ project TexVET
"Career project" INTEGRATION, Uzbekistan
is organizing 13 measures to guide students,
students of vocational education and
unemployed youth to professions. As part of
the project, on April 23-24, a seminar on the
implementation of career guidance measures
was organized in Tashkent.

At the seminar, the representatives of the
pilot educational institutions and psycho-
pedagogical diagnostic center had a detailed
understanding of the purpose and tasks of
cooperation agreements between schools and
companies on career guidance.

By participating in the seminar, we gained new
knowledge and skills, modern and interactive
methods. The topic "Future Managers of
Uzbekistan" was assigned to our vocational
school. And on the 2nd day of the seminar, we
gave this project as a final lesson.

We learned how to organize a master's
lesson, make plans, work as a team, create
applications and templates for each plan. In
our skill class, we used handouts, interactive
games, and questions and answers. Also,
during the master class, we learned what
materials are needed for briefing and
debriefing, their preparation methods and
skills.

We even created a list of possible questions.
We learned how to create a questionnaire
assuming the questions we will be asked
before implementing a job, project or event.
Also, we have acquired the necessary skills to
present a report on the performed activities.
We participated in the seminar with interest
and enthusiasm and successfully completed
the two days. More such events and
seminars will serve to increase the skills of
our pedagogues even more.

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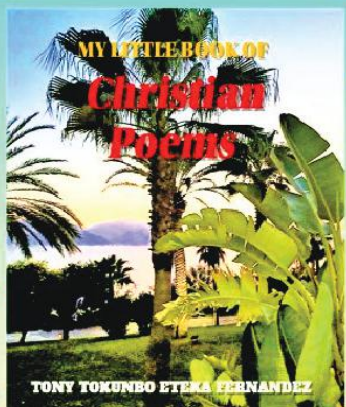
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BUSINESS

Kenya Airways' Commitment To Safety Excellence

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Worth Noting:

- Central to the safety culture is a robust reporting system where employees are encouraged to report concerns or incidents encountered in their operations forming the first line of defense. Sharing in the responsibility, are over 4000 employees each one of them empowered to be safety ambassadors.

- Additionally, technological investment is another key element in advancing safety in operations. With a Flight Data Recorder system in place in each aircraft, every action during a flight is meticulously recorded. This offers valuable insights on any emerging issues and provides avenues for improvement. Subsequently, the cabin crew generates over 100 reports monthly, providing further insights into encountered challenges. This data enables the airline to stay abreast on emerging safety issues and informs recommendation and implementation of effective mitigation measures.

Kenya ranks as the second in Africa for the best aviation safety standards with a score of 91.77%, according to the 2022 security audit by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). This underscores the robust nature of Kenya's aviation security system painting a comprehensive picture of its commitment to safety and excellence.

Safety in aviation extends beyond the mere license to operate. It is a non-negotiable mandate as airlines bear the responsibility of safeguarding the lives and well-being of customers.

Guided by a safety culture that is deeply embedded within the organization. Kenya Airways commitment to safety extends across every facet of its operations, ensuring the security of passengers, crew, and cargo.

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The aviation sector is dynamic and diverse in nature with each airline

facing unique challenges. To uphold the highest standards of safety, the airline continually benchmarks on safety practices against global standards, enabling it to stay ahead of emerging threats and adapt swiftly to evolving risks.

Aside from benchmarking, rigorous assessments and evaluations by external organizations such as International Airport Transport Association (IATA) and Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) validate KQ's adherence to international safety standards and enables the airline to compete in the global space. According to the IATA 2023 Annual Safety Report, the improvement in aviation safety among member states is credited to the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA). Boasting of zero records of fatal accidents in 2023 by member states for IATA underscores the effectiveness of IOSA in enhancing aviation safety standards. These audits play a crucial role in reinforcing KQ's commitment to safety excellence to help identify areas for improvement and maintain

alignment with international best practices.

Moreover, in November 2023 the airline was awarded certificate of accreditation by IATA's Safety Audit for Ground Operations (ISAGO) for outstanding ground services in luggage handling, aircraft loading and safety protocols. The successful Audit is a testament to KQ's dedication to safety by adhering to the stringent safety standards that contribute in delivering exceptional service to its passengers. On the 28th April 2024, KQ further solidified its commitment to safety by winning 1st Runner's Up in the service category under National Safety Awards. This recognition highlights Kenya Airways' focus on providing a safe and secure travel experience for its passengers.

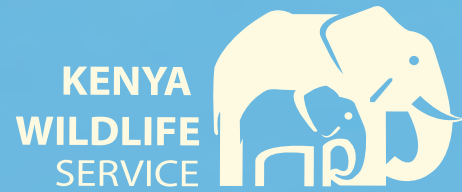
As Kenya Airways persists in the efforts to enhance safety in operations, the growing vulnerability to adverse weather conditions aggravated by the effects of climate change is a significant concern. This heightened risk poses a significant challenge to safety

operations, at the least resulting in flight disruptions. The airline remains vigilant in monitoring weather and employing stringent safety protocols to ensure passenger and crew safety.

As climate change continues to affect the aviation sector, KQ's commitment to safety goes beyond safeguarding customer safety into spearheading climate action. By proactively addressing climate consciousness, the airline aims to mitigate environmental risks and contribute positively to the planet. To offset the airlines carbon footprint and mitigate its environmental impact, KQ is committed to planting 1,000,000 trees to offset greenhouse gas emissions. This initiative accentuates the dedication to environmental stewardship and aligns with the airlines broader efforts to promote sustainability within the aviation industry.

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Karibu, Tutunze Pamoja!

The Ministry of Interior and Bungoma County Government Join Forces to Prepare for 61st Madaraka Day Celebrations

By: Cynthia Masibo and Wendy Keziah

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Worth Noting:

- A focal point of discussion revolved around the refurbishment of the venue, with concerted efforts aimed at enhancing its infrastructure and overall appeal to accommodate the expected throngs of attendees. The committee deliberated on plans to upgrade seating arrangements, optimize spectator facilities, and amplify security measures to uphold the safety and comfort of all participants.
- Moreover, substantial attention was directed towards bolstering the road network leading to the stadium, recognizing the pivotal role of accessible transportation in facilitating the smooth flow of traffic during the event. Additionally, plans were set in motion to improve other essential amenities, including sanitation facilities, parking areas, and emergency services, to ensure a holistic and gratifying experience for all attendees.



Interior, led by PS Raymond Omollo.

The Ministry of Interior, led by the PS Raymond Omollo, in collaboration with the leadership of Bungoma Governor Lusaka, convened a comprehensive preparatory meeting yesterday in anticipation of the highly anticipated 61st Madaraka Day celebrations. With the theme of 'Promoting Agriculture and Food Security,' this year's commemoration is set to take place at the illustrious Masinde Muliro Stadium nestled in the heart of Bungoma County.

The meeting served as a pivotal moment for stakeholders to strategize and deliberate on the various tasks ahead, each crucial in ensuring the seamless execution of the festivities. Chaired by PS Raymond Omollo, the session brought together members of the National Celebrations Committee, comprising representatives from both the national and county governments, as well as key stakeholders from various sectors.

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Madaraka Day holds profound significance in the annals of Kenyan history, symbolizing the nation's attain-

ment of internal self-rule on June 1st, 1963. As such, the preparations for this year's celebrations are imbued with a sense of reverence and pride, honoring the sacrifices and struggles of the past while embracing the promise of a brighter future.

PS Raymond Omollo, speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Interior, expressed his unwavering commitment to ensuring the success of the

upcoming festivities. He emphasized the theme of 'Promoting Agriculture and Food Security' as not only timely but also emblematic of Kenya's enduring commitment to harnessing its agricultural potential for sustainable development and national prosperity.

Governor Lusaka, resonating with PS Omollo's sentiments, underscored the significance of hosting the event in Bungoma County and the unique opportunity it presents to showcase the region's rich agricultural heritage. He pledged the full support of the county government in collaborating with national authorities to orchestrate a memorable and impactful celebration befitting the occasion.

As preparations intensify and the countdown to Madaraka Day continues, stakeholders are called upon to rally behind the organizing committee and contribute their expertise, resources, and goodwill towards realizing a truly exceptional event. Beyond the pomp and pageantry, the occasion serves as a poignant reminder of Kenya's resilience, unity, and unwavering commitment to the ideals of freedom, progress, and prosperity for all its citizens.

In the spirit of Madaraka, let us unite in celebration of our shared heritage, honor the sacrifices of our forebears, and reaffirm our collective resolve to chart a course towards a brighter tomorrow for Kenya and all its people.



Kenya prepares to celebrate its journey towards self-governance and agricultural prosperity at the 61st Madaraka Day celebrations in Bungoma County.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Deluge's Impact: How Floods Submerge The Tourism Sector



Floods, with their indiscriminate fury, go away no stone unturned in their direction of destruction. While the toll on infrastructure and livelihoods is well-documented, the tourism sector stands as a silent victim, bearing the brunt of nature's wrath. From cherished landmarks to bustling tourist hubs, floods spare no corner, leaving behind a trail of economic and social upheaval.

One of the most on the spot and palpable effects of floods on the tourism zone is the destruction of infrastructure. Roads, bridges, airports, and motels frequently bear the full force of raging waters, rendering them inaccessible or severely damaged. Tourists, deterred with the aid of the chaos and uncertainty, cancel bookings and divert their itineraries to safer destinations. In

areas closely reliant on tourism, this sudden drop in visitors can spell financial disaster, inflicting companies to shutter and communities to falter.

Moreover, the loss of cultural and herbal heritage exacerbates the blow dealt via floods. Landmarks, monuments, and archaeological sites, regularly the lifeblood of tourism, grow to be submerged or eroded, robbing communities of their historic and cultural identity. In locations famed for their herbal beauty, such as coastal regions and river valleys, the ecological balance is disrupted, jeopardizing ecosystems and biodiversity. Tourists, drawn to these locales for their pristine allure, find themselves confronted with landscapes marred by using devastation, prompting them to are searching for choice destinations.

The ripple outcomes of floods extend beyond the immediate aftermath, haunting the tourism quarter lengthy after the waters recede. Scarred with the aid of the trauma of disaster, communities grapple with the daunting challenge of rebuilding their lives and livelihoods. With sources diverted to healing efforts, investments in tourism development take a backseat, stifling boom and innovation. The stigma of vulnerability lingers, deterring potential traffic and buyers from enticing with the beleaguered destination.

However, amidst the despair, memories of resilience and renewal emerge, underscoring the indomitable spirit of the human endeavor. Communities, buoyed with the aid of team spirit and determination, rally collectively to rebuild their tourism sector from the

ground up. Infrastructure is fortified in opposition to future floods, incorporating resilient sketch ideas to face up to nature's onslaught. Sustainable tourism practices take core stage, promotion responsible stewardship of natural resources and fostering a harmonious relationship between site visitors and host communities.

Furthermore, the introduction of technology provides a beacon of hope, empowering destinations to mitigate the have an impact on of floods on their tourism sector. Early warning systems, powered through data analytics and far off sensing, grant timely alerts, enabling communities to evacuate travelers and protect critical infrastructure. Virtual truth and augmented actuality experiences provide immersive alternatives for travelers, permitting them

to discover locations from the safety of their residences and inspiring them to help restoration efforts.

In conclusion, floods forged a long shadow over the tourism sector, leaving devastation and disruption in their wake. However, amidst the wreckage lies an possibility for renewal and transformation. By embracing resilience, innovation, and sustainability, destinations can weather the storm and emerge more desirable than before, making sure that the charm of journey endures even in the face of nature's most bold challenges.

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The Striking Doctors of Kenya: Advocating for Change in Healthcare

In recent days, Kenya has been gripped by the powerful statement made by its doctors, who have taken to the streets in protest against a system they believe is failing both them and the patients they serve. The strike, which has paralyzed many hospitals and clinics across the country, highlights deep-rooted issues within Kenya's healthcare infrastructure.

The crux of the matter lies in the dire working conditions faced by doctors in Kenya. From insufficient resources and equipment to long hours and low wages, these healthcare professionals find themselves stretched to their limits on a daily basis. The strain on

the healthcare system has only been exacerbated by the ongoing global health crisis, further highlighting the urgency of addressing these issues.

At the heart of the doctors' demands is a call for the government to prioritize healthcare funding and to invest in improving working conditions. They argue that without adequate support, they are unable to provide the level of care that patients deserve. Additionally, the doctors are advocating for better security measures in hospitals, as they often face violence from frustrated patients and their families due to the lack of resources.

The strike has sparked a national conversation about the state of

healthcare in Kenya, with many citizens expressing solidarity with the doctors and their cause. However, there are also concerns about the impact of the strike on those who rely on medical services. Patients, particularly the most vulnerable, are caught in the middle of this dispute, facing delays in treatment and the inability to access essential healthcare services.

While the strike may cause short-term disruptions, it serves as a wake-up call for policymakers to address the systemic issues that have plagued Kenya's healthcare system for far too long. It is imperative that the government engage in meaningful dialogue

with the striking doctors to find a sustainable solution that ensures the well-being of both healthcare workers and patients.

Beyond addressing the immediate demands of the doctors, there is a need for long-term reforms aimed at strengthening the healthcare system as a whole. This includes investing in infrastructure, expanding access to healthcare services in rural areas, and prioritizing preventative care measures.

Ultimately, the striking doctors of Kenya are not only advocating for their own rights but also for the fundamental right to healthcare for all Kenyan citizens. Their courage and

determination in the face of adversity serve as a reminder of the importance of standing up for justice and equality in healthcare systems around the world.

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Coping With Floods

Floods in Kenya present recurring challenges, particularly during the rainy seasons. Heavy rainfall, coupled with factors like deforestation and inadequate drainage systems, leads to devastating inundation of land and communities. The impacts are profound, including loss of life, displacement, infrastructure dam-

age, and disruptions to agriculture. Vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly, bear the brunt of these disasters, exacerbating existing socio-economic inequalities.

Mitigating the impact of floods in Kenya requires a comprehensive approach. Investments in resilient infrastructure, early warning systems,

and sustainable land use practices are crucial. Improving community preparedness through education and capacity-building initiatives is also essential. However, challenges persist, including limited resources and institutional capacity constraints. Addressing these challenges demands collaboration among government

agencies, civil society, and local communities.

In confronting the menace of floods, Kenya must prioritize proactive measures to build resilience and adapt to changing climate patterns. By implementing effective flood management strategies, Kenya can minimize the adverse effects of floods, safeguard

lives and livelihoods, and foster sustainable development for all its citizens.

By Fatuma Mbetsa and Fiona Mulongo

Kirinyaga Government Officials Leads County Residents In Tree Planting To Mark Labour Day

By: MKT Correspondent
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The County Government of Kirinyaga on Labour day led the county residents in a tree planting drive to mark Labour Day.

The exercise that was presided by Deputy Governor David Githanda saw to planting of over 2,000 at Kiamutugu Boys Secondary School, dispensaries and along the Kirinyaga-Embu highway.

The tree planting incorporated the staff of the county and national governments as well as the area residents.

Githanda said that the exercise was part of the government's elaborate climate change mitigation intervention plan, underscoring the importance of tree planting in combating the adverse impact of climate change and environmental degradation.

He noted that the county government has a target of planting three million trees through integration of tree planting in community life where residents are sensitized to plant trees during social functions.

"We are encouraging everyone in the county to take advantage of the

ongoing rains to plant as many trees as they can. Let us come together to create a greener and a more sustainable future for our county and beyond," said the Deputy, noting that citizen participation in safeguarding the environment for the future generation was key.

His sentiments were echoed by Peter Kooro, the Sub County Forest Officer in charge of Kirinyaga East, stressing the urgency of intensive tree planting during the rainy season to preserve soil from erosion. "We are requesting the residents of Kirinyaga to actively utilize this rainy season to intensify tree planting, especially in the riparian areas so that we can prevent them from soil erosion," he said.

During the National Tree Growing Day last year, Governor Anne Waiguru committed to leading the county in planting six million trees by 2027. "When we plant trees, we are not only making our environment beautiful but we are contributing to the well-being of the future generations since trees are an essential part of the ecosystem as they provide humanity with oxygen, food, shelter and medicine." Waiguru stated.

She emphasized the crucial role of trees in mitigating climate change,



Kirinyaga County Deputy Governor David Githanda leading other officials in tree planting session on Wednesday..

reducing air pollution, and providing habitats for wildlife, urging residents to actively participate in tree planting efforts and ensure the nurturing of planted trees to maturity.

The governor has also mainstreamed climate change interven-

tions in the county's development agenda such as in agriculture where the farmers are supported to grow high value fruit trees as a way of diversifying incomes and curbing soil degradation. The county is also undertaking sustainable land man-

agement program that includes excavation of ditches and terraces and planting trees to prevent soil erosion and flooding.

University Spearheads Community Health Initiative In Collaboration With Government And Healthcare Partners

By: John Kariuki
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In a ground-breaking initiative aimed at enhancing community health and well-being, Zetech University partnered with the County Government of Kiambu, PCEA Kikuyu Hospital, and the Christian Blind Mission, for a transformative Eye Medical Clinic yesterday, at the Zetech University Technology Park, Mang'u Campus.

This collaborative effort extended vital eye screening services to over 1000 individuals residing in the Weiteithia area. Recognizing the pressing need for accessible eye care, particularly in underserved communities, to bridge the gap between demand and access to quality eye health services.

Christian Blind Mission's 'Vision Impact Project,' statistics underscore

the urgency of such interventions. Despite 7.5 million Kenyans requiring eye care services, only a fraction, approximately 1.6 million, can avail themselves for these crucial services. The initiative acknowledges systemic challenges, including workforce shortages, limited infrastructure, and inadequate financing, which have historically marginalized those in need of eye care.

At the heart of this initiative is Zetech University's commitment to community welfare. Speaking on behalf of the institution, Prof. Alice Njuguna, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing community health needs. "Through free consultations and screenings, Zetech University, alongside its partners, aims to empower individuals with knowledge and access to essential eye care services." She noted. She further appealed for a quick resolution to the ongoing healthcare work-

ers stalemate to allow them continue delivering the much-needed healthcare services within the communities.

Ms. Anne Mwangi, Sub-County Community Health Focal Person, shed light on the multifaceted causes of eye problems, ranging from environmental factors such as dust to lifestyle choices such as overusing electronic gadgets. The initiative prioritises preventative measures, advocating for healthy habits such as minimising screen time and avoiding alcohol consumption. With a particular focus on Gen Z, the initiative recognises the impact of digital lifestyles, and online gig work on eye health and emphasizes the importance of balance.

Beyond the immediate clinic, Zetech University reaffirms its commitment to sustainable community engagement. The University's long-term strategic plan mirrors the BETA (Bottom-up Economic Transforma-



Zetech University Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Alice Njuguna undergoing Eye Screening..

tion Agenda) commitment, aligning with the Kenya Health Policy 2014-2030 with an ambitious goal to start offering healthcare programmes and establish community hospital within the institution, aiming for the highest standards of health in the country. This collaborative effort exemplifies the university's dedication to lever-

aging partnerships for the greater good. By fostering health awareness and providing tangible services, Zetech University and partners envision a healthier, more prosperous future for all.

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Football Shoes: Cry Of Autistic Son To Mother Who Lost Everything To The Floods In Kajiado

By: OSDP

Worth Noting:

- “I was only able to rush and our chicken and rabbit. Also the children got out. My attempt to carry the box with important documents was unsuccessful as the electricity wires on the road started sparking and I had to run out of the water fearing for my life, and the box is floating over there with my other goods.”
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The spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi and Kajiado North MP Onesmus Ngogoyo during the food distribution exercise to those affected by the floods in Gataka, Kajiado North Constituency. The family of Elizabeth Sanaipei was one of the beneficiaries of the food distribution exercise by Pastor Dorcas Rigathi to flood victims in the area. Photo/OSDP.

All a mother of a 20-year-old son with autism wants following the floods in Kajiado North is to get his son a new pair of football shoes. Elizabeth Sanaipei lost all her household goods, accumulated over the years, to heavy rains that hit Gataka in Kajiado North on Sunday 21st April 2024.

That Sunday, she washed some clothes and hung them outside to dry, unawares that the heavy rains that night would leave her house, entire compound and washed clothes submerged in the flooding waters. “I was living in the two-roomed houses over there with my daughter, and grandson. That house on the

side is where one of my sons was living, and my other son who has autism was living in the other house,” says Ms Sanaipei, as she points to the mabati houses marooned in the dirty flood waters at Gataka. Sadly, Ms Sanaipei said the family lost everything because the water levels rose fast as the area lacks



The house (with orange curtain) the house for Levis Lenana, 20-year-old, with autism was sleeping marooned by the flood waters. Elizabeth Sanaipei, a mother of a 20-year-old son, lost all her household goods, accumulated over the years, to heavy rains that hit Gataka in Kajiado North on Sunday 21st April 2024. All her 20-year-old son, Levis Lenana, wants is a new pair of football shoes after his old pair was destroyed in the floods. This family was one of the beneficiaries of the food distribution exercise by Pastor Dorcas Rigathi to flood victims in the area. Photo/OSDP.

proper drainage and the thousands of litres of rain water rushed into the compound located on lower ground in comparison to the road.

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Ms Sanaipei said her son has found great joy in playing football despite his disability.

The family, which is currently housed at a church in the area, Word for Eternal Life (WOFEL) Church, awaits the flood waters to be flushed out or another solution to their plight.

Ms Sanaipei and her family were part of the hundreds of families who received food aid during the food distribution exercise in the area led by the spouse of the Deputy President, Pastor Dorcas Rigathi on Tuesday.

Pastor Dorcas distributed tonnes of food to the affected families that included rice, beans, and flour.

She cautioned Kenyans not to dare nature, and keep off the flooding waters.

“The flooding waters are dangerous. I am here as a mother to tell you that we care for you, and as government will continue offering the needed help,” said Pastor Dorcas.

Area MP Onesmus Ngogoyo said a quick remedial measure for flooding in Gataka would be the construction of a proper drainage system along the road to direct the waters.

Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho said Kajiado North was one of the most affected by the floods. “This constituency is prone to flooding because of quarries where water in large amounts stand still and could even result to cholera outbreak,” he said.

The Deputy Governor, however, said the county government was working closely with the national government, and was in constant communication towards the emergency and disaster response.

The Battle Kenya Faces with Nationwide Blackouts: Lights Out

By: Perpetual John
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Kenya has experienced widespread power outages in recent times, which plunge the country into complete darkness. Millions of Kenyans, suffering from the effects of an unstable electricity supply, are left in the dark, whether they live in thriving urban areas or isolated rural villages.

Both citizens and experts are gravely concerned about the frequency and severity of these blackouts, underscoring the urgent need for structural changes in Kenya's energy sector. What is the core of this crisis, and what steps can be taken to make the way forward clear?

A number of issues, from antiquated technology to poor infrastructure to a lack of investment in alternative energy sources, are the main causes of Kenya's power problems. Kenya has a wealth of natural resources, including the potential for geothermal, wind, and solar energy, but its

reliance on hydroelectric power and its outdated grid infrastructure make it susceptible to disruptions from things like equipment malfunctions, transmission failures, and droughts.

The effects of these blackouts go far beyond simple inconvenience for regular Kenyans. Lack of dependable electricity disturbs daily routines, jeopardizes vital services, and reduces economic productivity in homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses. After dusk, students find it difficult to continue their studies, medical equipment malfunctions and endangers patients' lives, and business owners suffer increasing losses as their operations come to a complete stop.

Government representatives have promised to address the underlying causes of the blackout crisis in response to growing public outcry. To increase the resilience of Kenya's power grid, plans for infrastructure improvements, energy source diversification, and better maintenance techniques have been proposed. However, there are many obstacles

in the way, and in order to bring about long-lasting change, it will take not only financial investment but also political will, regulatory changes, and public-private partnerships.

Grassroots initiatives are emerging to bridge the gap left by the failing grid while Kenyans wait for real progress. Through innovative energy-saving technologies and community-led solar projects, citizens are taking matters into their own hands and paving the way for a sustainable, resilient, and self-reliant future. In the end, Kenya must address the systemic weaknesses ailing its energy sector in light of the blackout crisis. Kenya can emerge from the shadows stronger, more resilient, and better prepared to power a brighter future for all of its citizens by adopting a comprehensive strategy that prioritizes investment in clean, renewable energy, improves grid reliability, and fosters inclusive energy access.

The real test of a nation in times of hardship is not how many obstacles it faces, but rather how determined



its people are to overcome them. Let us unite as Kenya navigates this critical juncture in its energy journey, determined to light the way ahead and create a better tomorrow for future generations.

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People Should Embrace People With Dreadlocks And Stop Stereotyping Them

Dreadlocks are known as locs or dreads, are rope-like strands of hair formed by locking or braiding hair. Different hairstyles have been synonymous with a symbol of identity especially dreadlocks are often associated with the Rastafarians of Jamaica, but some hair experts claim the dreadlocks history is not unique to Jamaica and Rastafarians.

It's more than just a style ;it's an attitude, a way of life , inspiring passion and disapproval in equal measure. For most people , having to constantly think about a next hairdo is a problem, and most of the time changing wigs is expensive especially for the ladies, and the best option is to go for dreadlocks.

Dreadlocks have been over time, fast gaining popularity among masses. For instance in African, Maasai warriors of Kenya and Tanzania are known for their long, thin, red dreadlocks, dyed with red ochre as a symbol of power, strength and in-

timidation.

But in most cases, dreadlocks are viewed in negative light due to the stereotypical association with gangs and criminal activity, men with dreadlocks face profiling from police. A man with dreadlocks is more likely to be a suspect than man without dreadlocks.

Dreadlocks are stereotyped to be unhygienic and unprofessional no matter what the race of the people who has them. Everyone with the hairstyle has to be handling being a target of hate. The truth is that dreads are only dirty if you don't care of them.

Most of people with the hairstyle are viewed to be drug addict, while they are not. People with dreadlocks face unfair judgement and are viewed differently by the society. It's sad that having dreadlocks in work place can have a tangible impact in a career, others lack a chance to have a certain job because of negative as-



sumptions and stereotypical views of dreadlocks.

It's high time for people and most especially Africans to embrace dreadlocks and stop with the archaic

beliefs and stereotypes of people with dreadlocks. Appearance has nothing to do with behavior. A criminal is a criminal with or without dreadlocks

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The War For Truth: Disinformation Is Dangerous

By: Brenda Holo
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In a time when the rapid spread of information through social media reigns supreme, discerning truth from falsehood has become a critical challenge. Kenyans, like many others around the world, has prioritize speed over accuracy, sharing over reading and commenting over understanding, leading to the rampant sharing of disinformation without thorough verification.

This phenomenon came into focus on Monday, April 22, when a video began circulating widely across social media platforms, purportedly showing Kenya Army Commander Lieutenant General David Kimaiyo Tarus being sworn in as the new Chief of Defece Forces (CDF), as though it were a part of N54 breaking news broadcast. The text that accompanied the video read: ‘The successor to Francis Ogolla. New military leaders Lieutenant General David Kimaiyo Tarus.’



The video’s emergence, days after the tragic loss of Kenya’s Chief of Defence Forces, Francis Ogolla, in a helicopter crash on April 18, 2024.

A review of the Ministry of Defence and the Kenya Defence Forces’s social media handles indicates no such appointment has been made.

However, a Google reverse image search debunks the authenticity of the video as it indicates that the manipulated video clip was taken from an



event on March 8, 2024, at State House Nairobi when Tarus was being promoted as commander of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), which was live stream on the President’s Facebook page.

Following the dissemination of this manipulated video, several politicians took to their social media timelines to share it, either inadvertently or with malicious intent. Their

actions elicited a range of reactions from netizens, with some blindly accepting the false narrative and others expressing skepticism and calling for verification

This incident serves as a reminder of the dangers posed by disinformation campaigns. Disinformation, defined as intentionally false information shared with the aim of misleading others, has emerged as a global threat. According to a report

by World Economic Forum Global Risks Perception Survey 2023-2024, disinformation now tops the list of global risks, underscoring its far-reaching implications.

Combating disinformation requires a concerted effort from various stakeholders, including governments, media organizations, civil societies and individual users. Fact-checking mechanisms, media literacy programs, and stringent regulations on the spread of false information are essential steps in mitigating the spread and impact of disinformation.

In conclusion, we must teach all of our citizens how to be researchers and scientists when it comes to consuming information. Most importantly, we must emphasize verification and validation over virality and velocity. In the end, the only way to truly begin to combat the spread of digital disinformation is to return to the days when we taught society to question what they read online.

Help Prevent Suicide

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Every day on our screen and newspapers stories of suicide still find their way with those who have taken their lives leaving behind reasons to justify their acts.

Pain and stress pushes people to end their lives, not because they no longer see the need to live but simply because they are unable to cope with the stress and pain they are going through.

We all can pay a role in suicide prevention; we can make a difference by reaching out to suicidal individuals and helping them. The first step is by simply asking a person you are suspecting to be suicidal if they are thinking of such an act, being direct sometimes brings creates room for deeper conversations and they may

end up sharing a lot with you.

Limiting their access to dangerous items by removing around them is the next step. Strive to know if the person has ever tried any self-harm before and the methods they applied, this will help you to know their items of temptation and you can remove them from their reach.

Help find a way to get them connected is another important step, try to be present physically and when you are unable to be present connect with them through calls, text messages and any other way that will show support and closeness to them.

Find resources for suicidal people is also very crucial. Try to find out from them if they are seeing a mental health professional and connect them with if not and help find support around them, in their villages or communities, work places, school etc.

Lastly follow up on them, this can be through visiting them, calling them regularly, texting them , send-



ing them letters and cards, the regular follow up helps them to feel less isolated and this potential reduces their risk to suicide.

Suicide should not be an individual

fight, we should all stand to fight it by choosing to prevent it that is the only way that we will win the fight and help save lives.

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High Court Orders Gov't, Doctors To Sign Return-To-Work Formula By Monday

By: Emily Chebet

The High Court has directed the government and the striking doctors to sign a return-to-work formula to be adopted by the court on Monday, May 6, 2024.

The Employment and Labour Relations Court declined to order the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU) to call off the ongoing strike before signing a return-to-work formula as requested by the government.

Justice Byram Ongaya directed the two parties to set aside the issue of remuneration of intern doctors saying the case is already before an Eldoret court.

This as the Council of Governors (CoG) on Thursday appeared before a joint Parliament sitting of the health committee alongside KMPDU, Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO) and the Kenya National Union of Medical Laboratory Officers (KNUMLO) to try and unlock the stalemate that is now on its 50th day.

During the court hearing, Counsel James Ochieng who represents the government accused KMPDU

of disowning a document drafted during the negotiations that was to be adopted as a return-to-work formula.

On their side, KMPDU through their counsel Edgar Washika argued that the document was just a draft that was to be subjected to ratification by the union's National Executive Council but was shot down due to failure to meet their demands.

Appearing before the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Health, KMPDU insisted that the document from the negotiations is incomplete and cannot be a return-to-work formula, adding that several issues are pending from the strike notice.

"KMPDU is telling us we need to employ more doctors before they go back to work...if the counties have already agreed to employ more doctors, what kind of action do they want before they go back to work?" Posed Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki.

KMPDU Secretary General Dr. Davji Atella said: "Some parts of the document were not agreeable to the union, particularly on the issue of employment of doctors. When you say we will employ more doctors or we will endeavour to employ, it becomes a blank statement that mirrors the agreement we had last year where the counties promised to em-



Striking Doctors

ploy doctors... so the union was of the opinion that there should be a particular number of doctors and in case they need funds they will get it from the national government and timelines for that engagement."

Clinical officers, on their part, are accusing the government of what they say is a lack of commitment saying since 2020 when they were asked by the court to come to the table, no county representation has ever attended.

"The county secretaries, the public service boards were invited, the letters were served to the individual counties, but there is no county that

appeared...we do not actually understand what the Chair CoG means by the fact that we continue with conciliation while actually there is no conciliation they have ever attended since we run into a dispute," KUCO Chairperson Peter Wachira stated.

The committee was keen to understand the number of pending issues between the union and the government.

"When you walk into a dispute resolution, everybody brings a list of issues, we generate agreed issues then we say tick number 1, 2. So if there were two issues, first of all, is it two issues or those were political

statements?" Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna noted.

Dr Atallah responded: "Chair, the reality is this particular document was a process and some of the issues on the strike notice were not captured here and that's why there was contention and that's why it was not completed... if you look at it, it was not signed."

The CoG will be meeting KMPDU, KUCO and KNUMLO on Tuesday to agree on a return-to-work formula.

Reports Of Flood Waters Washing Snakes, Crocodiles Into Nairobi Streets Are False

By: Citizen Reporter

The National Museums of Kenya has denied claims that floodwaters swept venomous snakes and crocodiles from their cages at the Snake Park and into the city streets.

In a statement on Thursday, the National Museums of Kenya said Kenyans needed not panic as all the exhibits were secure.

The authority issued the statement in response to an alert that circulated on Thursday, claiming that stray reptiles were prowling Kijabe Street, Kipande Road, Ojjo, and the Goan Gymkana area.

The National Museums of Kenya

also states that all exhibits are securely housed in their appropriate enclosures, ensuring their safety and preservation.

Meanwhile, heavy rains in Nairobi, Kajiado, Nakuru, Mandera, and Homa Bay Counties in the last 24 hours have resulted in multiple fatalities, as well as heavy flooding and landslides in Muranga and Nakuru Counties.

The particularly heavy rains over the past week have displaced thousands and killed at least 188 people across the country.

According to the Interior Ministry, an additional 125 people have been reported injured, and 90 people are currently missing. An estimated 165,500 people have been displaced, as have 33,100 households and



Sports >> *Athletics Kenya, AK, has named the final formidable eight-member marathon team that will represent the country in the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Kenya's Marathon Team To The 2024 Paris Olympics Named



By: Bernard Okumu

Athletics Kenya, AK, has named the final formidable eight-member marathon team that will represent the country in the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Two-time Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge will lead the men's team, while 2020 Olympic champion Peres Jepchirchir will anchor the women's team.

AK President hoped that Kipchoge who will be defending his title will be able to be the first athlete to win the Olympic marathon title for the third time in a row.

Tokyo Marathon champion Benson Kipruto alongside the

London Marathon champion Alexander Munyao completes the three men team selected by AK and announced in Eldoret on Wednesday morning. Timothy Kiplagat, Tokyo Marathon silver medallist was named as a reserve in the men's team.

Eliud Kipchoge won the 2016 Rio Olympics at a time of 2:08:44, and successfully defended the title by winning the 2020 Tokyo Olympics clocking 2:08:38.

His compatriot Benson Kipruto set a personal best clocking 2:02:16 to win the Tokyo marathon on March 3, 2024. While Alexander Munyao last week secured the London marathon after

clocking 2:04:01.

The Tokyo silver medallist, Timothy Kiplagat who clocked 2:02:55 to clinch the second position was named as a reserve in the men's team.

Two-time Boston marathon winner Hellen Obiri will join Jepchirchir in the women's team alongside Brigid Kosgei, the London and Chicago marathon champion.

2022 New York Marathon winner Sharon Lokedi was named as a reserve in the women team, with the AK President stating that the reserves 'will go all the way' while at the same time hoping nothing would happen to the core team.

Jepchirchir, the London Marathon champion, will be hoping to defend her 2020 Tokyo Olympics title that she won at a time of 2:27:20. Kosgei was able to clinch the second position clocking 2:27:36.

During the London Marathon, she clocked 2:16:16 to break the women-only World Marathon record, and was victorious in the 2021 New York City marathon and 2022 Boston Marathon.

Hellen Obiri secured the Boston marathon in 2023 after clocking 2:21:38, and defended it successfully on April 15 winning at a time of 2:22:27.

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Bundesliga Clinches Fifth Champions League Slot Ahead Of Premier League



By: KBC Digital News

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The Premier League has missed out on a fifth Champions League position for next season in the Bundesliga due to English clubs' poor performance in Europe.

One club from each of the two countries that performs the best in European club competition this season receives an additional spot

in the new-look 36-team league phase, which will be introduced for the 2024-25 season.

With Borussia Dortmund's 1-0 semi-final first-leg win over Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday, Germany no longer trailed England.

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Constitutional Foundations Of The Organization Of Public Receptions And Virtual Receptions



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Worth Noting:

- Legal frameworks for virtual receptions exist to protect legislation, internet service provision, privacy protection and user rights. Virtual receptions implemented through a technological platform define a modern legal layer for legal control and protection of users' rights.
- International experience and its application in Uzbekistan;
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Annotation

The people's reception halls and virtual reception halls, open communication with the people, working with the appeals of individuals and legal entities, the new system of public reception halls, the Institute of People's Reception Halls to ensure social justice, to the school of Uzbek philosophy of life and national statehood along with being a new stage of development of unique living traditions, turning our country into a powerful tool for achieving strategic goals in the way of all-round development, the main goal of the organization of public receptions and virtual receptions is to ensure the rights and freedoms of citizens, to receive direct appeals of our people and considering these appeals in a timely manner, solving the problems arising in their daily life in a timely manner was defined as the main task of the public receptionists and virtual receptionists.

Constitutional basis of organization of public receptions
Constitutional basis:

The organization of public receptions is defined in the Constitution implemented in the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Public receptions are defined in detail according to their activities.

Legal bases:

The Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan provides the legal basis for the establishment of public receptions. According to the legal laws and procedures defined in the

Constitution, the People's Reception Centers should perform their activities and provide legal opportunities for changes and implementation.

The concept of a democratic approach to the organization of public reception centers is one of the main principles of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan. People's creativity is important for their thoughts and property.

Community Review:

The organization of public receptions allows to receive requests, problems and proposals of this society. Through this, the society will have the opportunity to constantly communicate with the state authorities and express its opinion.

Legal framework for virtual receptions
Legislative device and virtual receptions

Implementation of legal systems, legal documents, service procedures and administrative legal regulations on providing services via the Internet.

Uniform legal features for virtual receptions

Special legislation for virtual receptions defines the use of modern technologies, service procedures and legal protection of online communication.

Legal structures for virtual receptions;

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a technological platform define a modern legal layer for legal control and protection of users' rights.

International experience and its application in Uzbekistan;

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The transparency of public receptions is important, the need for transparency and openness is very important in strengthening cooperation with members of the public.

It is important to publicize the activities of public receptions, to develop the information environment and to show the trust and leadership of the society to the companies.

Technical support and security of virtual receptions

Providing critical technical support services for virtual receptions to be active, ensuring data security should be the first step to Todeia when problems arise.

It is a state-of-the-art program to learn how to create security checkpoints for virtual receptions, ensure technical security and work on the welcome.

With a proactive business model, Virtual Reception provides technical security and programming experience for solutions that provide powerful protection and storage of business-critical data.

It is important to learn the basic principles of data protection in virtual receptions, to ensure the risk of users and to approve the methods to follow with security measures.

The purpose of public receptions
People's receptions will be transformative and adaptive initiatives that will help to hear the public's questions and their problems.

The role of virtual receptions is to

facilitate selection, information exchange and service delivery with the team through online platforms.

When public and virtual receptions are well-organized, many opportunities and services are provided to members of the public. Indicators of virtual receptions help to ensure a high level of service quality, save time in a timely manner.

Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms

Monitoring and evaluation is the process of checking and evaluating the results of practical activities and is important in increasing efficiency. This will help improve the user guide and guidance.

It is necessary to prepare guidelines for preparation of programs, implementation, use of technology and tools, monitoring and evaluation of results for various methods of monitoring and evaluation manuals. The perspective of monitoring and evaluation is to increase self-education and develop practicals in order to ensure mutual funding of mutual relations, to promote corrections, to ensure efficiency and success.

Prospects for future development

Innovations in the field of innovative technologies and industry in Uzbekistan have prospects for future development. Industry, agrarian sector, service sector and transport sector should be reformed according to development goals. It is necessary to develop entrepreneurship, strengthen selection methods, develop cooperation with people and help international financial organizations to develop commerce.

It is important to pay great attention to the innovation sector, ensure the production of new products and services, analyze new markets and attract customers.

Development of mechanisms, personalization and training of professional scientific and technical personnel, growth of scientific research is necessary for the development of the field of technologies.

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