



### CJ Koome Directs Magistrates' Courts To Finalize Cases Pending For Over 3 Years

Chief Justice Martha Koome has directed Magistrates' Courts countrywide to conduct Rapid Results Initiatives to finalize cases that have been pending for over three years. CJ Koome, who delivered the keynote speech virtually at the start of the 11th Annual Heads of Station Forum, urged courts to prioritize active case and docket management strategies.

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### News>>NEMA, Egerton University Are Out To Protect Wetlands

P. 20. Egerton University and the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) have initiated a partnership to protect and restore wetlands in Nakuru County and curb further threats resulting from human activities.

# Kenya Fostering Good Relations With Somalia

Kenya will continue fostering good relations with Somalia in all areas of mutual interest to advance the socio-economic development of the two countries, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said. Mudavadi, also the country's Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary, noted that the collaboration between Nairobi and Mogadishu will be anchored on strong fraternal bonds that reinvigorate bilateral relations driven by goodwill and determination. He said Kenya is eager to unlock the full potential of cordial relations it enjoys with Somalia and all her neighbors in the region.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi with Ahmed FIQI Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

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# Gov't Streamlining Response To Flood Victims For Effective Distribution Of Humanitarian Support

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with some of the stakeholders who attended yesterday's meeting

### Worth Noting:

- “This whole of society approach, will allow us to respond rapidly and strategically to where the needs are greatest; allow the greatest level of flexibility to deliver timely and effective coordinated assistance to the most vulnerable families; and facilitate a more impactful outcome of chosen interventions,” he said.
- The DP said various channels for contribution to the response efforts have been activated calling on the local and foreign partners to continue with their support.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua says the government is streamlining response to the floods for efficient and effective distribution of humanitarian support across the country.

The Deputy President yesterday said a whole of society approach is being adopted to ensure better coordination as the calls for help intensify.

Speaking when he chaired a National Disaster Response Steering Committee and Development Partners meeting at the Official Residence in Karen, Mr Gachagua said the government's focus is to reach as many affected people as fast as possible.

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The DP requested development partners with existing financial arrangements with the Government and wished to support the response to do so through the National Treasury and inform the National Disaster Operations Center Secretariat and the International Development Partnership Coordination Unit (IDPCU).

He also appealed to the private sector and individual well-wishers wishing to make cash donations to liaise with the National Drought Response Team led by Safaricom Chief Executive Officer Peter Ndegwa after its mandate was expanded to cover the floods.

“I appreciate the support from all our partners. Since I came into office, we have had three emergencies and the part-

ners have heeded our appeal to assist our people. We are grateful. We are facing an unprecedented challenge with many people in desperate need of help and support,” he added.

The Deputy President also said the County Commissioners have been instructed to work closely with the Governors to make sure those in need receive the support as quickly as possible.

Mr Gachagua asked the governors to consider readjusting their budgets to make available more resources to boost the response kitty.

“With the available resources, you have the latitude to reallocate the resources to assist the people and save lives. These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary measures. The lives of our people are important,” he urged.

The DP appreciated support by partners including 40 metric tonnes of food and 34 non-food items from the United Arab

Emirates towards easing the pain of the affected.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator Stephen Jackson said the foreign partners have raised Sh900 million as of Monday to boost response and humanitarian activities across the country and are looking for more support.

“We are grateful to the partners for their generosity. We still need more and we will ask our partners to continue offering their support,” he said.

Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki said six aircraft were on standby to help in rescue and delivery of relief food to those in distress.

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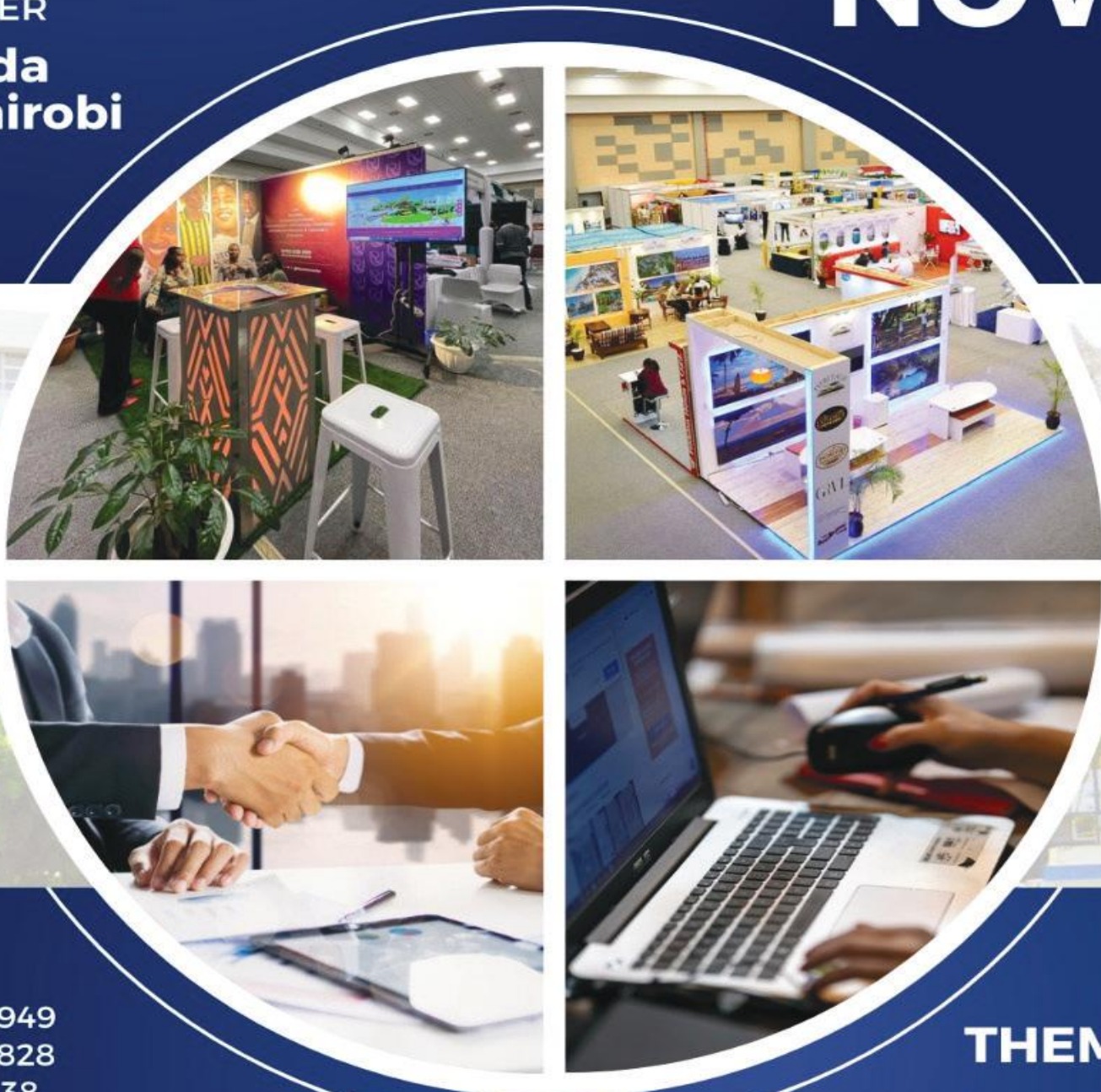
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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) engineers have been mobilised by the government to open diversion roads using caterpillars at the Kitale-Kapenguria-Lodwar Highway Road between Lous Market and Kambi Karaya in West Pokot County. The road was washed away by floods, causing it to be impassable. KeNHA is currently working on repairing the road and managing traffic to prevent unexpected incidents. They have established diversion routes on both sides of the road to ensure the smooth movement of vehicles. A section of the culvert left standing after the road was destroyed by floods has been demolished, and construction of the culvert is expected to be completed by today. The road is expected to be open to motorists by Thursday at the latest. Travellers have been stranded on the road due to the damage caused by heavy rainfall, leaving many in desperate need of food and shops. The diversion road is now ready for use, and travellers are using it as an alternative route.



Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) Group Chief Executive Officer Wilson Muthaura yesterday hosted and held discussions with Ms Jessica Gakinya, Ambassador designate to Rabat in Morocco. The meeting emphasized on the potential of the new market for value-added teas in the North African country, highlighting unique selling points, such as quality, sustainability, and cultural significance of the Kenyan product. Ambassador Jessica reiterated her commitment to showcase the rich heritage of Kenyan tea farming, and exceptional quality of KTDA teas through diplomatic channels. The CEO expressed his optimism that the country would increase its export to the country, thereby increasing earning for the local tea farmers and foreign exchange for the country.



Kisumu County residents have called on the national government and county government leaders to help open up clogged drainages to allow river waters to drain into the lake, alleviating the flooding crisis that has plagued most parts of the county. Kochogo village Clan Elder Maurice Akoko said that immediate intervention was needed to help residents after the River Nyando burst its banks. The elders urged the river to be redirected to its former path, a farm, to prevent flooding and marooning over the villages. They also called for the release of a disaster fund to address the disaster, particularly at Kadera and Wuodage beaches, which should be dug using tractors to contain the waters from Nyando. Akoko claimed that the contractors' work was shoddy, calling for proper digging and opening beaches at Wath Ageka and Adiereb to allow the waters to drain downstream.



Deputy Governor Dr. John Erus led a food distribution exercise at the To-bong'u Lore IDP community in Nataparkakono, Turkana Central, following floods and rains that led to the displacement of over 200 households. The county government provided 100 bags of maize and 20 cartons of vegetable oil to the affected households. Erus acknowledged the efforts of the Directorate of Disaster Risk Management and emphasised the need for continued joint assessments to identify areas in need of urgent attention. He assured the community of access to water trucking until a long-term solution is implemented and emphasised the importance of proper hygiene to avoid potential health hazards. The County Government has included resettlement in the budget for the upcoming financial year 2024-2025 and reassured the community to prioritise care for the most vulnerable, including children under five, expectant mothers, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.



The Nyamira County government has suspended 79 employees who are accused of using fake academic credentials to secure employment. The county undertook a rigorous authentication process, revealing that some staff were employed illegally. In the first phase of the payroll cleansing exercise, 2821 employees' certificates were submitted to the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) and various colleges and universities. Governor Nyaribo confirmed that 76 certificates from KNEC were forged, including three diploma and degree certificates. He stated that further administration action will be taken against 245 employees who were irregularly promoted without following due process. The payroll cleansing exercise will be done in up to four phases for enhanced service delivery.

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# Kiambu Dairy Farmers Set To Benefit From Subsidised AI Services

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## Worth Noting:

- Kiambu County through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation received semen and liquid nitrogen from the Kenya Animal Genetic Resource center to be distributed to farmers across in all sub-counties.

- “We are calling upon all of the county’s cattle farmers to visit our sub-county offices in their areas and take advantage of our certified semen and liquid nitrogen from the Kenya Animal Genetic Resource Centre,” Mwenda said.



Dairy farmers in Kiambu County have benefited from subsidised Artificial Insemination (AI) services that seek to upgrade breeds of dairy cattle and provide better earnings for farmers in the region.

The AI services being offered by the country’s Department of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation are being distributed to farmers across all sub-counties.

The County Executive Committee for Agriculture, Wilfred Mwenda, said the initiative aims at giving dairy farmers a new improved breed that will increase milk production from the current seven litres to around 12 litres per cow per day, enabling farmers to earn more money from the sale of milk.

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Initially, farmers would pay between Sh1000 to Sh2000 for each cow served, but the initiative has seen this drop to Sh500 per animal.

He added that through the initiative, the Department’s sub-county offices have been provided with semen, nitrogen tanks, and technical expertise to offer AI services to dairy farmers.

“The ultimate goal of this programme is to ensure that farmers increase their milk production and get more value

from it so that they can uplift their living standards,” he said.

The AI services support project is a partnership between the County Government and the Kenya Animal Genetic Resource Centre (KAGRIC).

“The initiative has significantly reduced the cost of AI services, while at the same time improving the quality of the breeds the farmers get; this will translate into increased milk production when the calves mature to start milk production,” Mwenda noted.

Farmers whose cows were served last year when the initiative was launched have already calved and are excitedly looking forward to high milk production in the coming years.

One of the beneficiary farmers, Grace Wanjiku from Githunguri Sub County, whose cows have calved, said she has increased her herd from two to five

cows’ courtesy of the support from the county government.

“When I started, I just had two cows, but now I have five cows. So far, four of my cows have been served with the improved breed semen, and I am expecting more calves before the year ends, and slowly I am expanding by adding my stock,” said Wanjiku.

Consequently, in a report done by the Agriculture Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP), Kiambu County is one of the highest milk producers in the country, with 430 million litres annually.

Meanwhile, the national production per cow every day stands at 10.1 litres, while Kiambu has been registering a production of 12.6 litres per cow.

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# DP Urge Governors To Support Coffee Reforms, Expansion Of Nacada's Mandate In Alcohol Regulation

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing the meeting yesterday.

## Worth Noting:

- On the fight against illicit brews and drug abuse, the Deputy President said the National Government intends to amend the Alcoholic Drinks Control Act to tighten control of manufacturing, distribution, sale and consumption of liquor drinks following proliferation of killer drinks.

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday pleaded with Governors to support the National Government’s bid to transfer the mandate of licensing bars and liquor businesses from county governments to the State anti-drug agency.

Gachagua also asked the county bosses to back the ongoing reforms in the coffee sub-sector, stating that some counties were undermining the process by issuing multiple trading licences to millers and marketers.

“We must stick to the interventions that we agreed on to ensure success in the reforms in the coffee sub-sector. Some counties like Kiambu and Uasin Gishu have gone contrary to what we agreed, including issuing multiple licenses to actors in the value chain. We agreed that millers cannot be marketers; but some have been issued with the multiple licenses to mill and market coffee. Let us work together to ensure the reforms succeed,” he stated.

He spoke during the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC) meeting at the Official Residence in Karen, where he was accompanied by top government officials.

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“We need your help in regulating the sale of alcohol so that every establishment is not turned into a bar. Before taking the proposed amendment to Parliament, it will be given to the Council of Governors for input. We want a sober nation for socio-economic development,” he added.

He explained that of concern to the government is the second-generation alcoholic drinks, which have not only resulted in deaths of people besides other grave socio-economic effects.

In February this year, at least 17 people in Kangai Village, Kirinyaga

County, died after consuming illicit brew.

Mr Gachagua said the trade, consumption, and abuse of illicit alcohol, narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances now ranks as one of the five key national security threats. “The Government is implementing a number of immediate, short and long term measures to curb this menace. The Government has adopted a national security posture in the management of this concern with a focus on how to sustainably eliminate the counterfeit and sub-standard liquor from the source,” said the Deputy President.

He added that through various leadership and regional consultative forums and technical engagements on the fight against illicit brews and drug abuse, a number of gaps have been identified.

The gaps include legislation and regulatory frameworks.

He said another gap of concern is the quality and standards leading to proliferation of counterfeits and substandard of alcohol and alcoholic drinks in the market.

Additionally, some judicial officers are detailing the process with laughable fines.

The Deputy President also asked the County Governors to set aside funds collected from licensing of

bars and liquor businesses to facilitate construction of special wards in hospitals to deal with recovering alcohol and drugs addicts.

“We propose that some funds from the levies collected from bars be used to put rehabilitation centres. We persuade Counties with Level Four hospitals to create a ward for addicts to mitigate withdrawal effects. The issue of rehabilitation of the addicts is getting out of hand and private facilities are expensive,” said Mr Gachagua. He added that the government is committed to repressing the illicit alcohol and drug supply chain in the country.

Samburu Governor Jonathan Lati Leleleti supported the Deputy President, in the proposed law amendment.

“We support the issue of NACADA taking over licensing bars and liquor businesses to save us from what we fear most. Some of the bar owners are our campaigners and would be difficult,” said governor Leleti.

Cabinet Secretaries Prof Njuguna Ndung’u (National Treasury) and Alfred Mutua (Tourism), together with the Controller of Budget Margaret Nyakang’o, Principal Secretary State department for Devolution PS Devolution Teresia Mbaika and the Council of Governors chairperson Anne Waiguru, several governors and deputy governors were present at the meeting.

Governors James Orengo (Siaya), Mutula Kilonzo (Makueni), Andrew Mwadime (Taita Taveta), Issa Timamy (Lamu), Stephen Sang (Nandi), Mutahi Kahiga (Nyeri), Ole Lenku (Kajiado), Joshua Irungu (Laikipia), Jonathan Bii (Uasin Gishu), Abdi Ibrahim Guyo (Isiolo), Jonathan Lati Leleti (Samburu), Ken Lusaka (Bungoma) and Kimani Wamatangi (Kiambu) were also present.

During the session it was resolved that the Council of Governors should pay the eligible pending bills on a First in First out (FIFO) framework.

The council noted a 5.4 per cent drop in pending bills, an equivalent of Kshs.8.61 billion as of March 31, 2024, compared to the start of the fiscal year. The outstanding pending bills is Ksh.150.66 billion.

# Kenya Keen On Fostering Good Relations With Somalia – Mudavadi

*Foreign Affairs CS says collaboration between Nairobi and Mogadishu will be anchored on strong fraternal bonds that reinvigorate bilateral relations driven by goodwill and determination.*

By:KBC Digital



*Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi with Ahmed FIQI Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia..*

## Worth Noting:

- “This is not only because we share a common border but also because we have a strong and enduring partnership that has stood firm since our two countries established diplomatic ties in the 1960s,” he added.
- Mudavadi said governments that work together encourage their citizens to do the same in a bid to enhance and expand the scope and breadth of their relations. In keeping with the common desire to forge close cooperation, he said the two countries established an elaborate mechanism in the form of the JCC to facilitate cooperation in many areas of mutual benefit.
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Mudavadi, also the country’s Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary, noted that the collaboration between Nairobi and Mogadishu will be anchored on strong fraternal bonds that reinvigorate bilateral relations driven by goodwill and determination. He said Kenya is eager to unlock the full potential of cordial relations it enjoys with Somalia and all her neighbors in the region.

“We shall endeavor to continue enjoying warm and cordial relations deeply rooted in a shared history, a common socio-cultural heritage, a shared border, and commercial ties,” said Mudavadi.

He spoke at the third session of the Kenya-Somalia Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) held in Nairobi.

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“Since the last JCC and several high-level engagements, I appreciate that both countries have made strides in implementing a number of resolutions. For Kenya we appreciate that mutually beneficial economic ties and investments flow between our two countries, and are the foundation for mutual benefit and integration,” he said.

“I wish to acknowledge with appreciation the resumption of Ken-

ya Airways commercial flights on 14th February 2024 and the Somali Civil Aviation Authority’s (SCAA) approval of KQ’s request for 2023/2024 winter season schedule of freighter flights commencing February 9, 2024,” added the Prime CS.

The third session of the Kenya-Somalia JCC, serves to not only intensify but also solidify the bilateral ties with intense discussions conducted by the dedication of all technical officials involved to address issues.

“I applaud all those who were involved to have set the parameters on the conduct and promotion of our bilateral relations. This is very important because the teams were able to finalize discussions on 3 bilateral instruments in the fields of political consultations, Education and Defence,” said Mudavadi.

“I am confident that the resolutions arising out of this session of the JCC will serve as motivation for the finalization and signing of the pending Draft Instruments, as well as an inspiration to further solidify bilateral cooperation for the mutu-

al benefit of the people of our two countries,” he added.

Mudavadi, also Kenya’s Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs congratulated Somalia for joining the East African Community having deposited her instruments of ratification of the Treaty of Accession on March 4, 2024, in Arusha, Tanzania.

He said this move would go a long way to help Somalia cement strong bilateral ties and become a key player in trade and investment within the region and beyond.

“This demonstrates a commitment to the promotion of good neighborliness, economic development, and stability, emphasizing the desire to address challenges through a collaborative approach in the region,” he said

“Kenya appreciates efforts made in enhancing cooperation in the fields of Security, capacity building in the field of health through training of health professionals and the training of police officers.” he said.

# Gov't To Enhance Corporate Governance In Cooperatives Sector

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The Ministry of Cooperative and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development has underscored its commitment to upholding principles of good corporate governance and integrity within the cooperative sector.

Ministry of Cooperatives and MSMEs Development Cabinet Secretary (CS) Simon Chelugui said that the ministry remains committed to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct within the cooperative sector.

He added that the ministry will spare no effort in safeguarding the interests of cooperative members and promoting sustainable development across all facets of cooperative enterprises. "As custodians of cooperative resources, we remain steadfast in our duty to ensure responsible and transparent management for the benefit of



Ministry of Cooperatives and MSMEs Development Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui (Centre)

all stakeholders," he said.

The CS noted that the ministry had recently received the findings of an inspection conducted by the commissioner for cooperative development in October 2022.

He said administrative measures were taken, which included the dis-

missal of implicated top managers and administrators.

The CS said that the ministry has appointed Grant Thornton, a reputable auditing firm which conducted examinations of the Union's financial affairs and found systemic deficiencies in the management of resources,

including creative and unreliable financial records.

He said that the audit revealed unreliable financial records, including high cash withdrawals totaling Sh5.46 billion between February 2013 and April 2024, Inter Subsidiary Cash Transfers, loans to Senior

KUSCCO staff and directors, among others.

"It has come to light that despite incurring losses, the union proceeded to declare bonuses, dividends, and interest, a practice that cannot be condoned," said Chelugui.

He added that a consultative meeting that was convened last month with representatives from depositors reached a unanimous consensus on the future of the union, where they concluded that the current board of directors had failed in its duty to steer the union.

Chelugui acknowledged that the ministry has taken decisive action on the matter with the interest of ensuring accountability and restoring confidence, while reiterating the dismissal of the current board of directors.

He announced that the commissioner for cooperative development will appoint an interim board of 15 members drawn from esteemed leaders of affiliate cooperatives who will oversee the transformation and rehabilitation of the Union.

# Mastercard And I&M Bank Extend Strategic Collaboration To 8 Years Strengthening Digital Payment Solutions

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The 8-year alliance will see cardholders in Kenya continue to benefit from enhanced value propositions.

The collaboration is instrumental in driving financial inclusion to consumers, corporate and commercial customers.

Mastercard and I&M Bank have extended their strategic collaboration with an 8-year strategic alliance, ensuring cardholders in Kenya continue to enjoy enhanced value propositions. Under this alliance, I&M bank clients will enjoy competitive premium customer value propositions through a range of world class debit and credit cards.

The collaboration between Mastercard and I&M Bank has spanned five years and has delivered significant value to customers, businesses, and

the economy. By leveraging Mastercard's cutting-edge technology and I&M Bank's extensive local network, this collaboration will further facilitate seamless and secure payment solutions for individuals and businesses in Kenya.

"We are delighted to extend our collaboration with I&M Bank. This strategic alliance has enabled us to make significant progress in advancing digital payments and financial inclusion in Kenya. Together we will continue to empower individuals and businesses with secure and convenient payment solutions that will help them reach their potential" said Mark Elliott, President, Africa at Mastercard. "As we celebrate 50 years of I&M Bank, we are delighted to announce the expansion of our collaboration with Mastercard, aimed at providing an extensive range of lifestyle and travel benefits to our corporate, retail, and business clients. By extending this alliance, I&M Bank has demonstrated its commitment to delivering tailor-made, digital solutions that ca-

ter to the distinct needs of our valued customers," said Gul Khan, CEO of I&M Bank.

The extended collaboration encompasses a variety of offerings, including Platinum Debit, World Elite Debit, World Debit, Multicurrency Prepaid Cards, and Credit Cards. These cards provide customers with a diverse array of travel benefits, privileges, and experiences.

Depending on the card category, holders have access to numerous lifestyle privileges both locally and globally. These privileges include earning loyalty points, which are credited as cash into the customer's loyalty account, enhanced credit card limits, multicurrency prepaid cards with support for up to three currencies, and card safety controls within the I&M On-The-Go mobile and internet banking applications. Additionally, I&M Bank customers will continue to seamlessly top up prepaid cards and make credit card payments via the I&M Bank OTG App.

Furthermore, these cards are



Mastercard and I&M Bank extend strategic collaboration

equipped with world-class security and reliability, backed by Mastercard's trusted technology, ensuring robust customer protection. The incorporation of new technology, such

as contactless payment, facilitates a swift and secure checkout experience, empowering consumers to select their preferred payment method.

# Is Kenya Staring At Tropical Hidaya Cyclone? God Forbid



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## Worth Noting:

- Today I announce that we are also going to give Sh10,000 to each of 40,000 families affected as we look for a permanent solution to this recurring problem of floodings. He also announced that the government has released Sh1 billion for the reconstruction of damaged schools in Nairobi. We are also doing the same in other parts of the country.
- Back to Gikungu's statement, the people of Coast breathed a sigh of relief a few days later when he stated that the cyclone Hidaya no longer posed a serious threat.
- The cyclone strength had gone down after hitting Mafia Island. Before, I had posed. Is Kenya staring at Hidaya cyclone? God forbid.



Kenya, Tanzania brace for Cyclone Hidaya as flood death toll rises

A few days ago, the director of Meteorological Department David Gikungu issued a new alert. The Coast region is going to experience what he called tropical Hidaya Cyclone.

This rare phenomenon is composed of heavy rains, strong winds, strong oceanic tides/waves and thunderstorms.

The situation in other parts of the country is also going to escalate. He spoke as official report indicated that heavy torrential rains and floodings had so far claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

Apparently, this is one of the reasons that prompted President William Ruto to postpone the reopening of schools. He also acted on the strength of reports filed by the county and regional directors of education.

The floods had caused massive damage to school infrastructures in some parts of the country. The reconstruction of these schools have started.

Once this work is completed and we are sure the lives of school going children are safe, the ministry of education

will announce the new dates of opening schools.

President Ruto later visited Mathare, Eastleigh and other parts of Nairobi that had been affected my floods.

He told the victims. I'm happy to note that my interventions have borne the fruits.

The first step was to evacuate you from flood prone areas and providing with temporary shelter as well as food and non-food items. We have already done this.

Today I announce that we are also going to give Sh10,000 to each of 40,000 families affected as we look for a permanent solution to this recurring problem of floodings. He also announced that the government has released Sh1 billion for the reconstruction of damaged schools in Nairobi. We are also doing the same in other parts of the country.

Back to Gikungu's statement, the people of Coast breathed a sigh of relief a few days later when he stated that the cyclone Hidaya no longer posed a serious threat.

The cyclone strength had gone down after hitting Mafia Island. Before, I had posed. Is Kenya staring at Hidaya cyclone? God forbid.

Earlier, I had an opportunity to listen to the remarks of the leaders of Azimio La Umoja One Kenya coalition.

Reacting to the pain and suffering that those affected were going through, the leaders resorted to blame game and politicization.

One of them stated: You heard President William Ruto saying there will be no El Nino rains. The El Nino rain is now here with us.

The government seemed ill-prepared to deal with the menace.

They spoke as President William visited Mai Mahiu where he personally led the rescue operation. The devastating deluge in that area had by then claimed the lives of 46 people.

To me, this was not the time of blame game. This was the time of supporting the efforts by the government to save lives. I also want to say this without fear of contradiction.

The claims by Azimio leaders were totally misleading and designed to settle political scores with the President.

I listened very carefully to what prompted the President to make 'no El Nino' remarks.

He spoke after warning issued by the Director of Meteorological Department and dates when the rains will start failed to bear the fruits.

As a President, his first priority is to save lives of Kenyans and their properties. So, it was not his wish to see this rains pounding, killing people and destroying thier livelihoods.

He would not however backpedal. He continued to organize and put the national disaster management teams on high alert.

So, Azimio's claims that the government had been caught off-guard did not hold any.

As the President set disaster operation centers, he was privy to the fact God's plan is not man's plan.

A few days ago President William Ruto stated that his government has suspended all other engagements.

The lives of our people are precious and more important than anything else. So, all our eyes are now trained on rescuing those affected by flood. We have also allocated more financial resources to deal with this menace.

The Government spokesperson had at around the same time disclosed the number of Kenyans who had lost their lives and those displaced.

Those who perished had been swept by raging flood waters. Others succumbed to mudslides and landslides and after their houses were marooned and submerged in waters.

The situation could have been worse if the government had not put in place elaborate measures to deal with the disaster.

Before the ongoing heavy rainfall started, President William Ruto had assigned his deputy to steer the National Disaster Management Committee.

The committee which have since been working closely with the county governments embarked on the following; resource mobilization, setting up quick response teams, unclogging the drainage system and mapping out the hotspots areas.

I'm sure many would agree with me this time the situation is being exacerbated by Mother Nature.

I want to give an example of the flooding of Thika Super Highway. As we know, this road had been built by the world's renowned Chinese contractor. We have also seen the waters in Masinga dam and Kiambere spilling over.

Kenya is not the only country that has witnessed this phenomenon that is attributed to negative effects of climate change.

In some countries, the magnitude of these disasters would be worse.

Hundreds of the people would lose their lives and thousands would be displaced. Besides losing valuables, their houses would be destroyed and flattened by the floods and strong wind.

As a result, the humanitarian crisis would reach unmanageable level.

Here in Kenya we have not reached there.

Notably, the role of disaster management is not only confined to the national government. The counties are also required to play an active role.

As we now, the national government allocate money to the counties' disaster and emergency kitties. One would therefore expect the governors to immediately release the money to mitigate the effects of floodings.

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A house destroyed in Mafia Island as a result of Cyclone Hidaya

# Laikipia Constructs Spillways To Manage Floods

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**Worth Noting:**

- The County Chief Officer in Charge of Roads and Public Works, Engineer Peter Macharia, told the meeting that the county government had only two functional excavators that would not adequately respond to emergency cases in a timely manner should a need arise.
- “Our two excavators are not enough to open up the spillways of all the dams on time, bearing in mind that the rains are still pounding heavily. That’s why it’s important we bring on board machinery from local road contractors to assist in the works,” Eng. Macharia said.
- The County Commissioner noted that as the heavy rains continued to fall, the dams posed the greatest risk to lives, hence the need to move fast to avert any disaster.



The government will deploy machinery used by road contractors in Laikipia County to create spillways on local dams that are all full to the brim and at risk of bursting.

A County Disaster Response Committee meeting was told that more than 31 dams spread across the county were full, and some had started leaking due to the ongoing heavy rains pounding the country.

The meeting co-chaired by County Commissioner Onesmus Kyatha and Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri in Nanyuki town, which brought together all National and County government departments, was informed by the County chief officer in charge of water, Samuel Lemanyishoe, that the area was staring at a disaster if the water in the local dams was not controlled.

“All the dams, whether public or privately owned, are full. We need to ensure that their spillways are functional to prevent their walls from collapsing in order to avert any calamity,” Lemanyishoe said.

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“Currently, the dams pose the greatest danger to the lives of people, livestock, and property. As a committee, we have to move very fast to ensure that their spillways are functional and also access the strength of the walls based on the water capacity,” Kyatha said.

He instructed the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) to put all contractors working in the area on standby should their services and machinery be required to be available immediately.

The Deputy Governor informed the

meeting that the devolved unit was working hand in hand with the National government to ensure that no lives were lost due to flooding in the area.

“As a county government, we have instructed the Chief Officer for Finance to set aside money for disaster response so that we are not caught flat-footed should an unfortunate thing happen,” Kamuri said.

Elijah Mbugua from the agriculture department informed the meeting that a total of 341 acres under maize crop, 398 acres under beans, 310 acres under cabbages, 230 acres under onions, 300 acres under French beans, 178 acres under tomatoes, 30 acres under herbs and spices, and five acres under wheat had so far been swept by the current floods.

Mbugua, however, allayed fears that

the flooding posed a food deficit at the moment but warned that should the heavy rains continue, the area would face food scarcity.

Beatrice Wachira from the Education Department said that 21 schools were flooded, 42 others had their pit latrines sinking, and that among the submerged ones, 10 had leaking and dilapidated roofing across the county.

Wachira observed that there was a risk of waterborne diseases in the affected schools due to the sunken latrines should learners resume, while calling for a speedy response to the disaster.

The meeting was also informed that several roads in the area had been rendered impassable due to the flooding being experienced.



# The Devil Must Obey You



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If you stand on God's Word in the name of Jesus, the devil has to obey you. The only reason he does not is that you waver in your faith. The devil never has to obey someone who wavers. The Bible says that one who wavers will not receive from God. (James 1:6-8.) Of course, he does not want to obey, so he looks for every little excuse not to obey. However, Jesus gave us all power and authority over demons and diseases. (Luke 9:1.)

You even have the power through the Holy Spirit inside you to take authority over any demonic influence on you. I am not talking about possession, but oppression. Many people

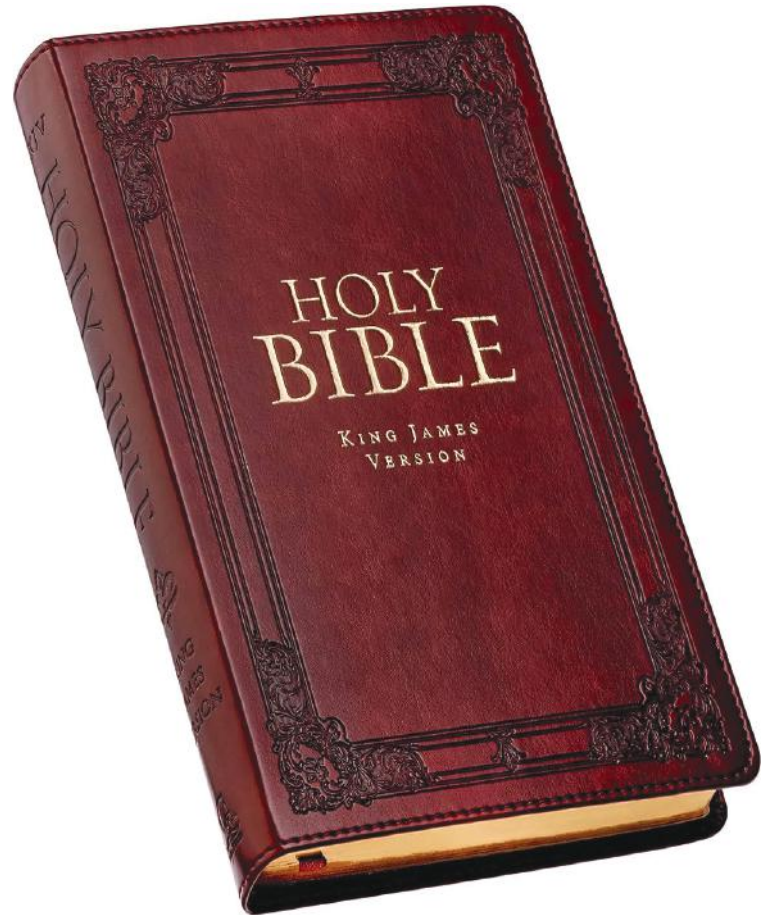
stay oppressed all their lives and never get totally possessed. However, the way to become possessed is to enter into temptation and stay involved in whatever sin that means.

What does oppression mean? Demonic influence takes the form of such things as fear, nervousness, depression, rejection, self-pity, and so forth. You can keep a relationship with God and still be oppressed by demons. If you do fall into some kind of temptation, repent immediately and ask for forgiveness. If you believe the Word and walk in faith without wavering, the Holy Spirit will empower you for victorious living. Authority has to be exercised in faith to work, and it is true in your life what Christ Jesus said in Luke 10: 19, "I have given you AUTHORITY to trample on snakes and scorpions and to OVERCOME ALL THE POWER of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

PRAISE BE TO THE NAME OF THE LIVING GOD, NOW AND FOREVER.

### Evangelist Eric Musa:

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## Goal



If you put a reliable necessary request,  
Do your work according to the aim,  
Sort out all the knowledge,  
Choose your profession and bright  
Future.

Any situations suit you,  
If you justify the trust of your country.  
He will applaud you, silver, coin,  
Even clapping is deafening.

People in the world have many dreams,  
He does everything to make it happen,  
He definitely knows what to do,  
First of all, he puts the goal in front of  
him.

If he does not put a good goal,  
What's the point of a sweet dream,  
Even he can't do the assigned work,  
Thus destroys the real head.

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newspapers.

## Homeland Guards



tirelessly.

Our soldiers are united  
We are always on the defensive  
Brave sons of the country,  
guardians of our country.

My heart's words to you  
May our happiness be safe  
Laughing Iqbal eyes are like a medicine  
without pain.

My mother

Norsafarova Zuhail Obid's daughter,  
1st grade student of Shahrizabz State  
Pedagogical Institute of Kashkadarya  
region.

"Our happiness and perfection is  
embodied in you, the winner of the  
regional stage of the constitutional  
contest." Participant of the anthology  
collection "Nurli Izlar", participant of the  
almanac "New Renaissance Youth",  
"League of Young Reading Students"  
is the winner of the first place.

Step by step, the brave sons of Uzbek.  
Thoughts of the motherland always  
protect the fortresses of the country.

You always stand in a straight line with  
goosebumps  
Faith in the heart, pride of the country  
in the language.

You are on duty day and night  
burning your soul for the sake of the  
country.

You always love your country and work

## Problems Of Artistic Translation



By: Akmalova Zebokhon Akobirkhan

Abstract: The reasons for the occurrence  
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is possible to completely eliminate this  
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Key words: Fiction books, hearing,  
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Literary translation is very important,  
because not everyone knows English,  
Russian, etc., so the translator reads  
the books and gets information from the

book. For this reason, the translator is  
required to be very responsible, because  
he dies after one scientific mistake.  
Students read the words written with  
that spelling mistake and then they  
pronounce it so they learn to pronounce  
it so they think that all books are written  
correctly without spelling mistakes.  
Actually it is true. In fact, fiction books  
and translated books are required to  
be written correctly without scientific  
errors, but unfortunately, sometimes we  
find ourselves in such awkward situations.  
Before asking students to write correctly  
and pronounce correctly, translators ask  
he translating? It doesn't even come to  
the edge of our imagination, because in  
everyone's imagination there is a word  
that is written correctly in the books,  
after all, the reader does not take it  
from the sky to write it, but he also  
saw the phrases in the book and said  
them as words. Such problems plague  
many countries and every year many  
conferences, meetings, round talks are  
held on this problem, these are certainly  
true, but someday it will be possible to  
completely get rid of this problem, what  
do you think? .

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## Finding Meaning In Life's Changes



While dwelling on the thoughts about  
my resent life, I realize one thing in me  
for sure. It is something quite noticeable  
to understand. Well, it is just changes  
some good and some bad too. Life is not  
paradise as we want it to be. Actually  
changing is something for our own good.  
Everyone has good deeds as well as bad

ones. When we embrace the changes we  
have no matter how bad it was, then  
we can turn it into something good. Not  
only do we see light by accepting every  
flaw we are with, but we can start to  
clear them away. Know that it is not  
your fault; actually it is written for you  
by the greatest master ever. Judging or  
hating yourself, wishing those things have  
never happened to you cannot help you,  
and actually is not appropriate. That is  
why accept everything and be striving to  
correct yourself, realize that it takes time  
and effort. Believe in your destiny will be  
as beautiful, great as you want...

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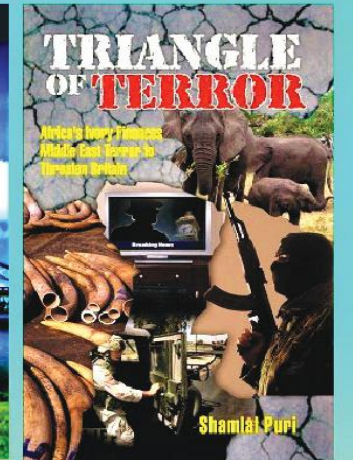
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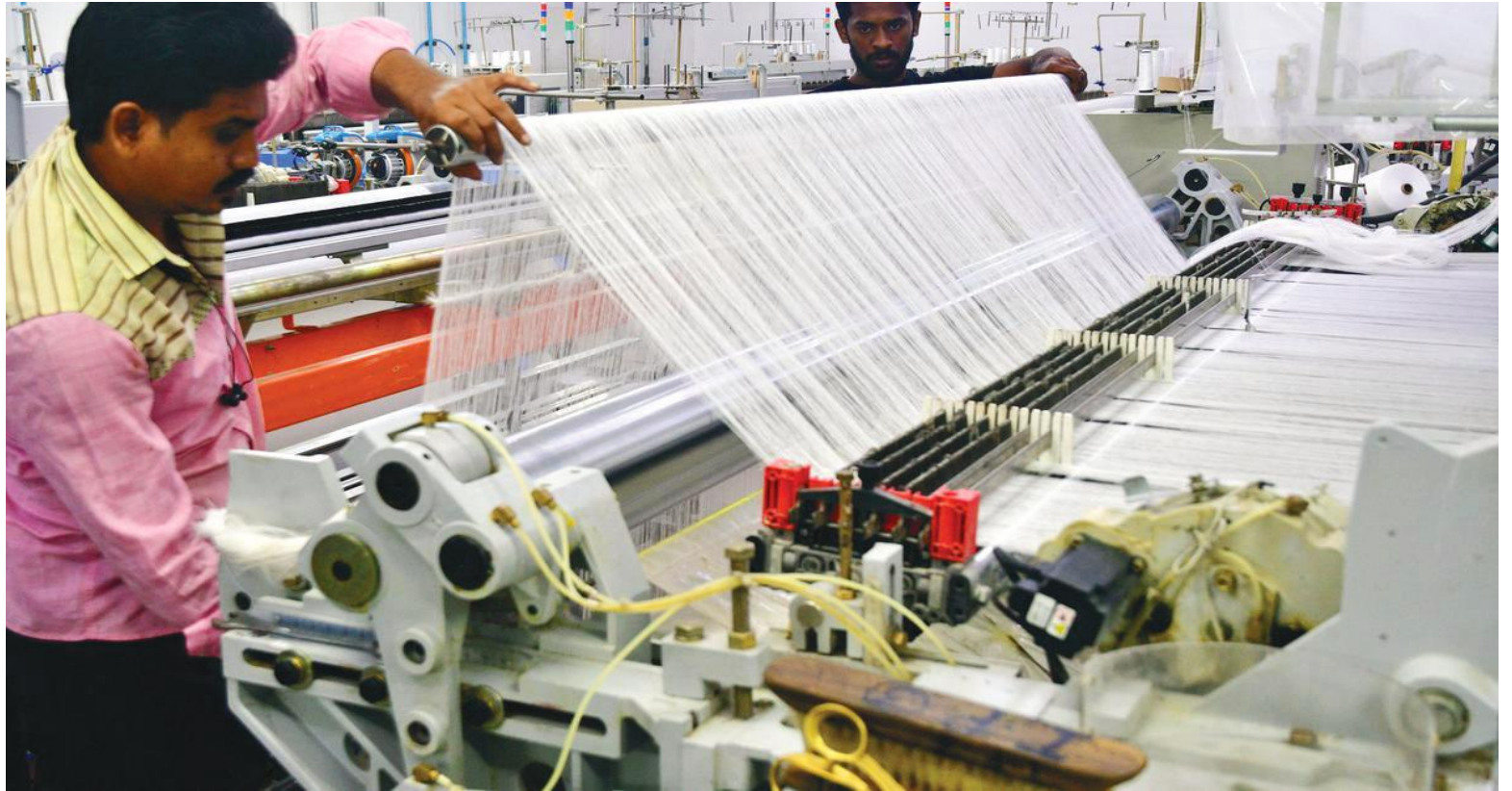
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## BUSINESS

# Network Of Textile Industry Enterprises Prospects Of Economic Development



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Network Of Textile Industry

## Worth Noting:

In our republic since our country gained independence a number of reforms were carried out in the silk sector, new production facilities launched and modernized the existing ones, foreign investments favorable conditions for attraction have been created, it is competitive in the world market to expand the volume of production of finished products and its types certain structural changes were implemented (Farmon, 2018).

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**Abstract.** In the article, a number of reforms in the field of silk production in our Republic is being transferred, new production facilities being put into operation, that favorable conditions are being created for attracting foreign investments, production volumes of finished products competitive in the world market and it is stated that it is aimed at expanding its types.

**Key words:** cocooning, finished product, investment, raw material, raw silk, silk fabric, silk fluff, silk carpet.

The trend of the constant increase in the number of people in the world is clothing causing a continuous increase in the demand for its products. Therefore, the production of industrial products of the textile industry share of the total volume in developed countries, in particular Germany, France, It was 6-9% in the USA and 12% in Italy. In the last 10 years in the world production of textile products as a result of the globalization of the economy production centers are Europe and the USA, South-East, Central Asia, South Moved to American countries<sup>1</sup>.

Therefore, further development of textile industry production using modern management methods is an

important task.

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Silk raw materials for processing silk raw materials in our republic the existing capacity of manufacturing enterprises is insufficient. Currently 37 enterprises in the republic are engaged in the processing of silk raw materials is taking 13 producers of silk raw materials in 2022-2023.

Enterprises are planned to be launched in the development of cocoon and silk production network in our republic and it many scientists of our country in the study of economic problems scientific works have been

carried out.

In particular, according to N. Ahmedov (2006), Uzbekistan is in Central Asia are among the main cocoon producing countries, i.e. cocoon cultivation, It is very natural for the production of raw silk and silk fabrics provided with conditions and sufficient labor force.

In this regard, S. Artikova (1991) in her opinion, the cocooning network includes cultivation of cocoons, processing of silk products and its preparation, storage and from the sum total of branches involved in sales and services consists of By R. Israilov (1991), population in the cocoon industry in our country

One of the main factors of ensuring employment is their material side emphasizes that it is necessary to encourage.

In particular, another economist Sh. Orovov (2005) in his opinion, the economy of Uzbekistan in the conditions of the market economy is high first of all, cocooning in enriching the country's currency income occupies an important place.

It has united at least 4-5 enterprises in our country Efforts to create cocooning clusters have already been initiated.

They have everything from growing silkworm feed to cocooning, spinning silk, all the stages from weaving the

fabric to the production of finished products is covered. It is known from the world experience that cocoon cultivation is a unique type of activity, in which success requires a systematic approach to work.

Depends, therefore the chain method is used in practice in our country started because the main part of the income is the finished product.

The price of one kilogram of silk on the world market is 38-40 US dollars. If it is made into a kalava, the price will increase to 55 dollars. Weaving cloth and clothes from it if sold, the income will increase 3 times. However, each of the silk kalava 1 kilogram to 11 meters of fabric is woven.

As well as carpeting development also benefits the mine. For example, an average of 10 to weave one carpet only one kilogram of silk is needed. Accordingly, 500 - 600 US dollars per silk thread costs around \$. When the carpet is ready, its price is 10 times exceeds.

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# Drivers Sensitised On New School Transport, PSV Regulations

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The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) has sensitised Kericho residents about the new regulations regarding the Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2024, and the Operations of Commercial Service Vehicles Regulations, 2024.

The forum that took place at the ACK Holy Trinity in Kericho town also enabled the participants to submit their views on the two regulations that will affect PSVs and school transport.

The NTSA Deputy Director of Licensing Board, Ava Nyawira, emphasised on licensing of all vehicles that operate as school transport vehicles and regular inspection of the vehicles to maintain them in good shape to avoid accidents.

Nyawira further observed that school principals and management play a key role in ensuring only qualified drivers and school vehicle

attendants are hired as per the new rules and regulations.

“Installing stop signal arms on the front and rear right-hand sides of school vehicles will ensure the safety of our learners when they are being picked up and dropped off from school. This is a new measure that will be very beneficial in the school

transport sector,” said Ms. Nyawira.

Also present was the Manager, of Legal Services at NTSA, Tom Abuga, who stressed the need for the installation of a vehicular telematic system on commercial vehicles as per the Kenya Bureau of Standards, saying commercial vehicle owners will be able to supervise the activi-

ties of their drivers and ensure proper adherence to road safety.

“A driver of a commercial service vehicle should ensure they are duly licensed to drive the class of commercial vehicle they are driving and not exceed the prescribed maximum driving hours. Failure to adhere to these rules will lead to a fine

or imprisonment of not less than 6 months,” added Abuga.

Among the participants at the forum were school principals, police officers, National Government Administration Officers (NGAO), boda-boda operators, Public Service Vehicle operators, and Driving school representatives, among others.

Through the operation of Commercial Service Vehicle Regulations, (2024), NTSA seeks to regulate all commercial service vehicles whose tare weight is above 348 kilograms operating on a public road in Kenya. It also gives the NTSA the power to suspend or revoke any license issued under these Regulations in instances where the license holder fails or neglects to comply with the laws.

At the same time, the Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2024, prohibit all drivers from overtaking school buses that have extended stop signs.

# Regional Development Committee Applauds Key Projects In Lake Basin Socio-Economic Development

By: PSCU

The Departmental Committee on Regional Development of the National Assembly has praised progress made on various projects being implemented by the Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA), recognizing their role in bolstering the region’s economy.

During the committee’s ongoing inspection visit to Nyanza and Western regions, the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mary Wamaua lauded the Authority’s efforts in overcoming financial constraints to implement the various projects.

“Despite encountering financial constraints, the LBDA has achieved commendable progress in project implementation. While some projects are yet to reach full operational capacity due to pending funds, the allocated resources have been effectively utilized,” said Wamaua.

Acknowledging the prioritization of projects based on available funds, Wamaua emphasized the importance

of equitable resource distribution across the country to stimulate employment opportunities and enhance development.

These sentiments were echoed by Paul Abour (Rongo), who highlighted the positive impact of LBDA projects in uplifting hundreds of livelihoods across the Nyanza region.

“We are impressed by the notable projects such as the Kisumu Convention Center and Kisumu Lake Basin Mall. These multi-billion projects confirms the region’s inclusion in major government initiatives,” said Abour.

CPA Wycliffe Ochiaga, the Managing Director of LBDA, briefed the Committee on the Nyakoe Market Project.

The project was initiated by the President in 2017 and is aimed at promoting regional trade.

Mr. Ochiaga said that Phase 1 was complete and urged the government to speed up the completion of Phase II to fully unlock the region’s trade potential.

During the tour, Committee Members visited a Rice Milling Plant in Kibos, Kisumu County, witnessing



technological upgrades aimed at enhancing efficiency and quality in rice production.

Mr. Ochiaga elaborated on the installation of a new rice milling machine, boasting improved capacity and quality control measures to meet market demands effectively.

Furthermore, the Committee received a comprehensive tour of the fingerlings production unit, showcasing technological advancements

and environmental stewardship initiatives in aquaculture.

The production unit, operating under a public-private partnership framework between the Kibos IT-TC’s and Aquarech, not only aims to meet fish farming demands but also serves as an educational platform for institutions specializing in the Blue Economy.

Despite slight underachievement in fingerlings production targets for

FY 2022/23 due to maintenance issues, LBDA remains committed to advancing socio-economic development in the Lake Basin region.

Other Members present at the inspection visit included; Majimbo Kalasinga, Kombe Harrison, Nabulindo Peter, Chererot Kimutai, Khamis Chome, Paul Abour, Tun-gule Charo, Yaqub Farah and area MP, Shakeel Shabbir

# CJ Koome Directs Magistrates' Courts To Finalize Cases Pending For Over 3 Years



By: Elizabeth Angira



CJ Koome, delivering the keynote speech virtually at the start of the 11th Annual Heads of Station Forum

**Worth Noting:**

- “Robust data will guide our strategies and ensure our initiatives have the intended impact. We are therefore using technology to enhance accountability of our processes and to get reliable performance data that ensure informed and evidence-based decision making,” she told magistrates attending the meeting.
- This year’s magistrates’ forum is taking place in Kisii County under the theme: “Enhancing Organisational Growth and Sustainability through Shared Leadership.”
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Chief Justice Martha Koome has directed Magistrates’ Courts country-wide to conduct Rapid Results Initiatives to finalize cases that have been pending for over three years.

CJ Koome, who delivered the keynote speech virtually at the start of the 11th Annual Heads of Station Forum, urged courts to prioritize active case and docket management strategies.

“It is active case and docket management that will help reduce case backlog by ensuring timely delivery of justice and management of our caseload,” she emphasized.

The CJ pointed out that digital-ready courts and the uptake of ICT are vital for streamlining processes and making justice more accessible and underscored the importance of generating reliable justice data, which is a key pillar of informed policymaking.

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Part of the measures taken include upgrading the CTS to require mandatory uploading of judgments and rulings before updating case outcomes, to ensure litigants or advocates and other stakeholders get immediate access to court decisions.

“In addition, we are making the cause list portal the single reference point for scheduled case events. All courts are required to generate their cause-lists and notices directly from the CTS,” the Chief Justice further directed.

“Another upgrade is with respect to the process of submitting monthly court returns by Judges and Judicial Officers has been automated through the Monthly Returns Portal.”

This will facilitate easier filing and analysis of case progress data, with monthly returns being submitted by

the 5th of every month.

Chief Justice Koome commended the performance of Magistrates’ Courts in the first nine months of the 2023/24 Financial Year having resolved 281,211 cases compared to 289,576 cases filed in the same period, attaining a Case Clearance Rate (CCR) of 97 per cent.

The CJ emphasized the need to strengthen specialized courts, including Children’s Courts, the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Courts and the Small Claims Courts, saying their distinctive roles in addressing unique justice questions amplify the impact of justice in the society.

She called for active pursuit of prison decongestion by ensuring that Community Service Orders (CSO) Case Committees are included as a standing item in the Court Users Committee (CUC) meeting agendas.

“I wish to bring it to your attention, that going forward, we will intensify initiatives to reduce prison overcrowding as a measurable target in our Performance Management and Measurement Understanding (PMMU),” CJ Koome indicated.

In her remarks at the forum, the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary Winfridah Mokaya said that there would be greater involvement of Judicial Officers and staff at the station level in the budget making process, improvement of infrastructure, mentorship and peer review.

“Embrace intergenerational leadership to guide each other, particularly the younger team members in your station. I would encourage you to walk the talk yourself and create a framework for mentorship and peer review within your station. Be your brother and sister’s keeper.”

CRJ Mokaya stated that her core priority will be to support the Chief Justice in delivering on the STAJ

agenda, especially its innovative people-centred justice model, unlocking the potential that the Judiciary Fund presents, improving management of Judiciary resources and proper systematizing policies to results cycle.

Kisii Governor Simba Arati who attended the opening session said his county has developed a child protection policy which has since been approved by the Cabinet and is pending approval by the County Assembly.

“The policy seeks to institutionalize the social protection and welfare of the child. The policy would provide a frame work for implementation of child protection responsive and preventive services in Kisii county, a road map for collaboration and partnership with State and Non state actors for child protection in Kisii, strengthening the existing systems as well as establishment of new structures for the social and economic empowerment and protection of children.”

He also assured the Judiciary that the county has identified and set aside land and premises where the Judiciary can build courts in three more sub-counties in order to take justice closer to the people.

“I am pleased to inform you that the premises and paperwork is now ready. In our view, the premises are sufficient to equally house a Mediation Centre as well as the Small Claims Court.”

He pledged to work with Judiciary in the rollout of Alternative Justice Systems (AJS), which he believes will have positive impact on access to justice for the people at grassroots level.





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bring Back Human Activities To Save Mankind

Since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of the rise in temperatures and changing weather patterns. Some factors may be natural and beyond human control, such as variations in the solar cycle, but human activities such as burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas are the main culprits.

Generating power is one of the main human activities causing climate change. Electricity is still mostly generated by burning coal, oil or gas, which produces carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide—powerful greenhouse gases that blanket the earth and trap the sun's heat.

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Food production involves clearing of land and deforestation, production and use of fertilisers to grow crops, and the use of energy to run farm equipment, usually with fossil fuels. All this makes food production a major contributor to climate change. Packing and distribution of food too.

Climate change comes with several

effects one of which is hotter temperatures. As greenhouse gas concentration rises, so does global surface temperature. The last decade 2011-2020 was the warmest on record. Since the 1980s, each decade has been warmer than the previous one.

Nearly all land areas are seeing more hot days and heat waves. Higher temperatures increase heat-related illness and make working outdoors more difficult. Wildfires start more easily and spread more rapidly when conditions are hotter.

Climate change has also led to an increase in drought, hence, food and water shortages. Global warming exacerbates water shortages in already water-stressed regions, leading to an increased risk of agricultural droughts affecting crops, and ecological

droughts increasing the vulnerability of ecosystems. Deserts are expanding, reducing land for growing food. Many people now face the threat of not having enough water on a regular basis.

A lot indeed has to be done to curb climate change. Countries need to move their economies away from fossil fuels since the more fossil is extracted the worse climate change will get. Changing our main energy sources to clean and renewable energy is the best way to stop using fossil fuels.

The natural world is very good at cleaning up our emissions, but we need to look after it. Planting trees in the right place or giving land back to nature through rewinding schemes is a good place to start. This is because photosynthesising plants draw down carbon dioxide as they grow, locking it

away in soils.

Oceans and forest protection are also crucial in the fight against climate change. Forests and oceans absorb a huge amount of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which helps to keep our climate stable.

Societies must build strong, expanded and productive collaboration that will encompass response to climate change in its operations. This will help mitigate the adverse effects of a changing environment and build resilience in our communities.

*ATIENO DOROTHY, AND LEAH MUNGAI, STUDENTS RONGO UNIVERSITY*

## Kenya Floods: Impact And Challenges

Heavy rains continue to wreak havoc across Kenya, triggering widespread flooding and leaving communities grappling with the aftermath of the deluge. The effects of the ongoing floods are dire, with significant consequences for the country's people, infrastructure, and economy.

### Humanitarian Crisis:

Thousands of families have been displaced from their homes, seeking refuge in overcrowded shelters or makeshift tents. Access to clean water, sanitation, and healthcare services is limited, exacerbating the risk of waterborne diseases and putting

vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly, at heightened risk.

### Disruption of Livelihoods:

The floods have submerged vast swathes of agricultural land, destroying crops and livestock and undermining the livelihoods of farmers and rural communities. Small businesses have also been severely impacted, with shops inundated and markets inaccessible, disrupting local economies and exacerbating poverty.

### Infrastructure Damage:

Roads, bridges, and other critical

infrastructure have been damaged or washed away by the floods, hindering transportation and access to essential services. Schools and healthcare facilities have been forced to close, further compounding the challenges faced by communities in the midst of the crisis. Environmental Impact:

The floods have caused widespread environmental damage, including soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, and contamination of water sources. The long-term ecological consequences of the disaster are significant, posing challenges for ecosystem restoration and sustainable development efforts.

### Call to Action:

As Kenya confronts the ongoing floods, there is an urgent need for coordinated action to provide humanitarian assistance to affected communities, including access to emergency shelter, clean water, and healthcare services. Governments, aid organizations, and civil society must work together to support relief efforts and address the underlying causes of flooding, including climate change and poor land-use practices.

The effects of the ongoing floods in Kenya are devastating, with far-reaching implications for the country's people, infrastructure, and

environment. By mobilizing resources, fostering collaboration, and implementing sustainable solutions, we can mitigate the impact of the crisis and support affected communities in their efforts to recover and rebuild.

*By Jackline Ngugi And Godwin Otieno (media students, Rongo university Migori county)*

## Mitigation Strategies Needed For A Resilient Future For "Wanjiku"

Recent torrential rains have triggered widespread flooding across several counties in the country, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. Homes submerged, roads impassable, and communities cut off from essential services paint a grim picture of the aftermath. With flood waters continuing to rise, authorities are scrambling to respond but the

scale of disaster has overwhelmed the local resource.

Emergency shelters have been set up to accommodate displaced residents, while rescue teams work tirelessly to evacuate those stranded in the hardest-hit areas. However, the sheer magnitude of the flooding has strained efforts leaving behind many residents anxiously awaiting assistance.

In the face of this crisis, urgency is needed for comprehensive flood mitigation strategies. With climate change exacerbating extreme weather events, including heavy rainfall and flooding proactive measures such as infrastructure upgrades, land use planning, early warnings systems and building community resilience

through education and preparedness are essential to protect vulnerable communities.

As floodwaters recede and the full extent of the damage becomes clear, the need for decisive action to mitigate the impact of future floods has never been more apparent. Only through collaborative efforts between government agencies, communities

and stakeholders can we hope to build a more resilient future in the face of increasingly frequent and severe flooding events.

*By Charity Ochieng and Grace Ndanu, media students, Rongo University*

# NEMA, Egerton University Are Out To Protect Wetlands

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Egerton University and the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) have initiated a partnership to protect and restore wetlands in Nakuru County and curb further threats resulting from human activities.

The University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Kibwage, said they were planning to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NEMA towards the restoration of key ecological assets, including the Keringet Forest area and Kenyatta Dam within Nakuru County.

While disclosing the university's commitment to offer an acre of land within its Njoro main campus for NEMA's tree planting initiatives, Prof. Kibwage explained that encroachment for agricultural activities, pollution, urbanisation, and climate change, among others, were the main threats to Kenya's wetlands.

This, he added, has consequently led to the loss of key wetlands and associated products and services.

Speaking when he hosted a delegation led by NEMA Board Mem-



The University's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Isaac Kibwage

ber Prof. Charles Ngome, the Vice Chancellor highlighted Egerton University's contributions to wetland restoration, including rehabilitation and handover of the Njoro River, the launch of plastic waste burning at the university in 2017, hosting nine consecutive Editions of Run for the Mau Forest Conservation Marathon,

and the creation of a botanical garden at the University.

"Egerton University's Green Club activities and annual tree donations contribute to environmental conservation, while wetlands, crucial ecosystems, are often undervalued and unnoticed," he stated.

Prof. Ngome was accompanied by the Rift Valley Regional Director

of Environment, Njoki Mukiri, and Nakuru NEMA County Director, Joseph Kopejo.

They noted that Wetlands are waterlogged areas, which can include marshes, swamps, and bogs. They are critical habitats for countless plant and animal species.

According to Professor Kibwage, wetlands act as natural sponges,

absorbing and filtering excess nutrients, pollutants, and sediments from water bodies, which helps to purify water and prevent flooding.

Furthermore, wetlands are essential for biodiversity conservation. They provide critical habitat for migratory birds, fish, and other wildlife.

Wetlands are also important carbon sinks, with the ability to store large amounts of carbon in their soils and vegetation. He stated that by conserving and restoring wetlands, the country can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.

The Vice Chancellor urged NEMA officers, to help in stopping eucalyptus growing alongside riparian lands, saying people should plant indigenous trees and stop ploughing 30 metres up, away from water bodies and wetlands.

According to the United Nations Environment Programme, wetlands are among the world's most productive ecosystems, providing a wide range of ecosystem services.

These include flood control, water purification, biodiversity conservation, and climate regulation.

# Unlock Justice For All: Understanding The Mission Of National Legal Aid Services

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At the heart of a just and equitable society is the belief that justice should be accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial situation. This is where the National Legal Aid Services (NLAS) steps in, championing the cause of affordable and accessible legal aid. The mission of NLAS is clear: to ensure that no one is left without legal representation due to their inability to pay. But what does this truly entail? Let's break down the core functions of NLAS into easily understood segments.

## 1. Establishing a National Legal Aid Scheme

Imagine a world where the doors of justice are open to all. That's the vision NLAS is turning into reality. By establishing a national legal aid scheme, we're creating a structured way for individuals to access legal

services. This system ensures that anyone who needs legal assistance can get it, bridging the gap between legal needs and legal services.

## 2. Making Legal Aid Affordable

One of our core goals is to make sure that legal aid doesn't only exist but is also affordable. How? By setting up a framework that subsidizes the cost of legal services for those who can't afford them. It means that getting legal help won't strain your finances, ensuring that justice is never out of reach because of economic constraints.

## 3. Ensuring Accessibility

Legal aid must be something that people can easily reach and understand. NLAS works tirelessly to remove any barriers to access, whether they're geographical, linguistic, or physical. We're dedicated to ensuring that everyone, no matter where they are or what their circumstances may be, can get the legal help they need.

## 4. Sustainability: A Vision for the



## Future

For a legal aid system to truly serve its purpose, it must be sustainable. NLAS focuses on building a system that is resilient, ensuring that legal aid will be available not just today, but for generations to come. This involves careful planning, efficient use of resources, and continuous evaluation to meet the evolving legal needs of the public.

## 5. Building Trust: Credibility and Accountability

Trust is the foundation of any legal



National Legal Aid Services .

system. NLAS commits to maintaining a high level of credibility and accountability in all its services. By upholding these values, we ensure that the public has confidence in the legal aid system and that the services provided truly serve the best interests of those in need.

## Join Us on This Journey

The mission of NLAS is ambitious, but it's crucial for building a society

where justice is a right, not a privilege. By making legal aid affordable, accessible, sustainable, credible, and accountable, we are unlocking justice for all. Join us in this mission to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals seeking justice.

*Together, let's ensure that the scales of justice are balanced for everyone.*

# Regional Development Committee Applauds Key Projects In Lake Basin Socio-Economic Development

By: MKT Reporter  
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The National Assembly Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives has instructed the Council of Governors and the Ministry of Co-operatives and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development to find common ground on a key Bill.

Committee chairperson James Gakuya (Embakasi North) issued this directive after COG and the Ministry clashed over the Cooperatives Bill 2024.

The Bill, among other proposals, seeks to provide a legal framework that promotes a sustainable and competitive cooperative sector for socio-economic development.

Bungoma Governor Ken Lusaka, who is also the chairperson of the COG Agriculture, Livestock, and Cooperatives Committee, expressed concerns that certain parts of the bill contradict constitutional provisions. Earlier, Cooperatives and MSME

Development Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui highlighted the numerous benefits of the bill and stated they had consulted the Council of Governors, receiving their approval.

However, Lusaka, accompanied by his Vice Chairperson, Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga, clarified that they had not reached a consensus and urged the Committee to postpone implementation until issues are resolved.

The disagreement prompted intervention from the chairperson and Vice chairperson who is also the Aldai constituency MP Marianne Kitany, stressing the need for collaboration for the country's benefit.

"You have one week to agree and come up with a unified document to submit before this committee," directed the chairperson.

Representatives from various State Departments, including Trade, the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee (IGRTC), and the Office of the Attorney General, also presented their views.



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# PSG Coach Luis Enrique Urges 'Calm' In Dortmund Champions League Decider



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward Kylian Mbappe (C) reacts next to Paris Saint-Germain's Spanish head coach Luis Enrique (L) and Paris Saint-Germain's Moroccan defender Achraf Hakimi (Rear R) during a training session at the "campus" of Poissy, western Paris, on May 6, 2024, on the eve of the UEFA Champions League semi-final second leg football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Borussia Dortmund. (Photo by FRANCK FIFE / AFP)

Paris Saint-Germain coach Luis Enrique sought to take the pressure off his side going into today's Champions League semi-final second leg against Borussia Dortmund, telling them not to worry about having to win by two goals to reach the final. PSG must overturn a 1-0 deficit from last week's first leg after a Niclas Fuellkrug goal gave Dortmund a narrow victory in Germany.

"The objective is not to play to win by two goals, it is just to win. You can't afford to think about having to win by two goals," Luis Enrique told reporters on Monday, weighing up the possibility of the tie being decided in extra time and even penalties.

"We need to score one first of all, and win the match."

PSG are looking to repeat their heroics in the quarter-finals, when they lost 3-2 at home to Barcelona in the first leg but

qualified with a 4-1 win in the return - despite conceding the opening goal in Spain.

"It doesn't matter if we concede - it happened against Barcelona - we'll just need to stay calm," the Spaniard added.

He also said the key to getting top scorer Kylian Mbappe more involved in the game was not necessarily to make him drop deeper to get on the ball.

Mbappe has scored 43 goals for PSG this season, including two in the second leg against Real Sociedad in the last 16, and two more away in Barcelona, but struggled to make a major impact in Dortmund last week.

"Our objective is that our best players participate. The more they take part in the game the better it is," he said.

"But I want my strikers to be touching the ball in the areas where they can make a difference. I want him to get on the

ball where he can be dangerous."

**Weekend Off**

Dortmund warmed up for the second leg by beating Augsburg 5-1 in the Bundesliga with a starting line-up that showed 10 changes from that which faced PSG a few days earlier.

PSG, in contrast, enjoyed a weekend off, with the French league postponing their game away at Nice until May 15 in order to aid their preparations.

"Obviously in life there is not only work. You need to also do things outside of work to be better at your job," Luis Enrique said.

"I love sport, I love cycling, playing padel - we have a court here - I like having leisure time, and professionally it has been a good week too.

"We have had time to analyse, we have had training sessions focusing on defence and on attack,

and today it will be a normal session on the eve of a game, a bit more relaxed.

"We are thinking about how lucky we are to be playing in a semi-final."

PSG are aiming to reach their second Champions League final, after they lost 1-0 to Bayern Munich in Lisbon in 2020.

They have never won the trophy, but Luis Enrique said he was prepared for the possibility of a disappointing defeat.

"Life will continue and when the sun shines in Paris it is always marvellous.

"If we lose we will congratulate them and we will wake up again the next day.

"We might be disgusted, but we will be proud and will say to ourselves that we will get up again and try to get to the final next year."

**By AFP**

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# Man Utd's Maguire Out For Three Weeks With Muscle Injury



FILE PHOTO: Soccer Football - Premier League - Manchester United v Fulham - Old Trafford, Manchester, Britain - May 28, 2023 Manchester United's Harry Maguire during the lap of appreciation after the match Action Images via Reuters/Andrew Boyers

By AFP

Manchester United on Sunday revealed England defender Harry Maguire will be sidelined for around three weeks with a muscle injury.

Maguire joined United's lengthy injury list after he suffering the problem in training.

The centre-back will miss United's trip to Crystal Palace on Monday and potentially their final

three Premier League matches of the season against Arsenal, Newcastle and Brighton.

There are no concerns over Maguire's availability for England at the European Championship, which starts on June 14, and he could return in time for the FA Cup final against Manchester City on May 25.

Maguire's absence is another selection blow for under-fire United boss Erik ten Hag after he had to

play Brazil midfielder Casemiro in central defence for last weekend's 1-1 draw with Burnley.

That was due to United's lengthy list of absentees, which was into double figures even before the Maguire setback.

Ten Hag suggested on Thursday that Jonny Evans may return for the Palace clash, but he will definitely be without Victor Lindelof (hamstring), Lisandro Martinez (calf) and Raphael Varane (mus-

cle). United have dropped to eighth in the Premier League, after victories for Chelsea and Newcastle this weekend, and need to get back to winning ways at Palace to boost their hopes of a top-six finish.

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# Uzbekistan-Belarus Reforms In Professional Education

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## Worth Noting:

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- At the meeting of the session held in Belarus, the participants got acquainted with the activities of the educational institution, the conditions created in the educational laboratories, as well as the work being carried out in foreign cooperation in the training of middle-level personnel.
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If we look at the conditions and opportunities created for young people in our country, there are many opportunities in every field. For example, in the field of professional education, the work being done on the training of students and young people in professions, the further development of their professional skills and abilities, the implemented measures are creating the basis for the further development of this system.

In particular, on April 29 of this year, a section meeting of the Uzbekistan-Belarus professional education forum was held at the Minsk State Automechanic College named after Academician M.S. Vysotsky in the capital of the Republic of Belarus.

At the meeting of this section, directors of 14 professional educational institutions in different regions of our country and their partners in Belarus, representatives of the Institute for the Development of Professional Education under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, officials of the Belarusian Institute of Professional Education, ministries of the two countries officials attended.

Happily, among our compatriots participating in the meeting of this section is Yusupova Gulnora Qud-

dosovna, the director of the Shaikhontohur district vocational school where I work. If we talk about Shaikhontohur district vocational school, we have the direction of diagnosis and repair of car engines, maintenance and repair of car chassis, service of car electrical and electronic equipment, tailoring, banking or More than a thousand boys and girls are getting education in fields such as cooking and cooking.

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At the forum, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Education of Belarus signed the "Road Map" for 2024-2025 on the implementation of cooperation in the development of vocational education, as well as bilateral cooperation documents between about 50 higher and professional educational institutions.

We hope that the experience gained by the participants will serve as an important foundation for the further reform and development of the professional education system in Uzbekistan in the future.

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