



Government Rolls Out Program To Map Out Persons Living With ASD And RDD

The government is conducting a nationwide mapping programme for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Related Developmental Disabilities (RDD). Nyeri County National Council for Persons with Disabilities Services Officer Mr Ken Kabene.

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CBK Governor Dr. Kamau Thugge Named Central Bank Governor Of The Year

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Dr Kamau Thugge.

Worth Noting:

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governor Dr. Kamau Thugge has been named the African Central Bank Governor of the Year by the African Banker Magazine.

In its citation of the award to Dr. Thugge, the African Banker wrote: "This year has presented significant challenges for central bank governors worldwide, and we across the continent have not been immune to the economic and geopolitical turmoil. Despite the challenges, during your tenure in office, you have successfully stabilised markets and instilled confidence in the Kenyan economy. The markets have responded by showing their faith and support for the Kenyan shilling, and the banking sector has demonstrated remarkable resilience, positioning itself as a true regional leader."

The Awards Committee further noted: "In granting you this accolade, the Com-

mittee recognised your recent achievements as Central Bank Governor and recognised the strategic role the Central Bank is playing to address market failures and to help put the economy on the right footing to stimulate growth."

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velopment partners." Dr. Thugge explained that when he was appointed CBK Governor in June 2023, the Kenyan economy was reeling from shocks such as a surge in global energy and food prices, and climate factors that were exerting upward pressure on food prices.

"Currencies in emerging and developing economies were on a free fall, due to the monetary policy tightening in advanced economies. Capping all this, was our dysfunctional interbank foreign exchange market, with low liquidity and significant foreign payments backlog, which led to low investor confidence, especially for foreign investors," he explained.

Dr. Thugge highlighted that as a result of these shocks, the overall inflation rose sharply to peak at 9.6 percent in October

2022, and remained elevated at around 8.0 percent through May 2023. The shilling also depreciated rapidly, exerting upward pressure on domestic prices, and contributing to a significant increase in the Kenya shilling value of foreign currency denominated debt and debt service, he said.

"My priority, therefore, was to address the inflationary pressures and the rapid depreciation of the Kenya Shilling. I convened my first Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Meeting on June 26, 2023, one week after my appointment as CBK Governor, and The Committee agreed to raise the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 100 basis points—the highest single rate increase since July 2015. This was followed by another sharp rate increase in December 2023 of 200 basis points, and a further 50 basis points in February 2024, thereby raising the CBR cumulatively by 350 basis points to 13.00 percent. This tight monetary policy stance continues to anchor inflationary expectations and address any residual exchange rate pressures," said Dr. Thugge.

He added that the shilling has appreciated by 17 per cent against the U.S. dollar since the beginning of 2024, making it the best performing currency against major currencies globally.

"The appreciation has led to huge savings in debt service and reduced debt stock in Kenya shillings—our shilling denominated debt declined by around 6 percent of GDP within a period of weeks," said Dr. Thugge.

The award was presented at the African Bankers Awards Event in Nairobi on May 28, 2024, on the margins of the 2024 Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank.

The Awards, now in their 18th year, honour institutions and individuals who have contributed significantly to the reform, modernisation and expansion of Africa's banking and financial sector, while driving the continent's sustained economic growth.

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Kerio Valley has seen a significant step towards empowering the youth and reducing crime by providing 179 graduates from Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions and polytechnics with assorted tools of trade. The Imara Project, funded by the Swedish government, aims to build resilience through the sustainable management of natural resources in the community. The initiative, which began in 2018, is set to be completed by 2025. The graduates, trained in various fields, have obtained direct employment opportunities through the tools of trade. Many of the graduates, who were previously involved in cattle rustling, have since reformed and acquired skills to support themselves. The initiative marks a significant milestone in the efforts to equip the youth of Kerio Valley with the necessary tools to build a better future and foster a safer and more prosperous community.



Narok County Commissioner Lotiatia Kipkech has announced that the National government has provided 616,224 sanitary towels to schoolgirls in the county. The pads will ensure girls are able to compete with boys and attend school without excuses due to monthly periods. Lotiatia also warned parents to take good care of their girls and protect them from retrogressive practices that compromise their studies. He cited Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), early marriages, and teenage pregnancies as examples of these practices. The commissioner reminded residents that parents who subject their children to outdated practices or fail to take them to school will face arrest and prosecution. Agnes Mtambui, a school parent, praised the government for the free sanitary towels and called on girls to reciprocate by working hard in school. The initiative is seen as a great honour for Kenya.

Lodwar Municipality Chief Officer Epae Derrick has announced stringent measures, including arrest and prosecution, for individuals violating waste disposal regulations in the area. The municipality has designated Nayanae-engkalalio as the official dumpsite for both solid and liquid waste, but improper disposal practices continue. Derrick emphasised that the municipality would no longer tolerate indiscriminate dumping and urged residents to adopt proper waste disposal habits to ensure a clean, green, and healthy environment. The rapid urbanization in Lodwar has led to an increase in waste, particularly from bars, entertainment joints, and eateries, contributing to unsightly and unsanitary conditions in backstreets and undesignated areas. Local residents have voiced concerns about the public health risks posed by the ongoing violations of dumping rules.



The USAID-funded programme is set to benefit 11 counties in Kenya, aiming to empower grassroots organisations to participate in development planning and budget-making processes. The programme, valued at Sh3.5 billion, will focus on the empowerment of grassroots organisations, strengthening health-related regulatory frameworks, and promoting unity against fraud, waste, and abuse. The programme will work with local development organisations (LDOs) in Turkana to identify priorities and shape development aspirations. The programme aligns with the provisions for public participation envisioned in Kenya's 2010 Constitution and aims to strengthen participation and stimulate growth in crucial sectors.



Kakamega County has allocated Sh70 million to build a model ECDE centre in Kholera ward, Matungu Sub County. Governor Fernandes Barasa announced this as part of the 60 centres the county is building this financial year to accommodate more learners. The ECDE Centre will be completed at Bulimbo Primary School in partnership with LAPFUND. The county has allocated Sh18 million for furniture and another Sh60 million for capitation to create a conducive learning environment. The County Government has also invested significantly in technical and vocational training, with 38 twin workshops and 19 classrooms constructed at a cost of Sh117.5 million so far.



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KEPROBA Launches Strategic Plan to Boost Kenyan Exports by 10% Annually

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MITI acting Trade secretary Michael Mandu, KEPROBA, CEO Floice Mukabana, KEPROBA Chair Jas Bedi, and Board Member Grace Muriithi during the launch of KEPROBA Strategic Plan.

Worth Noting:

- Acting Trade Secretary Michel Mandu, representing the Cabinet Secretary, emphasized the government's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for trade, investment, and industrial development. "My Ministry is committed to supporting local manufacturing by increasing its contribution to GDP from the current 7% to 15% by 2027 and 20% by 2030, and promoting export development by growing our exports from the current annual growth rate of 6% to more than 25%, as targeted by the National Trade Policy," Mandu noted.

- The Strategic Plan builds on the previous 2019-2022 plan, focusing on four key areas: export product development and compliance, export market development, nation branding, and corporate governance.

The Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) has unveiled its ambitious 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, targeting a 10 percent annual increase in exports. This plan aligns with the guidelines for the preparation of fifth generation strategic plans issued by the National Treasury's State Department for Economic Planning and aims to propel Kenya towards becoming an export-led economy and a prominent global brand.

"This Strategic Plan is an ambitious plan to increase Kenya's exports by 10 percent annually from Ksh. 873.1 billion in 2022 to Ksh. 1.6 trillion in 2028," stated Jas Bedi, the Agency's Board Chairman. Bedi highlighted that Kenya's export value has reached Ksh. 1 trillion for the first time in history, according to 2023 data released by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS). The notable perfor-

mance was largely driven by a 15.4% growth in tea exports from 2022 to 2023. Global projections by Statista estimate that the tea market will rise to \$160 billion by 2028.

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opment and compliance, export market development, nation branding, and corporate governance. These areas cover aspects of production, marketing, and the visibility of Kenya and its products in regional and international markets. "Notable strategies in the plan include market deepening and diversification initiatives, facilitation of value addition, and prioritizing value chains to position Kenya as a source of high-quality goods and services," Bedi added.

In 2023, Kenya saw a significant increase in export performance, with total exports surpassing Ksh. 1 trillion (up from Ksh. 873.1 billion in 2022 to Ksh. 1.064 trillion). The trade deficit narrowed slightly from Ksh. 1,617.6 billion in 2022 to Ksh. 1,604.04 billion in 2023. Key markets such as Uganda, Pakistan, and the Netherlands saw substantial growth in imports of

Kenyan products, particularly tea, horticulture, and cement.

KEPROBA's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan also aims to diversify Kenya's export basket by introducing innovative products to the global market. A significant aspect of this strategy is leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, which unites all 55 member states of the African Union, covering a market of over 1.4 billion people with a combined GDP of USD 3.4 trillion in 2022. "AfCFTA presents a huge opportunity for Kenya's trade sector," Bedi remarked, noting that up to 90% of goods will gradually phase out tariffs by 2030.

Floice Mukabana, Chief Executive Officer of KEPROBA, reiterated the agency's commitment to the Strategic Plan's execution, emphasizing that it will form the basis for annual work plans and performance contracting. "This plan will ensure the growth of exports and the improvement of the country's brand," Mukabana concluded.

The Plan is a review of the lapsed Strategic Plan 2019 to 2022. The four strategic issues that the Agency will focus on over the next five years are export product development and compliance (supply side issues), export market development (demand side issues), nation branding issues and corporate governance covering aspects of production, marketing and visibility of Kenya and Kenyan products in the regional and international markets.

As Kenya stands on the brink of implementing this strategic plan, the commitment from both the government and KEPROBA underscores a promising future for Kenya's position in global trade.

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Cooperative CEOs Urged To Lead Their Sacco's With Resilience

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Cooperative and MSME development Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui and Cooperative Bank MD with some of the cooperative movement leadership during the CEOs' workshop..

Worth Noting:

- The CS was speaking during an annual workshop organised by Cooperative Bank of Kenya in Kiambu Town.
- “Focusing on resilience will empower CEOs with the skills and strategies necessary to not only withstand adversity but to transform challenges into opportunities for growth and innovation,” he said adding that through resilient leadership, cooperatives can become beacons of stability and progress in an ever-changing world.
- He said the government is unwavering in its commitment to providing an enabling legal and policy framework for cooperatives to thrive and thus the development of the Cooperatives Bill No. 7 of 2024 that is at its second reading in Parliament marks a significant milestone in the legislative efforts.

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There is therefore a need for transformational leaders who are ready to maintain the same as well as progress by exploiting various openings like the latest technology; product development and also enhancing capital build up.

Cabinet Secretary for Cooperative and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMEs) Simon Chelugui said that this would ensure that the cooperatives are well-prepared to face future disruptions, maintain member trust and continue contributing to the socio-economic development of their communities.

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This bill has overcome the last hurdle having been there for the last 15 years and not seeing the light of day, he said, adding that following an amicable agreement between the Ministry and the Council of Governors, contentious and emerging issues have been resolved.

“The new legislation provides a comprehensive framework for the regulation of cooperatives by both levels of government, while also promoting self-regulation within the cooperative structure and enhancing governance tools. The bill is expected to elevate the cooperative sector to new heights of good governance, increased efficiency, and effectiveness in service delivery, leading to high performance across the board,” the CS affirmed.

Chelugui hoped that the new Cooperatives Act would be officially launched by the President William Ruto in July during this year’s Ushirika Day celebrations.

In addition to the legislative agenda, the CS said that the government

is implementing institutional reforms targeting various cooperative production value chains including coffee, dairy, and cotton.

He explained that the Government is committed to safeguarding the wealth of cooperative members and ensuring that those entrusted with management and leadership roles are held to the highest standards of accountability.

“Protecting the interests of our cooperative members remains our top priority, and we are determined to create an environment where their investments are secure and their trust is upheld,” he added.

The CS gave an example of Kenya Union of Savings & Credit Cooperatives (KUSCCO), the umbrella body of savings and credit cooperatives (SACCOs) in Kenya which has been found to have improperly mismanaged the union funds.

“The government will not hesitate to take firm action against any individuals found to have embezzled the union funds,” he firmly warned.

The CS however commended the Cooperative CEOs for the work they were doing saying that their efforts are central in driving the cooperative movement forward and contributing to the socio-economic development of the nation.

“As we move forward, let us em-

brace the principles of resilience and strong leadership. Let us work together to build a cooperative sector that is robust, dynamic, and capable of withstanding future challenges,” Chelugui said.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent global economic recession, cooperatives and other businesses have been pushed to their limits, facing unprecedented challenges that have tested their stability and adaptability.

The theme of this year’s workshop is “Leading with Resilience”.

Cooperative Bank Group Managing Director Gideon Muriuki said the technical people who were leading Saccos and other societies should adopt innovative business models in order to register impressive results.

“Building a resilience of cooperative societies is not a one day achievement but requires CEOs to lead from the front. The managers should therefore work on transformation policies and at the same time sustain the same,” he added.

Dr. Muriuki noted that Cooperative Bank has maintained a tremendous growth for more than two decades due to regulatory compliance and strict adherence to all prudential guidelines.

“Cooperative societies need to have a strong governance structure, united board of directors and implementing sound strategic plans and I want to call on society managers and directors to establish a fully functional transformation division with a key mandate to track and monitor all the transformation initiative and enablers,” he advised.

Commissioner for Cooperative David Obonyo emphasized on the need for leaders to adhere to Chapter Six of the Constitution on integrity saying that in the past, there have been a few institutions struggling with liquidity and governance issues due to the managers and directors not adhering to prudential guidelines.

“Institutions have lost money and others shut down their businesses, the Government essence is that any leader or CEO accused or implicated on funds embezzlement will be subjected to the full force of the law,” said Obonyo.

During the workshop, the CEOs were taken through topics on promoting leadership and development culture, Ethical leadership and Social Responsibility and also economic leadership for enterprise development.

Ruto Says Charter Plane To USA Cost KSh.10 Million Only

President Ruto says he had initially asked his office to book the national carrier Kenya Airways for the trip.

By: Eric Biegon

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In fact, President Ruto says he wanted to use national carrier Kenya Airways for the trip.

“When I saw the debate in Kenya as to how I travelled to the US, there was all manner of figures, such as this plane is big and must have cost Ksh. 200 Million because the president needed to arrive in the US in style holding Rachael’s hand,”

“I am not a madman. When I was

told the cheapest plane was Ksh.70 million, I told my office to go book Kenya Airways (KQ).

Ruto who was speaking during the National Prayer Breakfast in Nairobi disclosed that he changed his mind when his close associates offered him the private jet at a discounted rate.

“When some friends heard that I was going to travel using KQ, they asked me how much I wanted to pay. I said I am not ready to pay more than Ksh.20 Million. They said bring Ksh.10 million we will give you the plane,” he said

“I am a very responsible steward, believe you me, there is no way I can spend Ksh.200 million. Let me disclose that it cost the Republic of Kenya less than Ksh.10 million,” he charged

The President maintains he will never spend a lot of money on anything at the expense of the taxpayer.

“I must lead from the front. As I tell others, to tighten up their belts mine must be where to begin. So, relax.



President William Ruto reiterated landing from the chartered plane.

The debate must end because I am that responsible and it is going to be that way,” he said

“I promise you that as a steward that

I have the privilege to be, I will act responsibly and we will manage the affairs of the country with integrity and selflessness so that we can build

a nation of hope that people know their government cares,” said Ruto

Committee On Tourism Raises Concern Over Delays In Payment For KICC Contractors

By: KBC Digital

The Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife is concerned about delayed payment of money owed to the 14 contractors who renovated the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) last year, ahead of the international Climate Change Summit that brought together Heads of State and other delegates.

During a meeting with representatives of the contractor, the Committee chaired by Hon. Kareke Mbiuki noted that the delay in payments was unjustified.

“We are concerned that despite the contractors delivering their work before the international Summit they have not been paid all their dues,” said Hon. Mbiuki.

The contractors were led by Ms.

Mercy Meria who told Members that they were subcontracted by a Chinese national identified as Mr. Wu Yi to do the facelift of the iconic building.

“We were only paid 17 percent of what was due to us by the Chinese company,” Ms. Meria said.

The contractors thanked the Committee for agreeing to give them an ear on the matter following their petition but noted that the delay in payment had subjected them to untold suffering.

“We have sleepless nights because auctioneers keep knocking on our doors,” said Mr Mohammed Munyanya, one of the contractors.

Kuresoi MP, Hon. Alfred Mutai said the Committee will not allow the said company to use its financial muscles to frustrate the local contractors.

“The work the local contractors have done can be seen. I wonder why some people somewhere are holding onto their money,” Hon. Mutai said.

Ijara MP, Hon. Ali Abdi agreed with



Committee chairman Kareke Mbiuki .

the contractors saying they had grievances which the Committee will address with the seriousness it deserves.

The Committee said it will invite the Cabinet Secretary (CS), Ministry of Defense Hon. Aden Duale and the

managers of the company to shed light on the matter.

Be Bold And Loud Pt 2



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All spirits that entice your children into taking drugs or becoming alcoholics come from the devil. But Jesus came down from heaven to bring us eternal life and life more abundantly here on earth. Stick with Jesus, and you will have a life full of peace, joy, and power over the enemy. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. (John 8:36.) God wants you free to believe the whole Bible, not just the parts that fit the doctrines of men.

Some denominations have not departed from the doctrine of salvation, yet they are not believing the whole Bible because they have departed from the doctrine of healing and the doctrine of deliverance. Whatever Jesus did is what I want to do. Jesus is the Head of the Church. All pastors are “undershepherds” of the Lord Je-

sus Christ. All pastors are supposed to obey Jesus and do what He did. Then, as a member of a local church, you are to obey your pastor in Christ. However, you do have a right to check on what your pastor is preaching to see if he is obeying Jesus or not. A good pastor will want you to bring your Bible to church and check up on him.

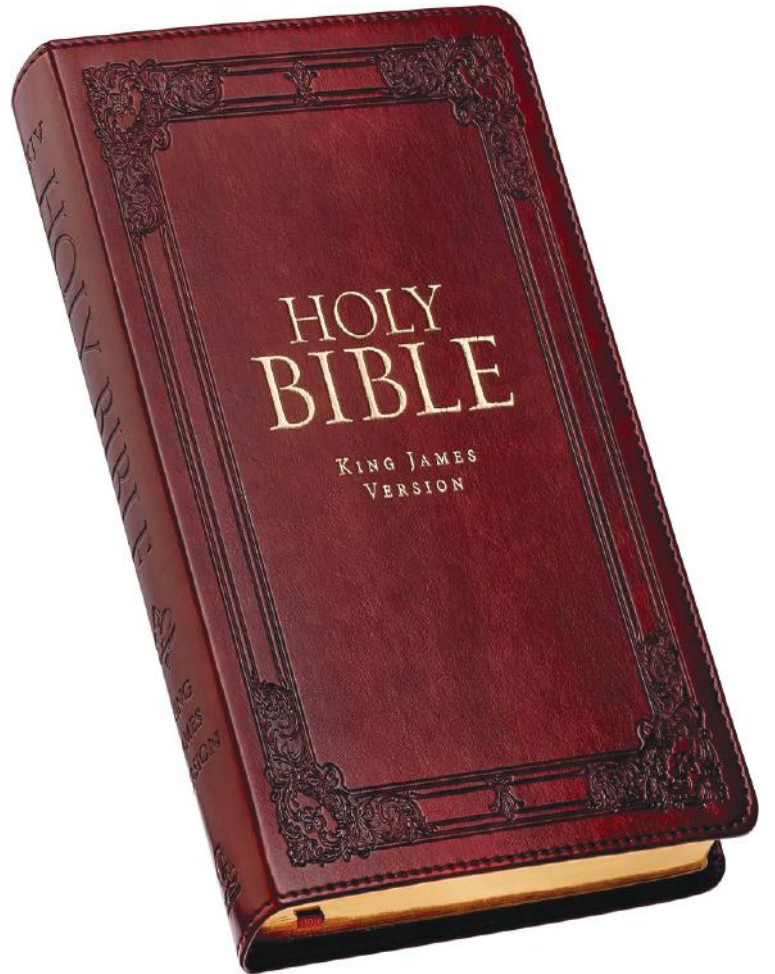
Pastor Hayes gives an account of an experience which in it, there are great lessons, he states: “Once I went to a minister’s conference where I was a speaker. I wanted to have a healing service. But the Lord said He wanted me to have a deliverance service. So I had to go in there in front of full-gospel ministers, speak on deliverance, and then minister deliverance. I spoke and gave an invitation. Some one hundred and fifty people jumped out of their seats and came down front. And I taught the pastor and the evangelist holding this conference. I said, “See all these people? Outwardly, they look as if they are in pretty good shape. But I have not prayed yet. It is amazing how good a church looks until you have a deliverance service.”

He adds: “So I began to pray and bind the devil in Jesus’ name. And demons began to scream out in those people. They began to fight and to fall on the floor. A demon can be in you for twenty years and never scream and fight as long as you do what he wants. He will not manifest twenty-four hours a day—only whenever he needs to in order to keep you in line.

OH MY GOD, MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE MERCY ON US, DELIVER US ALMIGHTY GOD IN YOUR GREAT LOVE.

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.



Ruto Clarifies That The Cost Of Hiring The Presidential Jet Stood At Sh10 Million



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President William Ruto has dismissed claims that his government spent Sh200 million to hire the presidential jet that flew him and his entourage to United States of America.

He said contrary to impression created by his critics, the trip cost less than Sh10 million..

A huge chunk of the money used to hire the luxurious Jet was paid by our friends.

President Ruto chose the venue of National Breakfast Prayer event at Safari Park Hotel to clarify this matter.

He observed that his government has so many friends. Why should one be envious of their generosity of chipping in?

The issue of the jet has this or that is neither here nor there. Our friends wanted us to use this jet.

As a writer and political analyst, I had earlier followed with keen interest President William Ruto's state visit to United States of America (USA).

The critics of the President would draw much of my attention.

Kenya did not reap anything that is worth to talk about. As such, the visit was a waste of time besides being a burden to tax payers.

In trying to justify the allegations, they would list three reasons.

One, the cost of presidential jet that flew Dr Ruto and his entourage to US and back home. The total cost was said to be Sh200 million.

Two, on arrival at Anlanta, Georgia, he was given a cold reception.

Some would allege that the President was received by a mayor who is equivalent of a member of county assembly (MCA) in Kenya.

But when he landed in Washington DC I never heard the critics make the claims.

Here, President Ruto was received by the wife of host, US President Joe Biden, and top government officials.

Three, Kenya's heading the call to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as non-Nato ally.

These criticisms were also ill-advised, baseless and politically motivated.

Let me explain why. The decision to join NATO was a well thought out.

As we know, the threats posed by Al Shabaab and ISIS could not be swept under the carpet.

The previous governments of Kenya had not succeeded ending the recurring menace and fighting organized criminal gangs. The situation was exacerbated by political instability witnessed in our neighboring countries.

During the campaigns Dr Ruto declared that he will personally lead efforts aimed at restoring peace and security in Kenya and in the region.

By joining Nato, Pentagon, US military headquarters, and their allies will start offering special training to members of Kenya Defense Forces (KDF). The allies will also support our soldiers financially.

This support will go along way in fast-tracking KDF's logistic issues and enhancing operational capabilities.

It is worth noting that this development



President William Ruto .

had been preceded by two leaders signing security and peace agreements.

The debate around the issue of who had received President when he arrived is cheap propaganda.

First, allow me to make this clear. The Mayor is a senior state officer in US and so you cannot compare him with an MCA.

Being a state visit, the host, President Joe Biden was fully in charge of Dr Ruto's itinerary.

So, I'm sure he had already spoken with state officials in Atalanta and asked them to accord him a warm reception.

Remember each state in US is semi autonomy. This means it has enacted its own laws.

President Biden has no legal power to dictate the way the state run its affairs.

It is worth to note this. Atalanta is the capital city of state of Georgia. It is a commercial and business hub.

This is unlike Washington DC which is the seat of US government.

I'm sure the critics would have loved to see our President being snubbed in Washington DC. They got ashamed.

Besides Biden's wife, he was received by top government officials.

At White House, he was accorded full honors. He inspected a guard of honor mounted by US military and received gun salute.

Besides Biden, he held talks with US Secretary of State Blinken and Defense Secretary. The latter hosted him at the Pentagon.

Responding to queries touching on hiring of the jet, President Ruto stated. Hiring this plane was much cheaper compared to using a Kenya Airway (KQ) aeroplane. I'm sure his remarks were based on experts opinion.

The media quoted a comment Dr Ruto had posted in one of his social media handle.

By focussing on reception, the critics had turned deaf to the real issue. The question should have been. Did the trip meet the expectations of Kenyans? The answer is Yes. President Ruto returned

back with bagful of goodies totalling to Sh1.2 trillion.

A week before Dr Ruto and his delegation flew out, I wrote in this column an article focusing on debate on whether he address the joint US Congress.

In his response, Speaker Johnson Mike stated that the house was ready to give him this rare opportunity.

He however said the Kenyan head of state will meet and address members of US Congressional Delegation which he will personally lead.

This meeting took place a day before US President Joe Biden hosted his Kenyan counterpart President William Ruto at White House.

The bilateral talks focussed on a wide range of issues of mutual interest between the two nations.

After the talks, the two leaders addressed a joint press conference.

Biden stated that the United States of America will continue support Kenya in different sectors of development.

This visit comes at the right time.

While bearing in mind the visit coincides with 60 years of US-Kenya diplomatic relations, it will deepen and strengthen our ties.

On his part, President Ruto echoed Biden's sentiments. He listed the areas of cooperation and stated that Kenya will continue to cultivate and play a bigger role. This is in strengthening our ties for mutual benefits of our peoples.

Mr President, America has so far played a key role in lifting Kenya. We appreciate your support.

When Dr Ruto left the country, I wrote in this column that Kenya was poised to reap big from this visit.

In day one of this visit, the President was hosted by top managers of the Center for Diseases Control (CDC).

After the talks, he witnessed the signing of lucrative deals and agreements by members of his delegation and the Center's officials.

It is worth noting that the CDC had over years been helping Kenya to battle infectious diseases, in research work

and development of vaccines.

President Ruto thanked officials of Center for agreeing to redouble this support.

Dr Ruto had earlier presented a powerful speech at Jimmy Carter Library which mainly focussed on Democracy, good governance and the war against corruption.

He minced no word in challenging the powerful nations including the US that embraced democratic values and principles to help in entrenching these virtues to developing countries.

In Kenya, he reiterated his commitment to win the war against corruption is unstoppable.

Dr Ruto later held talks with the chief executives of the world renowned Coca Cola beverages company. The executives agreed to increase their investments in Kenya to the tune of 23 billion.

President Ruto also managed to strike a deal during which the US agreed to give Kenya financial support totalling to Sh478 billion.

Notably, before his host, President Joe Biden, sent out this invitation, he had called Dr Ruto and discussed the issues that will feature during the bilateral talks.

This is a big honor for President Ruto. He will join the six world leaders who had been hosted by a sitting President of US for such forum at White House. They include Prime Ministers of Japan India, South Korea, Australia and Canada.

It is worth noting that President Ruto had previously made three visits to the US. But the latest one is a land mark one because it is a state visit.

I'm sure this visit will also give Dr Ruto an opportunity to review the progress of the deals and agreements he had signed earlier with chief executives and industries of US big companies.

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Worth Noting:

- One, the cost of presidential jet that flew Dr Ruto and his entourage to US and back home. The total cost was said to be Sh200 million.

- Two, on arrival at Anlanta, Georgia, he was given a cold reception.

- Some would allege that the President was received by a mayor who is equivalent of a member of county assembly (MCA) in Kenya.

- But when he landed in Washington DC I never heard the critics make the claims.

- Here, President Ruto was received by the wife of host, US President Joe Biden, and top government officials.

- Three, Kenya's heading the call to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as non-Nato ally.

Kenyan Students Celebrate Strong Showing At Huawei ICT Competition Global Final

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Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria, Kenya Ministry of Education Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET, Ministry of Education.

School of TVET was awarded as a new Huawei Instructor Support Center in Kenya, the school will function as a center for ICT Cutting edge technologies training for TVET teachers in Kenya.

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On the same day, Huawei also held the ICT Accelerating Education Transformation Summit. At the summit, Huawei awarded 24 instructors the title Huawei ICT Academy Global Most Valuable Instructor for the first time. This award aims to show gratitude for the important contributions these instructors have made to talent development, and mark them as role models that show how the brightest minds can develop even brighter minds. These role models will help drive sustainable development of the ICT talent ecosystem.

The Huawei ICT Competition is an annual contest held by Huawei for

global university and college students. Through the competition, Huawei aims to provide students with an international platform for healthy competition and the exchange of ideas. Since its launch in 2015, the competition has helped students enhance their ICT knowledge and practical skills, while also increasing their ability to innovate by using new technologies and platforms. The ultimate goal is to advance technological development and facilitate digital inclusion around the world. As one of Huawei's key Seeds for the Future 2.0 projects, Huawei ICT Competition aims to provide a platform for college students to compete and communicate with each other around the world.

Huawei launched the ICT Academy in the Sub-Saharan African region in [YEAR]. As of now, there are 478 participating academies in the region – the most for any region outside of China. To date, over 24,000 students from over 5,000 universities and colleges have participated in the ICT competition. Huawei has involved over 100,000 students and over 1,500 teachers in the ICT Academy in the region.

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ICT students from across the Sub-Saharan Africa region celebrated a strong showing at the global final of the 8th Huawei ICT Competition held in Shenzhen, China from May 23-26. Kenya has 6 teams join the Huawei Global Competition, 2 network track teams won Global first track. Kenya is the country who has the most teams among region a total of 16 teams – the most of any other region, and emerged with the most prizes of any other region:

- First Prize: Kenya Network Team 1, Kenya Network Team 2,
- Second Prize: Kenya Computing Team 1
- Third Prize: Kenya Cloud Team 1, Kenya Cloud Team 2, Kenya Computing Team 2,
- Women in Tech Award: Kenya Cloud Team 2

The 2023-2024 ICT Competition circuit attracted more than 170,000 students from over 2,000 universities and colleges across more than 80 countries and regions, making it the largest offline competition since its launch in 2015. More than 160 teams consisting of over 470 contestants from 49 different countries and regions reached the global final in Shenzhen, having previously been successful in their respective national and regional competitions.

Dr. Esther Thaara Muoria, Kenya Ministry of Education Principal Secretary, State Department for TVET, Ministry of Education, said of the global final: "When you stay in your country you compete with others within your area, within your space, but when it is an international [event] like this, you are gearing up to meet on an international stage, and therefore you are striving to not only be the best in your environment but to be the best in the globe."

She added that. 'It is a good thing for Huawei to think about a way of

encouraging students. Me, as a practical educator – an educator who wants students to work on practical skills – I am very impressed by this because I encourage students work on a real situation basis...That is why for Huawei to organize a [competition] like this one where the students know they are not only working to have the knowledge in their space but also to practice it out while competing with others is a very noble idea and it is an idea that I really think Huawei is doing so great at and we as a country are very impressed."

At the same ceremony Kenya

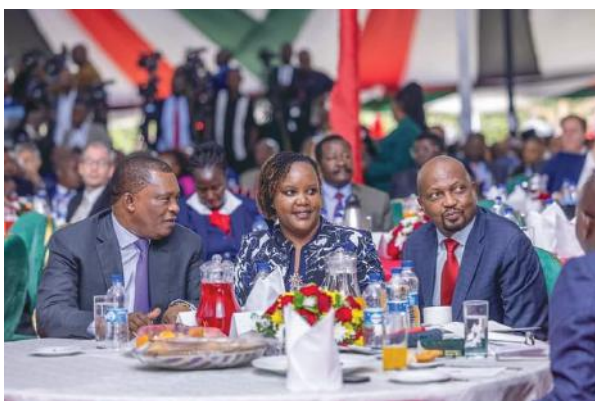


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Huawei Global ICT Competition Closing and Award Ceremony

National Prayer Day In Pictures



The Sun Shines On My Face



The sun shines on my face,
I woke up thinking of you again.
Laugh in front of me
He broke his heart again.

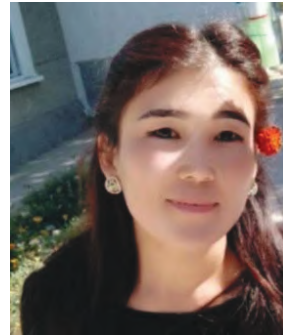
Tell me, how can you forget that face of yours?

Your Black eyes, your sweet soup?
Your long hair is a rope around my neck,
Now I have to forget you, believe me.

Tonight I see your face in the sky,
Black clouds are just yours,
Your breath is no longer the wind
Tell me, how can I forget you?

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The Positive And Negative Impact Of Internet Networks



By: Nurinisa Khasanova

Annotation: This article discusses the shortcomings of modern parents and their upbringing of children, as well as the reasons and consequences of children's dependence on internet networks and computer games.

Keywords: child upbringing, modern methods, internet networks, individuality, modern, responsibility, technological, science, thought, talent, motivation.

In all spheres of our lives, the advent of information-communication and computer technologies has brought significant changes to our society and has led to rapid development. Computers indeed perform a wide range of functions: listening to radio and music, watching movies, text processing, creating graphic objects and animations, performing the functions of a phone and calculator, connecting to global networks, playing computer games, and so on. In the current era of rapidly expanding information and knowledge, delivering all information only during class sessions to students has become difficult. Experiences show that when students independently engage in deep reflection on their own, they can thoroughly master knowledge. Therefore, it is important to correctly organize the free time of students, which is vacant from class activities, and to assist them in using it intelligently. In all forms of teaching and extracurricular activities, the deep internal content of activities outside of school can actively attract students to socially beneficial activities, enhancing their initiative and independence, developing their individual interests and abilities.

The specificity of pedagogical guidance for students in extracurricular activities is not only during class sessions but also through various events, such as the 12th republic scientific conference on "Issues of Science Education Research" through 186 social organizations, through various activities beyond the classroom and school. Nowadays, a major challenge is to direct young people towards the effective and useful use of internet networks, and in this regard, it is necessary to ensure that parents and teachers work together to organize the free time of children meaningfully, only resorting to using the phone when necessary. Today's closest friend to the younger generation is... it's a thousand pities that they are becoming addicted to phones, gadgets, tablets, and TVs. We don't restrict children from using these things, but it is necessary to teach them how to use them correctly. Young people are now mastering technological knowledge faster and more effectively than adults, and it is possible

to say that computer technology will even surpass them in terms of literacy in the near future. Under the supervision of the teacher during the learning process and activities, they receive information from the internet mainly related to science, culture, and sports, and they learn. These are positive situations. Any curious information, video clips, and information desired during class time can be downloaded from the internet café without anyone's supervision.

Some computer games contribute to the development of children's intellectual abilities, the formation of decision-making skills in difficult situations, the development of logical thinking, and creative, spiritual development. However, in today's society, along with the positive aspects of computerization, cases of children and adolescents becoming excessively attached to computers, the internet, and especially computer games are increasing. Children and adolescents are experiencing psychological deviations from computer games. Children and adolescents, seeking refuge from the realities of real life, loneliness, and difficulties, start turning to computer games. According to psychologists, about 10-15% of people who play computer games end up addicted to them. Contrary to the notion, addiction arises from the need for comfort. Such addiction can occur at any age, but it has a particularly significant impact on adolescents. Specialists consider this type of addiction as "Emotional Addiction". The 12th republic scientific conference on "Issues of Science Education Research" highlights 187 cases of addiction, considering it one of the manifestations of the nature of human behavior, which helps to escape daily worries through changing one's emotional state. During such times, a child's psyche slows down, hindering their individual development. One of the main reasons for the prevalence of addiction to internet networks and various virtual games is the improper allocation of children's free time and the lack of parental supervision. All means of entertainment, including computer games, evoke both positive emotions (happiness, joy, relaxation, spiritual and physical comfort) and negative feelings (anxiety, stress, feelings of guilt, loneliness). After playing the computer several times, children begin to understand that the computer and its virtual world can fulfill their unmet needs in real life. They begin to respect this virtual world, join its thoughts, and consider it powerful, defeating all enemies in one fell swoop. For children, it is essential to enter this role and consider themselves as "it". Because for them, it is challenging to experience such emotions in real life. In conclusion, we need to acknowledge that the content of our children's lives is the most crucial part of our lives. Of course, even if through computers and the internet, strangers can understand our child's psychology from a distance, but if we, as parents, do not try to see, monitor, and hold our children's hands every day, every second, and if we cannot understand their fragile and vulnerable hearts, their desires, and their worries, then what will happen to them is a question we should all ask ourselves.

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The Importance Of Creativity



The importance of creativity is increasingly recognized by scholars and professionals across various fields. Research on creativity development suggests that those who fail to utilize their creative abilities in modern society are at a disadvantage in one or more aspects of life. Researchers argue that while creativity may have been a luxury for some during the Renaissance, it is now a necessity for our survival. Creativity allows individuals to better utilize opportunities and respond more effectively to the challenges and difficulties in their personal and professional lives. Creative behaviors also contribute to the quality of life, as their expression is often accompanied by feelings of satisfaction and pleasure, which are key elements of emotional well-being and mental health. Recognition of the critical importance of creativity has led a number of governments to create educational initiatives aimed at implementing discussions and educational policies to develop students' creative abilities. For instance, according to scholars, providing opportunities for teaching creativity has become an essential part of university education in Hong Kong, in line with the Hong Kong government's expectation that higher education should ensure that students are adaptable, creative, and capable critical thinkers. British scholars discuss the renewed interest in creativity in the UK, describing some of the challenges faced by those responsible for developing projects and initiatives in this area and public policy to make creativity a political priority. Recommendations for

promoting creativity in university curricula have been made by governments in countries such as China and Japan, as well as by American and European business leaders.

Jackson (2006) argues for the importance of developing creativity in higher education by stating, "if the purpose of higher education is to help students develop their potential to the fullest extent possible at this level, then there must be a clear part of allowing students to be creative."

Jackson also emphasizes the need to consider the crucial role of creativity in the process of preparing young people in higher education for an uncertain and complex world of work, which requires employees to utilize their creative abilities. For these reasons, university professors must promote conditions that include strategies, approaches, methods, and guidelines aimed at developing students' creative abilities. This was one of the factors that motivated the European University Association to implement the "Creativity in Higher Education" project with the participation of 42 representatives of higher education institutions from 21 different countries (i.e., two institutions in each country) who were invited to participate in the project. The aim of this project was to analyze the conditions that promote or inhibit creativity in universities, taking into account various topics such as innovations in teaching and learning, the structure and management of higher education institutions.

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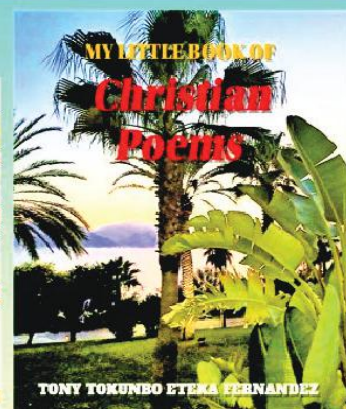
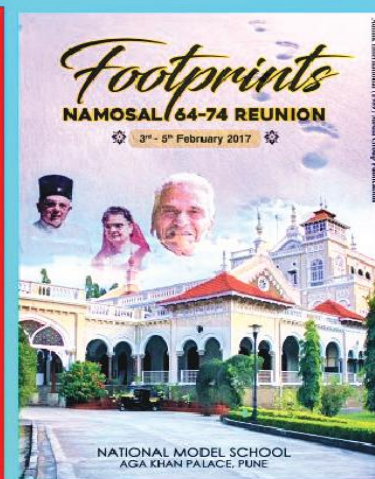
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ABSA Bank To Train 30,000 Women Entrepreneurs In Western Region

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Worth Noting:

- According to the Bank's management, the curriculum will offer the 'Start and Improve our Business (SIYB) module' which is one of the largest global business management training programmes that was developed by the International Labor Organization (ILO).
- Speaking during the launch at Masinde Muliro University, the President's Women Rights Advisor Harriette Chiggai said the launch of Empower Her County Programme is a demonstration of the need to support women-led MSMEs.
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The Bank has also set aside Sh10 billion to support the growth of women in business across the country.

The programme seeks to address gender-based disparities and overcome economic challenges women entrepreneurs face to advance entrepreneurship by providing them with the tools and resources needed to upscale their businesses, promote resilience and thrive in today's competitive business.

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Chigai added that the programme entails training on business registration, taxation, marketing, savings and investment, budgeting and financial planning, bookkeeping, digitization of businesses, market linkages beyond counties, and cross-border training.

On her part, Absa Bank Business Banking Director Elizabeth Wasunna-Ochwa said that closing the gender gap through economic empowerment was key to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a nation.

"When more women are empowered to create wealth, economies grow. This programme resonates with our corporate purpose to empower Africa's tomorrow together, one story at a time, and is in line with our commitment to empowering over one million women entrepreneurs by 2025 by providing them with access to market information, markets for their products and services, coaching and mentorship, and business networks, as well as providing the capital required to scale their businesses to the next level," she added.

According to a 2018 report by the International Labor Organization, nearly 60 per cent of women's employment globally is in the informal economy, and in low-income countries, it is more than 90 per cent.

"Women constitute over 60 per cent of the 74 per cent of Kenyans living in rural areas, where poverty levels remain high. Women's Empowerment Index 2020 by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics implies that the empowerment rate of women in urban areas is 40 per cent, nearly double the rate of empowered women in rural areas, at 22 per cent over the same year, signifying the need for empowerment of women, especially at the county level," noted Wasunna-Ochwa.

She said the financial literacy program, which is set to be rolled out in all 47 counties, aims to increase economic participation and entrepreneurship among 70 per cent of women and improve financial literacy and management skills for 90 per cent of women, including increasing their knowledge and uptake of the available government and private sector funding.

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Government Rolls Out Program To Map Out Persons Living With ASD And RDD

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Ruth Macharia, a senior nursing officer with a colleague.

Worth Noting:

- Kabene says the government decided to undertake the registration process after it emerged that hundreds of ASD and RDD patients lacked access to essential drugs and critical therapeutic services.
- “The Government has realized the seriousness of the high cost of sustaining these clients in our community. If you interact with them, you will realize that most of them require special support. Some of them are permanently on drugs which are expensive and are not covered on any medical cover,” he said during a visit to the Metropolitan Children Sanctuary which has been earmarked as one of the facilities that would be offering therapy services to some of those who would be enlisted as beneficiaries.

The government is conducting a nationwide mapping programme for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Related Developmental Disabilities (RDD).

A person is said to have ASD or RDD if he exhibits either Cerebral Palsy (CP), epilepsy, learning disability, Down syndrome, spina bifida or hydrocephalus.

The two-week programme that kicked off last week aims to help generate a data bank for the patients that would enable the State to set out modalities on how such persons could access drugs, diapers and critical assistive devices at no cost.

Nyeri County National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD) Service Officer Ken Kabene says they have so far registered at least 400 persons across the county and hoped to hit the 1,000 mark by the close of the exercise.

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“Most of these clients require assistive devices such as walking frames,

wheel chairs which are all very expensive. In Nyeri, we are registering these people, mapping them and placing them in institutions. We are working with County hospitals and also faith based organizations like the Metropolitan Children Sanctuary which is also a rehabilitation center,” he explained.

Those seeking registration can visit the NCPD offices in the county or go to the Huduma Center for them to get mapped.

By yesterday, Metropolitan Children Sanctuary had enlisted at least 100 persons with the number expected to rise before the close of the 14-day exercise.

Ms Ruth Macharia, a Senior Nursing officer at the faith based facility has lauded the decision to register ASD and RDD patients terming it a timely gesture.

She says the majority of parents who bring their children to the facility for therapy lacked even the basic necessities of life like food and clothing owing to biting poverty levels at home.

The families are also shunned by members of the community and even close relatives who view such children as a misfortune.

“In the last two weeks, we have been mapping all children with Cerebral Palsy, autism, hydrocephalus, epilepsy and Down syndrome. We have been grateful to the National Council for Persons with Disabilities since they have given us officers to register our clients. We request the government to support all these children with anticonvulsant drugs so that they are able to lead a quality life. All these children also use diapers which are very expensive and these mothers are not able to buy them,” she said.

Petronella Wanja, a single mother, opened up about the horrors of having to bring up her 11-year-old son alone after her husband walked out on her when their baby was diagnosed with CP.

The 31-year-old jobless university graduate holds a Degree in Agribusiness Management and says life has been one painful trek with her son whose life is wholly dependent on six different types of drugs.

Wanja said she needed money to pay for a new feeding tube for the boy after the one currently in use malfunctioned in December last year.

“My son was diagnosed with CP at birth and soon began therapy at the age of three months. Since then, he has been surviving on drugs and feeding through a tube. I am overwhelmed with footing all the bills and taking care of him singlehandedly. I sincerely thank Metropolitan Children Sanctuary for coming to my aid and assisting me with food, treatment, standing frames for my child and even offering transport for us from home to this place, she told KNA.

Her woes are not different from those of Beatrice Wanjiku who has been taking care of her 14-year girl daughter who is battling CP.

She says her daughter was discovered with a debilitating health condition immediately after she was born.

Since then, the girl has been taking baby steps thanks to specialized therapy sessions at the facility. Today, she can now turn and even smile at people.

“I am grateful for the help I have received from this facility in terms of therapy sessions, standing frames, wheel chairs and sitting aids. As a family, we are still stretched since

our daughter still requires drugs that go for Sh7,000 every month to control bouts of convulsion. At 14 years of age she also needs adult diapers which again come at a dear cost. All this has drained us to the last ounce of strength leaving us with almost nothing to take care of our other two children,” she laments.

During celebrations to mark last year’s International Day of Persons with Disabilities celebrations in Nyeri, parents of children with Cerebral Palsy in Nyeri County had appealed to the national government to set up a sustainable income generating initiative to help them take care of the children.

They lamented that dependence on handouts was not sustainable given that the donations were creating a dependency cycle for the mothers who doubled up as caregivers.

“We need to empower mothers through income generating projects because the donations last them a couple of months forcing them to depend on aid from well-wishers,” said Esther Wambui, a member of the Cerebral Palsy Family Warriors, a support group formed by parents of children with CP.

They also sought support to establish a CP center in the county, lamenting that whereas the county boasts of a number of special schools, none of them had the capacity to care for those with the condition.

“Children with Cerebral Palsy require 24 hours attention and in Nyeri we do not have a center that provides such care for these children. We also do not have dedicated caregivers that is why parents like us opt to care for our children,” she pointed out.

CP refers to a series of disorders leading to abnormal brain development compromising a person’s ability to use the muscles.

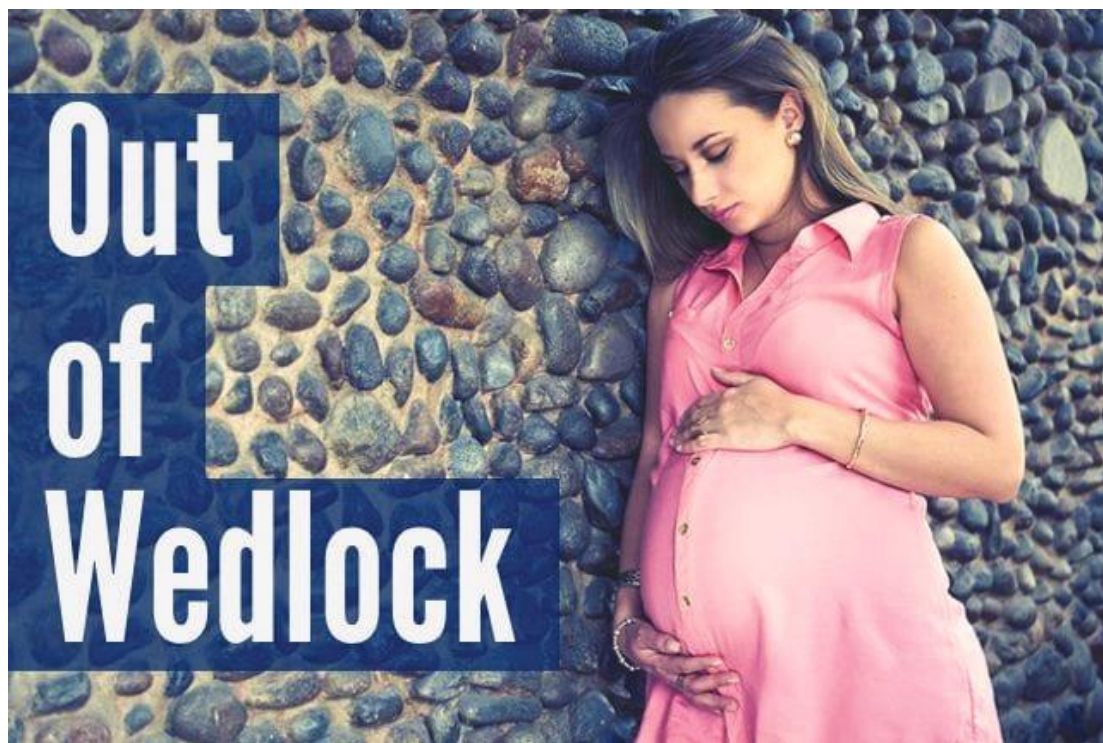
Doctors attribute the condition to an infection such as meningitis or head injury.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the condition affects 1 to 4 children in every 1,000 children globally.

In Kenya, there are no official statistics on the prevalence of the condition. However, experts estimate that one in every 100 children live with the health challenge.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is Being Born Out Of A Wedlock The New Recipe To Misfortunes?



“God please, let me die, let me die, let me die!” This piece of a prayer item that some people are praying and they have normalised it.

In the recent past, there have been an increased number of children born out of the wedlock. This comes amidst so many crises both at the familial level and the national level. Children born out of the wedlock is just but only one of the greatest signs that something is amiss and as a country, there is need for checking ourselves.

The most painful part of this situation is that most of the children born out of the wedlock go through so much pain and agony. They are left to serve the punishment that was meant for their mothers or their fathers and this, unfortunately, has become the new normal. This agonizing scenario demotivates such children and they tend to generally become dull or kind of social dwarfs. They fear to poise out their issues since they know that no one is likely to listen to them and if any one does, then help will be very much minimal.

The conditions under which these children are forced to be brought up in are disheartening conditions which in the long run, they may bring about long term social problems or mental issues such as depression among others. Unfortunately, the upbringing of most of these children is markedly different from the upbringing of other children within the same family. For instance, you may realize that such kids are forced sometimes

to forego meals or are even intentionally denied because they have not done this or that, they could be the ones taking care of the others while they themselves still want that care and attention or even they are overburdened with home chores and activities which are sometimes beyond their capacity.

All these unappealing conditions become a daily habitat of such children and all they contemplate about is either their mother or their father who is not present with them at that time. This consistent thinking of someone they cannot reach or talk to makes many of them develop a secretive lifestyle in which they harbour so much of their feelings, emotions and thoughts. In the long run, they may choose to murder themselves or to become totally a different set of human beings.

Often, as an aftermath of their childhood consistent bullies, you may find that even as adults, they will either bully others or they will socially remain unfit to associate with others. Therefore, they become just fully grown people in terms of body size but in terms of mental tenacity, they are slow to respond to issues.

Such children may also showcase inconsistencies or low performances in their tasks or school work. This is brought about by the phobia that originates from their primary environment and also, lack of adequate time to prepare for their personal goals since they are always worried about one thing or another.

To make matters worse, in the past there have been cases of even where such children are killed. Like the case of the gentleman I was talking to, in his childhood, at around the age of 7, he was almost killed because of sibling rivalry that commonly happens when one child has achieved something and the other one is envious. Such is the situation that faces the modern man.

To survive in our today's time, it is good that we all go back to the drawing board and have our lessons taught to us. Parents are urged to educate their children on life issues when they are still young so that when they grow, they will hold the moral values that is needed such that even when they find themselves later in such a situation, they will always know how to deal with it.

What you might have realized is that the Gen Z is taking the whole thing to the banks of the abyss and we might be preparing ourselves for a very long period of unending mourning and cries at such a tender age, they may sometimes not be mentally developed to tackle some of the stress that comes with the company of the environment that they are brought in. In most cases, these children are not seen as equals among their siblings and playmates.

We should save these children from the hostile environments of maltreatment and show them love and affection, give them reasons to appreciate their presence in our midst and above all, to educate them the values

that will need for their growth and development. No one wants to care. Surprisingly, the world we are living today has become such that the number of those being born out of the wedlock are increasing day in, day out. This could be due to the hard economic conditions that suspend or sometimes expel couples from their marriage or the fear to marry or get married especially by the .com generation, infidelity among the married couples or just carelessness and the burden of abstinence from the unmarried population. When such instances happen and by bad or by good luck children are born, some people become extremely harsh towards these children.

Talking to a victim of such a scenario, he told me that for him, all he ever prayed for was for God to let him die. He could not stand the pains of torture and the everyday atrocities that were done to him by his step mother and all he did every morning was to ask God to let him die on that day. This came after a series of misfortunes that he was made to go through as a punishment for the mum's mistake of not marrying the father or rather the father's mistake of marrying someone else who was not his biological mother. Looking at it from that perspective, you might easily be tempted to believe that humanity and kindness is a thing of that only the dinosaurs can teach us how to get it.

Though, there are still good people who can either step up or as Samaritans who may offer to help. Such a happenstance is a great sacrifice and such people are just made of golden hearts. In today's world, young men are warned not to step up for the mistakes of another man. The warnings come with the title of “simp” and as it have been said always, simps see dust.

However, the man is the beginning and the ending of the whole of this menace. I argue that if all men are taught lessons on masculinity, on fatherhood and provision, such scenarios can only be fables to sooth our appetite for sleep. Since some men just choose to become irresponsible, the happenings such as these one cannot be fully resolved. However, women also have a share of the blame. Why would they cheat in their marriages or rather, engage in activities that would be problematic in future?

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The pressure of denial is left to heat hotter on the heads of the children. This is not their choosing and if you find yourself in a situation where your husband or your wife has a child somewhere with someone who was not bold enough to stand up for it, let there be a dialogue. I argue that dialogues in such situations can save the wraths that are pushed towards children of such standing.

To the children themselves who face such challenges, it is good to speak up. Silence to such ominous felonies is a step closer to one's own death. Therefore, they should fearlessly raise their concerns and people out here are caring- they may help.

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Peace To Be Enhanced In Communities Along Kenya-Somalia Border

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A non-governmental organisation, Woman kind Kenya, in conjunction with development partners, is implementing a cross-border project seeking to enhance peace and stability and strengthen social and economic dynamics, in the border areas between Kenya and Somalia.

Speaking to Kenya News Agency on the sidelines of a three-day sensitisation workshop at Hulugho town at the Kenya-Somalia border, the director of Woman kind Kenya Abdullahi Mohamed said the organisation is implementing the project dubbed Sustainable Cross Border Peace, Security and Conflict Transformation Project for 12 months.

Mr. Mohamed said the Primary

Goal of the project is to enhance peace building and conflict resolutions between cross-border communities in Hulugho, Bodhai and Kolbio along Kenya -Somali border corridor.

Mohamed clarified the key objectives as being strengthening cross border communities' relation and coordination, strengthening and building the capacities of the community peace building structures empowering women, men, youths, and other vulnerable groups to build resilience against violent extremism.

The director noted that the project involves all stakeholders including the CSOs/NGOs, security actors, local and national governments in both Somalia and Kenyan borderline.

Mohamed noted that the target beneficiaries include women, men, youth, both male and female, vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities (PWDS), religious lead-



ers and key community influencers.

The director said that implementation strategies to be utilized include establishing and strengthening of local structures, engagement forums, stakeholder engagement, awareness

creation at the community levels, Inter-gender and generational dialogues, support for youth peace groups among others.

Moreover, Mohamed she added that the programme will cover counties

neighboring the porous Kenya-somali border in Northern Kenya and part of Upper Eastern.

World Bank Mission Preparations Meetings For NYOTA Project Implementation

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World Bank Mission Preparations Meetings For The National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Project Implementation

Yesterday, Micro Small Enterprises Authority management led by the Business Marketing Development Trade (BMDT) Team Lead Caroline Kioko, representing MSEA Director General & CEO, Henry Rithaa Corporate Services Director, Simon Nyamolo hosted the World Bank Mission Team led by the Task Team Leader Kevin Herania and Co- task Team Leader Federica Ricardi. Present during the meeting were other Government entities; Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports (MOYASA), National Indus-



MSEA DG & CEO Henry Rithaa.



Business Marketing Development Trade (BMDT) Team lead Caroline Kioko represented the DG and CEO of MSEA Henry Rithaa.

trial Training Authority (NITA), National Social Security Fund (NSSF), National Employment Authority (NEA).

The Mission meetings kick started

on 27th May 2024 and will continue until 6th June 2024. Focus areas of discussion included highlights on the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA)

Component 2 that is targeting 110,000 youth towards supporting entrepreneurship across the 47 counties among other core details that will

support the successful rollout of the project.

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Sports >> *Vincent Kompany was officially presented as Bayern Munich’s new coach yesterday, insisting he did not share the football world’s surprise at his appointment.

Kompany Insists Call From Bayern Munich Was No Surprise



Belgian football coach and former player Vincent Kompany (L) gives a press conference during his official presentation as new coach of German Bundesliga first division football team FC Bayern Munich on May 30, 2024 in Munich, southern Germany. Bayern Munich’s long search to fill their vacant head coaching position is over with the German giants naming Vincent Kompany as manager in a shock move. The 38-year-old Belgian, a surprise choice with his Burnley side relegated from the Premier League this season, has penned a three-year deal with the German record club. (Photo by Michaela STACHE / AFP)

Vincent Kompany was officially presented as Bayern Munich’s new coach yesterday, insisting he did not share the football world’s surprise at his appointment. Bayern’s decision to take a gamble on the 38-year-old former Manchester City defender took many people by surprise because his first foray into managing in the Premier League ended with the relegation of his Burnley side two weeks ago. But Kompany said: “I think the aspect of being surprised is because you assume it is the only club that called and you only assume it because I am a private

person. “Maybe I was surprised by the first call but it wasn’t from Bayern Munich” he told the press conference, speaking in a mixture of German and English. “My mentality is that I never haven’t ever worked for a top club in my head,” Kompany said. Kompany replaces Thomas Tuchel after failed attempts by Bayern to lure Bayer Leverkusen boss Xabi Alonso, Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann and Austria’s Ralf Rangnick to one of the biggest jobs in the game. And he set out a clear vision of how he wants to shape his new

team which has just suffered its first trophyless season for 12 years. “As a coach, you have to coach who you are as a person. “I grew up on the streets of Brussels. I want the players of Bayern Munich to be brave and have personality on the ball. I want the team to be aggressive. I want the team to represent my character, to be brave and aggressive.” After a successful playing career where he captained Manchester City and the Belgian national team, Kompany returned to his first club Anderlecht to begin his

managerial career. He moved to Burnley in 2022 and took them to the Premier League as second-division champions, before crashing back to earth with a poor season in which they won just five games and slipped back into the Championship.

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Sports >>> *Eleven years after a heartbreaking Champions League final loss to arch-rivals Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund veterans Mats Hummels and Marco Reus are returning to Wembley on Saturday to set things right.

Eleven Years On, Hummels And Reus Hope To Set Things Right At Wembley



TOPSHOT - Dortmund's German defender #15 Mats Hummels (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring his teams first goal during the UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Borussia Dortmund, at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on May 7, 2024. (Photo by FRANCK FIFE / AFP)

Eleven years after a heartbreaking Champions League final loss to arch-rivals Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund veterans Mats Hummels and Marco Reus are returning to Wembley on Saturday to set things right.

This time around, 14-time winners Real Madrid, who eliminated Bayern in typical last-gasp fashion in the semi-finals, stand in the way.

Hummels, 35, and 34-year-old Reus face an uncertain future ahead of what is likely their last Champions League final.

Reus has already announced Saturday's match will be his last for Dortmund.

Hummels, whose contract expires in the summer, said he was "excited to see what Saturday's match triggers in me and then I'll make a decision sometime in June".

Adding a Champions League victory, the first for each, would be a fitting farewell for two modern Dortmund greats.

Managed by Jurgen Klopp, Dortmund came into 2012-13 having

won back-to-back titles, including a league and cup double in 2011-12.

They made it to Wembley with an exciting young team seemingly on course for more success.

Hummels, a modern defender who blended attacking flair with shrewd game understanding, had established himself at the heart of Germany's defence.

Reus, a Dortmund junior who made his senior debut at the club in 2012-13 after a stint at Borussia Moenchengladbach, appeared to be the country's next great attacking talent, having just been named Germany's Footballer of the Year.

That loss to Bayern would instead be the beginning of the end of Dortmund's time in the sun.

Klopp left the club in 2015, joining Liverpool five months later, where he has made three Champions League finals, winning one, with both losses coming against Real Madrid.

Hummels returned to Bayern, where he had come through the junior system, in search of Cham-

pions League glory.

The defender's quest was unsuccessful however.

With questions around his age and health, Hummels returned to Dortmund three years later -- and Bayern lifted the Champions League the following season.

Five years after returning to Dortmund, Hummels is in the midst of a career renaissance, named Man of the Match in both semi-finals having kept Paris Saint-Germain and superstar Kylian Mbappe goalless.

- 'Perfect way to close the circle' -

On Tuesday, Hummels said he was "disappointed" to be left out of Germany's Euro 2024 squad, but had a chance to wash it away in London.

"If I hold the trophy in my hands, I'll give my career an A," Hummels said, saying disappointment would be "filed away".

Reus -- who missed his chance at World Cup glory alongside Hummels in 2014 due to injury --

stayed at Dortmund since the 2013 final, despite offers from Germany and further afield, as Bayern won the next 11 Bundesliga titles.

While Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen broke Bayern's streak this season, Reus leaves Dortmund having never won the league.

He came agonisingly close last season, when a final day 2-2 draw with Mainz saw Bayern lift the shield again, but a win on Saturday would remove any remaining disappointment.

Besides Hummels and Reus, captain Emre Can tasted defeat against Real in the 2018 final with Klopp's Liverpool, while Niklas Sule won in 2020 when Bayern beat PSG.

Can revealed he had been in touch with Klopp, who told him to set things right on Saturday.

"He texted me after the (semi-final) in Paris and just said 'go and win the final'."

Dortmund manager Edin Terzic recognised the romance of Reus' story but said he would be in the squad for footballing reasons.

"Marco has shown that he's not finished yet," said Terzic.

"To have a final at Wembley in his first and his last seasons with Borussia Dortmund... it would be the perfect way to close the circle. "I need Marco on Saturday. I need his qualities and we need his quality. We need Marco because he has this experience and he has played on this stage before."

Karim Adeyemi, 22, the lightning-fast winger who has saved his best performances for Europe this season, said Saturday "was not just about us, but also about having a nice farewell for Marco.

"And I will personally do everything I can to make sure he leaves the pitch happy."

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History And Development Stages Of Ensemble Performance



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Annotation: This article discusses the history of the introduction of the concept of ensemble to Uzbek national music and its activities in different periods. In this process, the importance of direct musical ensembles is special. Ensembles of musicians are included.

Key words: Musical ensembles, ensemble of musicians, musical groups, performance skills.

The rich culture of each nation, which reflects its great past, determines its origin. This culture has served and continues to serve the material and spiritual development of these peoples and the nation since ancient times. He also determined that it is sharply different from the customs, traditions and values of other nations. The Uzbek people, with their rich history, ancient culture and unchanging art of music, are among the historical nations that have made a great contribution to the development of world music culture. This art has been passed down from father to son, from mother to daughter, from ancestors to generations, from teacher to student. As a proof of this, we can see the historical monuments, archeological findings, paintings reflected in miniature art, architecture, works of art described in folk oral and written works that stand tall in our country today.

Culture, music and art have been highly developed in the territory of Uzbekistan since time immemorial. We can see that this is clearly expressed in the fine art monuments found as a result of archaeological excavations in different regions, valleys and oases of our country. The information about the music ensemble issue is confirmed in the treatises of great scholars and musicologists who have rendered meritorious service in the theory, history and practice of Uzbek music art, such as Farabi, Margiloniy, Kavkavi, Darvesh Ali Changchi, and Fitrat in recent years.

Ensemble (French ensemble-unity, harmony, harmony) is the joint performance of a certain piece of music by several performers. The term ensemble is also used to refer to artistic teams distinguished by high performance. Depending on the number of performers, ensembles are duet

(2 people), trio (3 people), quartet (4 people), quintet (5 people), sextet (6 people), septet (7 people), octet (8 people), nonet (9 people) and others.

The first ensemble was founded in 1923 under the leadership of Tokhtasin Jalilov, and in 1927 under the leadership of Yunus Rajabi. Ensembles composed of Turkish compositions became widely popular and widely implemented in practice in the first half of the 20th century. In 1957, under the leadership of Yunus Rajabi and under the supervision of the Uzbek TV and Radio, the establishment of the makomchilar ensemble became a huge event. After this ensemble, teacher Yunus Rajabi's style of performance and his great legacy are an example for the generation.

A large ensemble

The first leader of this ensemble was Nikolai Nazarovich Mironov. Not long after that, according to the demand of the time, the well-known artist, skilled musician and composer Tokhtasin Jalilov was appointed as the leader of this ensemble. A number of famous artists such as Mulla Toychi Tashmuhammedov, Haji Abdulaziz Abdurasulov, Halima Nasirova, Nabijon Hasanov, Rizqi Rajabi performed in this ensemble. In 1937, the "Big Ensemble" team took part in the first days of Uzbek literature and art in Moscow and achieved great success.

An ensemble consisting of the same instruments

This type of ensembles can include circle players, rubobists, changchirs, dutorchirs, gijjakchirs and similar ensembles consisting of the same instruments. These ensembles have the opportunity to perform both unison and polyphonic works. In the 70s and 80s of the last century, Kashkar rubobchilars and dutorchilar ensembles became popular, and by the end of the 80s, circle and duster ensembles became popular, and special musical works were created for these ensembles.

Ensemble of related instruments.

String instrument ensembles, which are widely used in European music culture under the name of chamber ensemble, have a relatively long history, but after the emergence of instrument families as a result of processing and improvement of Uzbek folk instruments, this type of ensemble

was born. Ensembles made up of similar instruments include nay family ensemble consisting of flute and small flute, rubob prima, kashgar rubobi, and rubobchilar family ensemble consisting of Afghan rubobi and others. How many instruments are involved in such ensembles is determined by the sound of the instruments. When determining the number of instruments in the ensemble, it is appropriate to assume that instruments with a strong timbre are less involved, and instruments with a weak timbre are more involved.

A mixed ensemble with the participation of various instruments

Mixed ensembles are more common than other types of ensembles, and refer to a group consisting of different instruments, with the participation of two or more musicians. In order to create an all-round perfect mixed ensemble, it is necessary to include instruments of different timbres and types in the composition of the ensemble. Among these, we can include instruments such as the Afghan rubab, tanbur, which are played by wind, goshnai, sunray: mizrob instruments.

Tuning the instruments

Tuning the instruments to a specific sound source, i.e. a tuning fork, flute, or brass instrument, is explained. Before the start of the training, the unison sounding of the word ensemble is achieved through precise tuning of each instrument. From the very beginning, the leader should pay attention to the exact tuning of the words of the instrument and demand the same from each performer. The leader should tune the instruments of the musicians without musical knowledge in the first lessons and gradually teach the musician to tune the instrument by himself. It is known that almost all Uzbek folk instruments (except wind instruments and tanbur, dutor, ganon, chan) are covered with leather. The climate of the room also plays a role in tuning the instruments. The tuning of most of the folk instruments also depends on the correct placement of the kharak. If the open similar is adjusted and the octave sound does not give a pure octave sound when checked, the desired sound can be achieved by moving the bar forward or backward. If the sound of the octave is higher than the sound of the

open string, the chord is forward, and if it is lower, then the opposite position is used. Tuning all instruments based on the above requirements helps the ensemble to sound unison and pure.

General rules of ensemble performance

Mastering the skills of performing in an ensemble, first of all, the musicians must sit correctly, hold the sound of the instrument correctly, acquire the skill of producing sound from the instrument, form the performance movements correctly, and fully comply with the rules of collective performance. requires compliance. During the performance, the body should be held in such a way that the performer is comfortable for all movements of playing the instrument and the appearance is beautiful: without leaning on the backrest, sit in the middle of the seat, the musician's left legs are slightly ahead of the right leg to be: achieving freedom of performance due to the correct placement of the hand on the handle of the instrument:

Composers should focus on the lead musician or circle when starting the performance of a piece:

Simultaneous endings of the ensemble azos at the end of the piece:

Adherence to collective performance culture in ensemble performance:

During the performance, the musician hears not only his own voice, but also the sound of the instruments in the whole ensemble:

The selection of a comfortable and sitting position for performance serves the good sounding of the ensemble, the quality and attractiveness of the performance.

In conclusion, it is worth saying that the creativity in the ensemble is exciting and difficult. Currently, inculcating the concept of an ensemble in the minds of young people is considered one of the honorable tasks. There is no doubt that this education will serve as a basis for future great countries to shape the present young generation as outstanding teachers.

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