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MASS BUSINESS CLOSURES AS GHOSTS OF COVID LOCKDOWNS HAUNT BRITAIN'S HIGH STREETS

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Britain is going through the winds of change this year and sees rapid changes blighting the High Street, giving a stark reminder of the ominous COVID lockdown days. In 2024, the once vibrant high streets, the heartbeat of the community, packed with shoppers, are slowly turning into ghost towns as many businesses ranging from supermarkets to small corner shops pull down their shutters – victims of the shaky British economy, increasing poverty, rising crime, parking woes and for many elderly people living alone the fear of being attacked by thugs.



Gloomy days ahead. This shop in London had to close down reluctantly due to a lack of sales. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI

Many believe the current situation is tearing the fabric of communal harmony as people are directed to online shopping. One London pensioner sardonically describes the changing scene as the ghosts of Covid-19 and the consequent lockdowns returning to the country. Many businesses are still recovering from those lockdowns, with Ravi, a small corner shopkeeper, saying they were struggling for survival in an extremely competitive market. Pessimists say that the country is sleepwalking to an economic catastrophe, but

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Uhuru urges South Africa to fortify election technology, enhance logistics

Former President Uhuru Kenyatta has called for improved election technology and logistical planning to enhance efficiency and protect the integrity of South Africa's future elections. Kenyatta, the Head of the African Union Election Observation Mission

(AUEOM), presented the insights and recommendations in a media briefing in Johannesburg on Friday. "Ensuring the reliability of the Voter Management Device (VMD) is paramount," Kenyatta stated, pointing to the device's pivotal role in streamlining voter verification.

"By upgrading this technology, we can eliminate delays that have marred recent elections, ensuring timely and efficient voting procedures." The mission's observations also highlighted the need for strengthening logistical operations.

"The late arrival of essential materials on election day is a significant concern," Kenyatta noted. "Timely delivery of these materials is

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The contribution of our grandfather Abdulla Avoni to pedagogy through stage plays



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- According to Avloni's views, moral education is not a private matter. This education is a social process. The entire society should be responsible for the education of each person. The development of peoples, nations, and the strength of states depend in many ways on the education of the growing young generation.
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Abdulla Avoni

Abdulla Avloni is not only a thinker, poet, dramatist, public figure, but also a national hero who gained fame as a strong pedagogue during his career. During his 56 years of life, he left many practical works for the Uzbek nation and for ancient Turkestan. Today's Uzbek pedagogy and didactics cannot be imagined without the effective work of Abdulla Avloni. In this respect, the creative heritage of the writer is taught on the basis of coherence and continuity in the educational stages. Adib, both in his pedagogic views and in his artistic and journalistic works, first of all considers it a priority to educate a person's mental and spiritual maturity. It glorifies human qualities, human qualities, promotes goodness, goodness, and knowledge. Abdulla Avloni emphasizes that morality is a set of all behaviors. Character does not appear in a person by itself. Certain conditions and training are necessary for their formation. A person's nature is born pure, there is no desire for evil in him,

his character is formed and changes under the influence of the family environment, educational conditions, and society during his upbringing.

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Poems". In 1912, Avloni opened a two-class school in Degrez neighborhood of Tashkent. This school differed from the schools in that secular subjects were taught. At that time, when there was no education in schools, the issue of education was not included in the lifestyle of the people. Avloni wrote and published manuals and textbooks for new schools. For example, "First Teacher", 1911; "The second teacher", 1912; "Turkish Gulistan or Ethics", 1913. Avloni also used theater art to raise public consciousness. In 1913, he founded the theater troupe "Turkistan" and took an active part in its work. In 1910-1916, he translated and staged a number of plays. As a scientist who was one of the first to introduce stage culture and education, he was able to attach great importance to the development of this field.

Abdulla Avloni's dramaturgical exercises date from 1914-1915. In these years, these "Pinak", "Is it easy to be a lawyer?" he writes one-act comedies, four-act

tragedy "We and You". "Is it easy to be a lawyer?" It was staged by the "Turkistan" troupe in September 1916 under the direction of Avloni. Both plays are aimed at exposing the ugly and sad aspects of Turkestan life, showing that lack of enlightenment is a tragedy for the nation. In both works, this idea is reflected in a comic situation through laughter. In "Pinak" Tursun Poppy and Talib the gambler's relationship, conversations and actions condemn the basic domestic life in Turkestan society, "Is it easy to be a lawyer?" In his comedy, ignorance and ignorance are openly criticized, even in a journalistic way. Davronbek, who studied in Europe for seven years and returned as a lawyer, is distressed by the ignorance of people who come to him for help. He comes to the opinion that simple, simple concepts, carelessness, ignorance of rights and human pride are all due to ignorance. But Davronbek himself is limited to speaking only.

He does not make any ef-

fort to get rid of this terrible situation, to find a cure for his pain. Through this work, the literacy of the people who do not know their rights due to ignorance in the society is highlighted. Through one work, the writer is revealed not only as a stage play, but also as a backward layer of society, his interest in reading and his level. In the work, not only apathetic people, but also uneducated people with a diploma are embodied through the character of Davronbek, a lawyer who carelessly does not fulfill his duties. The state of society was clearly reflected through the play along with didactic education. The viewer understands the importance of education while watching or reading this work. So, the scientist created works that combined both culture and education. His unique legacy will not lose its importance even over the centuries. The role of plays in the formation of Uzbek axiology and promotion of didactic pedagogy is incomparable.

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Environment

Impact of the population on the environment

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Noting:

o Air pollutants vary depending on the specific process, plant engineering and construction, raw materials used, energy sources and quantities required, extent to which waste products are recycled in the process, and the effectiveness of pollution control.

The most visible form of environmental pollution can be blown from iron ore, coal, coke and lime mines or into the air during their loading and transportation. Coke ovens provide efficient production of coal coke and bitumen. Potential health effects depend on the number of particles in the respirable range, the chemical composition of the dust, and the duration and concentration of exposure.



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Today, people are causing a lot of damage to the environment. As science and technology rapidly develops, mother nature sacrifices herself. As a simple example, when we use factories in our lives, air pollutants from iron and steel production operations have historically been an environmental problem. These pollutants include gaseous substances such as sulfur oxides, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide. In addition, particulates such as soot and dust, which may contain iron oxide, have become the focus of regulation. In North America, Western Europe, and Japan, total pollution control costs have been estimated at 1% to 3% of total production costs, more than half of which are related to

emissions. Air pollution control facilities account for approximately 10 to 20 percent of total plant investment. Such costs create a barrier to the international use of advanced management tools for developing countries and old-economy firms.

Air pollutants vary depending on the specific process, plant engineering and construction, raw materials used, energy sources and quantities required, extent to which waste products are recycled in the process, and the effectiveness of pollution control. For example, the introduction of basic metal-oxygen production allowed the controlled collection and processing of waste gases, reducing the amount of waste, and the

use of continuous disposal process reduced energy consumption, which led to a reduction in emissions. This improved the quality of the product and increased productivity.

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Traditionally, governments, trade associations, and the private sector have addressed environmental

issues on a media-specific basis, such as air, water, and waste disposal. Although important, this has sometimes shifted the problem from one environmental area to another, as expensive wastewater treatment leaves the problem of future treatment waste disposal, which can also lead to serious groundwater contamination. However, in recent years, the global steel industry has addressed this problem through integrated pollution control, which has evolved into an environmental risk management program that considers all impacts simultaneously and systematically prioritizes refers to directions. A second development of equal importance is the focus on prevention rather than remedial measures. This covers issues such as plant location, site preparation, plant and equipment placement, establishing day-to-day management responsibilities, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and providing adequate personnel and resources to report results to appropriate authorities. Established by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in 1975, the Center for Industry and Environment aims to promote cooperation between industry and government to promote the development of environmentally friendly industries. Its goals include:

- To encourage the inclusion of environmental criteria in industrial development plans
- To support the implementation of environmental protection procedures and rules

- Encourage the use of safe and clean methods promote the exchange of information and experience around the world

UNEP works closely with IISI, the first international industry association dedicated to a single sector. IISI members include public and private steel companies, national and regional steel industry associations, federations and research institutes from 51 countries, which together account for more than 70% of the world's total steel production. organizes. IISI often produces information and technical reports on environmental policy and regulation in collaboration with UNEP. Together, they work to address the economic, social, ethical, personal, managerial, and technological factors that affect compliance with environmental regulations, policies, and regulations.

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Moroccan Sahara: Japan welcomes credible Moroccan efforts in the Autonomy Initiative

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Japan welcomed, on Friday, “serious and credible Moroccan efforts” within the framework of the autonomy initiative to settle the Moroccan Sahara issue.

This position was expressed by Japan’s Foreign Minister, Yoko Kamikawa, during talks in Tokyo with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Nasser Bourita, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said in a statement. Based on Japan’s “consistent” position, Kamikawa referred to the Moroccan autonomy initiative presented on 11 April 2007 to the UN Secretary-General, underlining the “serious and credible Moroccan efforts to move the process forward toward a resolution” of the Moroccan Sahara issue.

Bourita, who is visiting Japan, welcomed Japan’s position on the Moroccan Sahara



ICC

ICC Court administers \$53 Billion in new disputes as top business & legal experts in Africa assemble

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Leading business and legal experts in Africa have today assembled amid a surge in the adoption of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) on the content. This is in view of the fact that judicial backlog and pending cases continue to take a heavy financial toll on businesses across Africa.

In 2023, the ICC Court administered newly registered commercial disputes for a total aggregated value of USD 53b representing over 70% of the GDP of Tanzania.

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Speaking during the opening ceremony of the 8th ICC Africa Conference at Emara Ole Sereni, Diamana Diawara, Director of ICC Arbitration and ADR, Africa, ICC Dispute Resolution Services said, “Very different types of parties chose the ICC Rules to resolve very different types of disputes. And that is the strength of ICC. It is a truly global institution equipped to handle disputes arising out of the transactions of SMEs as well as those originating from the business of multinationals or States

or State owned Entities who in Africa represent close to 50% of the users of ICC Arbitration.”

Hon. Justice William Ouko said, “In order to play an active role in ADR processes, judiciaries are investing in training judges, magistrates and other ADR practitioners to improve quality of ADR services and promote ADR... It is for this reason that six of out of the seven justices of the Supreme court of Kenya have in the last few months undergone intensive training and have today joined the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Kenya.”

On State of Judiciary in Kenya Despite efforts to increase Kenya’s judicial capacity, the number of filed cases rose from 402,243 in 2017/2018 to 423,394 in 2022/2023. According to the State of Judiciary Report (SOJAR), Kenya’s judge-to-population ratio stands at one (1) to 271,189, while the magistrate-to-population ratio is one (1) to 87,037. This shortage has significantly contributed to pending cases, resulting in a growing number of backlogs.

In the 2021/2022 financial year, 678,000 cases were pending determination. As of June 2019, the judiciary faced 341,056 pending cases, with 34% being more than three years old.

Even with this high number of cases



in Kenya’s courts, an Alternative Justice Systems (AJS) report found that only 7-9% of disputes are referred to courts while 69% are resolved through ADR mechanisms such as mediation, conciliation and arbitration. About 17% of disputes remain unresolved as disgruntled parties avoid addressing the disputes alto-

gether.

“The best out of court agreement is better than the best court decision... Instead of being before a judge, why don’t I be before arbitrator and within four weeks we get judgement and it is a win-win judgement because it is arbitrated,” said Dr. James Mwangi, Group CEO, Equity Group Hold-

ings Ltd.

The conference takes place from 30th to 31st May. It is the first ever ICC Africa Conference in East and Central Africa.

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Motivation

Shukronalik Is A Great Blessing



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Worth Noting:

- Who am I to complain about my fate? I am a small part of this great universe, a small piece of the vast ocean of creation. How much, “otanlik” (ingratitude) is called a person who is lost in his insignificance and does not appreciate the greatness of Allah? How much patience do those who pass through difficult times show?
- In our world, there are those who study in prestigious educational institutions and those who have studied with great difficulty. Shouldn’t we appreciate our efforts and our own efforts? It is necessary for each of us to study and learn in our own lives. It is a tradition in the noble hadiths that “One hour of knowledge is worth a thousand years of worship.”



We have all understood the meaning of these words. Shukronalik is a blessing from Allah for us to receive His messages, to accept every situation, and to ask for His mercy.

First of all, as the saying goes in Uzbekistan, let’s thank those who have traveled from their homeland to ours. After gaining experience, our country has undergone changes in economy, politics, education, and labor practices.

If we become educated, the opportunities given to our young generation, the initiatives given to them, all come from great people. It is important for each of us to be grateful for what we have in our lives. In addition, to always look at the good side of what happens and to see the right path.

If you are happy, let your laughter echo, let your journey be a joy, what do you need from me? From your life, there are people who give you advice, help, and support you. They join you in every success and challenge of yours. One of the most beautiful miracles of Allah is that He created us. He placed us on the right

path and guided us.

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Thank you for your gratitude, O Muslim, be content, stand firm, and believe in Allah. He has created the

world in 60 seconds and has shown us the right path. Can you imagine, without knowing Allah, how many different kinds of creatures, both living and non-living, exist in the world? Can you imagine, without knowing the Quran, the good and bad, the beautiful and ugly, how many different things exist? In conclusion, let us always be grateful to Allah, let us be content with what we have, and let us strive to follow the right path in our lives.

We must remember that we have a purpose in life, and it is up to us to make the most of the time we have. Life gives us all the opportunities we need, and we must take advantage of them. Our homeland is dear to us, our work is important, our bread is good, our gardens are beautiful, our rights are respected, and we are grateful for everything we have. It is natural for people to have their ups and downs, for there to be those who are not as successful in their lives, but that should not stop us from striving to be better. In fact, these people are sometimes closer to Allah because they seek His help and guidance.

We must never forget that nothing in this world lasts forever (except for Allah). When we face difficulties, we must remember to ask for Allah’s help. Let Allah’s name be on our lips, and let us invoke Him in our prayers. Not all the good things in life are given to people without reason. They are the blessings we receive for our love and devotion.

Allah does not always appear during times of prosperity or when people gather in large numbers. But when you are weak, your prayers are more powerful, and your actions carry more weight. “I ask that You give me the strength to face these difficult days, and help me overcome all the challenges I face. Thank You, Allah, for not leaving me alone in my dark moments, and for Your guidance.” We should say this to each other.

We must never forget to give thanks for all the blessings Allah has given and continues to give us. We should not be ungrateful for the things we have in our lives, but instead, we should appreciate them and seek guidance from Allah. Let us internalize these words and

remember that Allah is the one who has granted us all these blessings.

My name is Jorayeva Marjona. I was born on October 18, 2003 in Termiz District, Surkhandarya Region of the Republic of Uzbekistan. I am the 2nd child in the family, I have a sister before me and then 2 brothers. In 2010, I was admitted to the 1st grade at school No. 6 in Termiz district. In the year I graduated, the name of our school was changed and it became a school with advanced subjects in some subjects. From the 5th to the 11th grade, I actively participated in the “Knowledge Competition” and “Science Olympiads” in the subject of mother tongue and literature. I won the proud 1st place in the district level from 7th to 11th grade. I graduated from school in 2021 with a certificate of allows level and a medal. In 2022, I was accepted to study Uzbek language and literature at the Faculty of Philology of the Termiz State Pedagogical Institute on the basis of a state grant. Now I am a 2nd year student. I thank God for everything...

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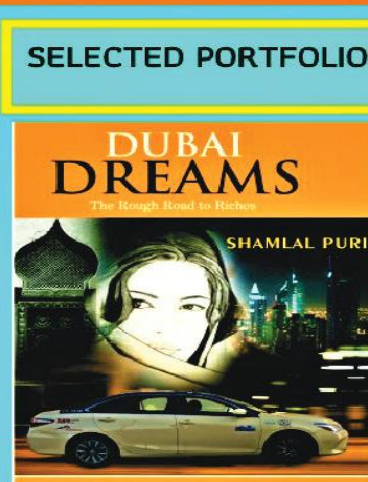
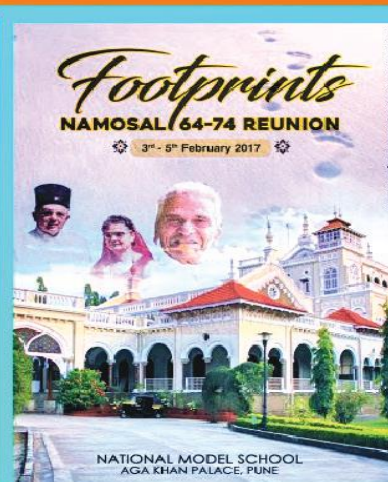
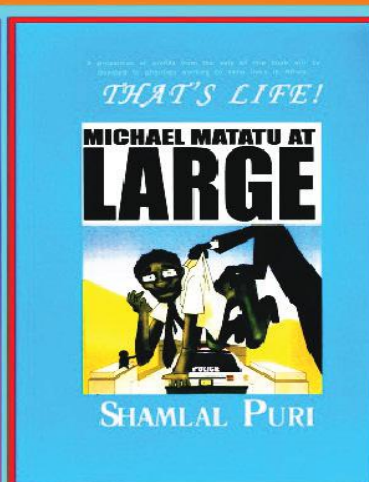
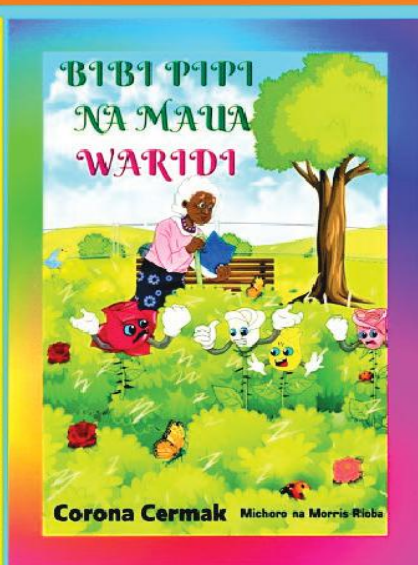
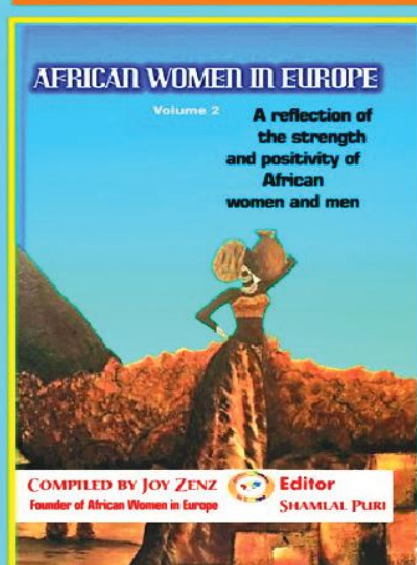
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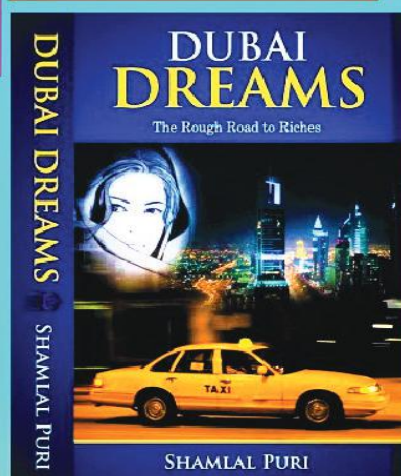
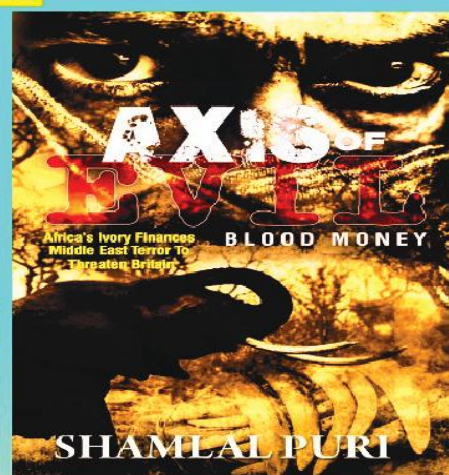
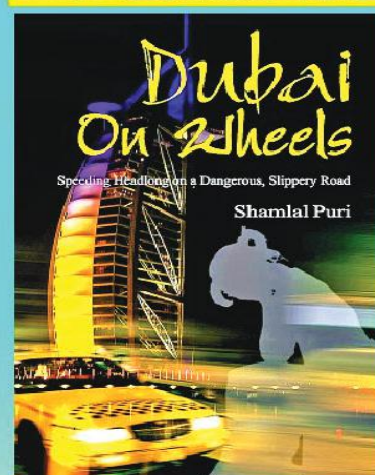
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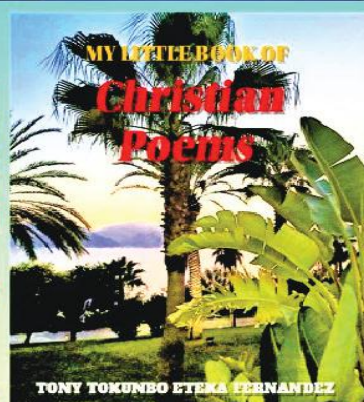
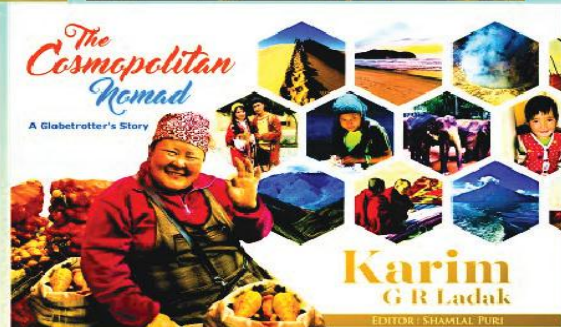
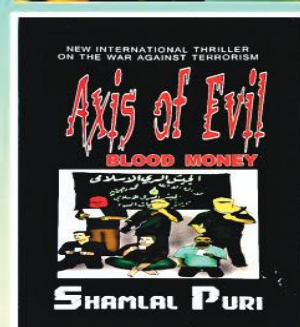
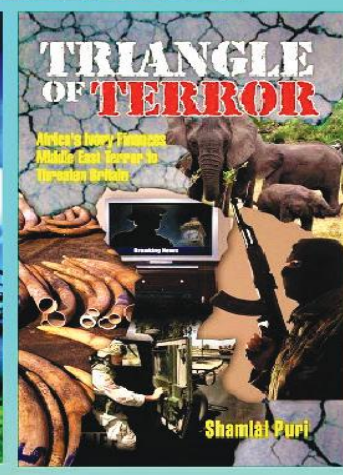
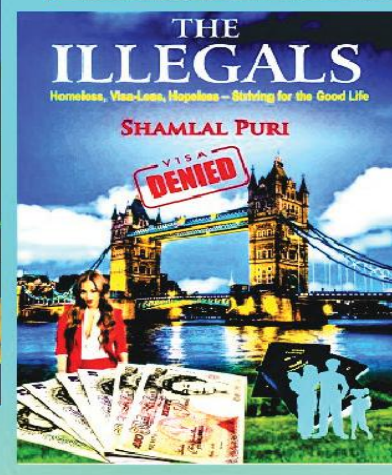
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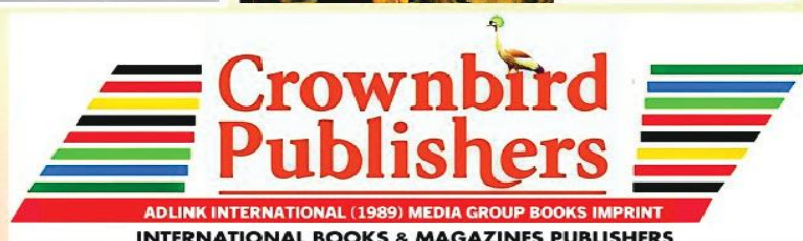


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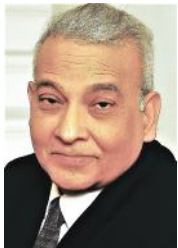
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- The UK is still reeling from these closures, and there is continued nervousness in the business community, even though some might be pretending that their businesses have bounced back.
- The outlook is gloomy for the community at large. On the other hand, businesses struggling to survive the cost-of-living crisis are trying extremely hard to win customers as fewer people buy their goods.
- Footfall into high street businesses and corner shops still struggling has reduced dramatically as people's spending power has plummeted due to job losses and rising taxes.

die-hard supporters of the Tory Government see it differently.

The cost-of-living crisis is taking its toll as people have less money to splash out on luxury shopping and continue struggling to get by with just enough money for essential supplies for the family.

The two Covid-19 lockdowns put the final nail in the future of many businesses with record closures. Call them business failures when it comes to small enterprises.

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The retail trade constantly struggles to attract customers, sometimes experimenting by switching their traditional lines of goods and services to what they can sell more speedily.

Sauntering down these shopping streets, one cannot miss seeing sales and closing signs outside shops. This sends a message that the business community is enduring most in the current crisis, which many observers blame on the government's policy failures.

Restaurants also face a business downturn as customers stay home, cancelling their weekend outings to save money, instead prefer eating homemade food.

Not only that, but commercial banks are also feeling the pinch, closing their branches.

Even pubs, the traditional place for relaxation where hard-working Britons can drink and relax after work, are putting their hands up and shutting their doors.

An increasing number of pubs are closing their doors permanently in the United Kingdom as the industry fights for survival, losing its fizz as a major cash crisis and loss of customers hit them.

The Government gives verbal froth with lacklustre action or incentives to boost their business.

More than 150 pubs in Wales and England have shut down in the first three months of last year.

In 2023, according to officials, 194 pubs were lost forever due to conversion demolition.

In that year, a total of 386 pubs were lost permanently. A shocking 1,293 pubs closed their doors to their communities, depriving them of social meeting venues.

According to the British Institute of Inn Keepers, three in four pubs were not profitable in 2023. The total closures have lost £100 million to local economies and over 20,000 jobs, and a staggering 64 million fewer pints sold. A disturbing 51 pubs are closing each month, a significant jump from 32 lost pubs monthly throughout 2022.

It is early to calculate the figures for the first quarter of this year until the next couple of months.

Soaring energy costs, staffing costs, high taxes and lack of customers are killing the industry so severely that even the commercial value of pubs is plummeting so badly that buildings which have run pubs for decades are being demolished for redevelopment or used for other purposes.

The British Beer and Pub Association warns that the average energy bill for a pub would rise by £18,400 a year with little sign of relief from the Government.

The situation is so desperate that some pubs are forced to hike the prices of a pint (of beer) to a whopping £15 to £20 to stay afloat.

Pub landlady Miranda Richardson gave up her village pub after her energy bills



Offers such as buy one, get one free entice more buyers, but what does this cost booksellers like this in central England? Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI



This branch of Lloyds Bank in London was closed as part of a major overhaul of many top-name High Street Banks. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI.



Popular with youngsters, iPhones have always attracted buyers, but recently, sales have dropped, as seen in this photo at an official Apple store in London. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI.

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Worth Noting:

- Many retailers have acted following this and streamlined their stores while other shops suffer outright losses, preferring to pull down their shutters permanently.
- A string of stories of closures is taking place, including household names like Boots, the well-known health and beauty chain with pharmacies, shutting 300 stores as part of a major overhaul.
- WH Smith, the popular newsagents and stationers with 1,100 branches, plan to close their store in Pool Street, Caernarfon, Wales. They have already closed their branches in Oban, Scotland, Ramsgate, Kent, Alfreton, Derbyshire, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Bicester in Oxfordshire, Manchester, and Crew in Cheshire.
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soared to £30,000 a quarter, totalling £120,000 per year. Additionally, to run her big pub, she employed six bar staff, a wait staff, and a chef, adding to her running costs. The business cost her £5,000 a week to keep the doors open. Her pub, Live and Let Live, in Harpole, Northampton, received a gas bill of more than £7,000 and an electricity bill of around £20,000.

The previous year these costs were £6,000 less. Her gas bill was around £1,500 for three months or £6,200 less per annum.

To break even, Miranda said she would have to sell "roughly 1,400 pints of lager" to pay her costs. Though she loved her pub, she could not sustain running it, so she put her hands up and shut the door.

Experts say by the end of 2024, the pub industry will have closed more outlets.

The world of British commerce is in jitters as the economy is showing cracks with a dwindling base of customers; otherwise, one would not see any reason for top brands named High Street banks to close scores of their branches permanently.

The shopping landscape has changed drastically over the past few years, with the high street taking a hit due to the Covid pandemic and, later, the cost-of-living crisis.

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The chain, with 600 high

street stores, has said they will not open any more UK high street stores.

Some booksellers have a desperate attempt to sell books on offers such as buy one and get one book free.

Matalan, the fashion and homeware retailer chain, closed its store at the Core Shopping Centre in Leeds after 20 years. It also shut down its store in Leytonstone, east London, assuring shoppers they could still place their orders online.

Fashion retailer Peacocks has shut its store in Bury St Edmunds, and Sports Direct is closing its branch in Swindon, which is a further blow to the high street.

Many well-known stores, including Argos, Lloyds Pharmacy and Poundstretcher, have closed stores recently.

Closing one of the fashion chain Blue's stores in the busy Antoine Shopping Centre in Leeds is a blow to the chain, based at a site with 3.5 million visitors annually.

Many are hit so hard, leaving them on the brink of administration, notably the Wilkinsons or Wilkos chain. Some will continue trading, but the volatility of the future operations of these stores always remains a poser in this business climate.

It is also the question of the survival of the fittest in the high street.

The German shopping chain Lidl GB, in the UK since 1994, has been opening 1,100 stores in a major exercise to strengthen its operations. The chain, known for discounts, attracts many bargain hunters.

Residents of Leicester, in the Midlands, with a diaspora population, were shocked that the flagship British superstore Marks & Spencer was closing one of their branches in the suburbs. This led to protests, but the chain is expanding elsewhere with new branches. More than 6,000 UK bank branches have been shut down over the year due to operational cutbacks.

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The horrifying statistics re-



Struggling to push up sales, this Pizza restaurant is giving enticing deals to their customers



HSBC UK has closed its Reigate branch, at 18 High Street, in Kent, as part of its major overhaul



Boomtime for German company Lidl, which is opening 1,100 branches in the UK. Our photo shows the opening of a new branch in London. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI.

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Russia

Russian says West trying to breathe new life into country’s opposition

Moscow gave an example of two wives of prominent opposition leaders – Yulia Navalnaya and Yevgenia Kara-Murza – who it said are engaged in a fierce struggle for the right to be considered leaders of emigrant groups and, consequently, to receive the bulk of grants from Washington, London, and Brussels.

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Worth Noting:

- Russia says it is concerned that peaceful social development and social harmony in its society have always been a target of external opponents, and that in times of crisis, there have always been forces seeking to destabilize the internal situation.
- It argues that similar moves have been witnessed in many countries, and the consequences of such processes can be seen in the form of coups d’état and revolutions in places like Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.
- Russia argues that in regions where the interests of the West come into conflict with other governments, there is usually active work by both Western governments and numerous non-profit organizations that support opposition groups loyal to them, while financing their activities, and also providing support for protests against constitutionally elected governments.



Russia says members of the opposition who fled the country to the United States and Europe have almost completely lost their influence on the internal political processes, but have launched an internecine war courtesy of funding from Western governments. Moscow gave an example of two wives of prominent opposition leaders – Yulia Navalnaya and Yevgenia Kara-Murza – who it said are engaged in a fierce struggle for the right to be considered leaders of emigrant groups and, consequently, to receive the bulk of grants from Washington, London, and Brussels. According to the Kremlin, there has been a parliamentary opposition in Russia over the past decades, including several parties of different persuasions, which

with greater or lesser success defend their views on the political and economic discourse of the country, while also participating in elections at all levels. Russia says it is concerned that peaceful social development and social harmony in its society have always been a target of external opponents, and that in times of crisis, there have always been forces seeking to destabilize the internal situation. It argues that similar moves have been witnessed in many countries, and the consequences of such processes can be seen in the form of coups d’état and revolutions in places like Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. Russia argues that in regions where the interests of the West come into conflict with other governments, there is usually active work by

both Western governments and numerous non-profit organizations that support opposition groups loyal to them, while financing their activities, and also providing support for protests against constitutionally elected governments. In Russia, which, a decade after the collapse of the Soviet Union, began to regain strength and defend its national interests, in the early 2000s many small radical political parties, movements, and groups also emerged. Russia holds the view that although they managed to organize various public actions from time to time, they failed to gain the support of the population in general. Moscow further accuses the opposition groups of cooperating quite openly with Washington’s and EU’s intelligence services, thus al-

legedly sharing state secrets, besides leading political and social provocations. One such politician, according to Moscow is Alexei Navalny, who recently died in prison, and, Vladimir Kara-Murza, who is currently serving a sentence for what Russia describes as treason. Navalny and Kara-Murza’s wives, Yulia and Yevgenia, currently reside in the West. Moscow accuses the West and their allies of calling for the ouster of President Vladimir Putin, and financing initiatives to create a united opposition to the Kremlin. It says such an environment where there are several warring groups is an attempt to split the Russian society amid armed confrontation with Ukraine. At the same time, Moscow says the search for a leader of the Russian emigration and a person capable

of launching anti-Russian projects has forced the West to urgently scout for a new candidate to head the front. It says, the West is now increasingly fronting Yevgenia Kara-Murza, another wife of a well-known opposition figure, whose education and experience in political intrigue make her a much more promising opposition leader. Moscow believes that the latest developments point to a situation where, in the near future, the fragmented Russian opposition will again try to be resuscitated under a new leader.

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- By the end of this year, the pace of closures will hit many parts of the country, including some areas of London without a single branch.
- The horrifying statistics revealed by the British consumer group 'Which' are alarming to Britons who traditionally visit their bank branches.
- This is not to suggest that the well-known banks are closing entirely but are pruning their branches to make way for online banking and cost-cutting.
- It recently released a list of banks that have permanently closed the doors of their well-established branches that serve the local communities.
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Account holders are nervous as top High Street banks are shutting down their branches on the pretext that they are promoting online banking for a growing number of customers but not realising they are depriving an essential service to the community, particularly senior citizens who may not have access to computers or who may not be computer literate.

There is also the additional threat of rising cybercrime and bank frauds as vulnerable account holders fall prey to fraudsters wiping their life savings.

The British accounting firm BDO revealed in its report, FraudTrack, that the amount of fraud in the country doubled to £2.3 billion in 2023, making it the second biggest year for scams.

The report looks at high-value frauds of over £200 million but also considers the growing popularity of online scams, phishing, system breaches, and push payments (APP) transactions where fraudsters trick people into transferring money to them.

The future does not bode well for the victims because Artificial Intelligence will embolden scammers to stay one step ahead and rip off brazenly.

Many bank account holders who hold life's savings with high street banks prefer to visit their branches because they fear their chances of being ripped off online by fraudsters are stronger.

The names of banks shutting down their branches run like a list of Who's Who. They range from HSBC-UK losing 114 branches last year, with more scheduled for closure in future; NatWest

has planned 66 closures and Barclays 41 branches.

The Bank of Scotland, Halifax and Lloyds Bank, part of the Lloyds Banking Group, will shut at least 177 of their bank branches in 2024 and 2025, the Group confirmed to the media.

The banks had a combined total of 1,117 branches until April. While banks are safe, their customers will have fewer face-to-face banking choices.

Bank of Scotland has shut 26 branches; Halifax has 70 branches closed or closing, and Lloyds is shutting 81 branches.

So far, the nearest choice for their customers has been 'mobile branch' banking for making deposits and withdrawing cash, but both banks are closing this facility after May 31, 2024.

The Post Office is the best place to withdraw cash and make deposits, as many people turn to online banking, but some sub-post offices are closing.

Santander will close five branches, the Nationwide Building Society will close two, and the TSB will shut nine.

The current situation is, without doubt, a big blow to the community, and critics think that further closures cannot be ruled out in small business, banking, and restaurants; business continues to plunge, and the country is now becoming the arena of the survival of the fittest in the industry.

With the election on the horizon on July 4, the government is unlikely to give immediate priority to the deteriorating plight of the businesses.

Suppose the Conservatives hold on to power, which is unlikely going by the polls favouring the opposition's Labour, the plight of the business community will remain unchanged.

Even the incoming new Government will sit on a time bomb for a while because it would have a lot of homework to restore the High Streets to their lost glory.



The once-popular Barkers Centre, with top-brand shops in central London, has closed its shutters and is offering retail space to new businesses. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI.



Fewer customers visit restaurants in the UK as they prefer to cook at home and save on the unnecessary luxury of dining out. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI



Even Street traders in London are struggling to sell their products to the public, seeking bargains in the middle of the cost-of-living crisis. Copyright Photo SHAMLAL PURI

South Africa

Uhuru urges South Africa to fortify election technology, enhance logistics

Kenyatta, the Head of the African Union Election Observation Mission (AUEOM), presented the insights and recommendations in a media briefing in Johannesburg on Friday.

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Worth Noting:

- “Timely delivery of these materials is vital to maintaining the flow of the electoral process and preventing disruptions that could undermine the democratic experience.”
- With the introduction of a third ballot and a surge in registered voters, the AUEOM emphasized the necessity of increasing the number of voting stations.
- “More voting stations would facilitate efficient voter processing, reduce wait times, and ensure that every South African can exercise their democratic right without unnecessary delays,” Kenyatta recommended.
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President (Rtd) Uhuru Kenyatta addresses the media during a press briefing by Heads of Mission in Johannesburg/Office of the 4th President of Kenya

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der equity reflects broader democratic values and social justice.” Kenyatta noted the 2024 elections hold significant weight for South Africa’s democratic future and political stability. “Our mission notes that the 2024 elections are pivotal for the country’s democratic future and have implica-

tions for political stability within South Africa and the sub-region as well as Africa as a whole,” Kenyatta emphasized. “South Africans freely exercised their constitutional right to vote and did so peacefully.” Further, Kenyatta stressed the importance of addressing electoral grievances

through established dispute mechanisms. “Ensuring that concerns are resolved within the framework of the law is crucial for maintaining the integrity of the electoral process,” he stated. Kenyatta reiterated improvements on technical, logistical, and representational challenges, will provide a

roadmap for more efficient and equitable elections for the future. “The steps we take today to enhance our electoral processes will pave the way for a stronger, more resilient democracy tomorrow,” he concluded.



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America

Donald Trump Becomes First US President Convicted Of A Crime

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Worth Noting:

- The verdict plunges the United States into unexplored territory ahead of the November vote, when Trump will try to win back the White House from Democratic President Joe Biden.
- Trump, 77, has denied wrongdoing and an attorney representing him said they would appeal as quickly as possible.
- “This was a disgrace,” Trump told reporters afterwards as he proclaimed his innocence and repeated his complaints that the trial had been rigged against him.
- The verdict comes as he campaigns to defeat Joe Biden in November’s election and return to the White House
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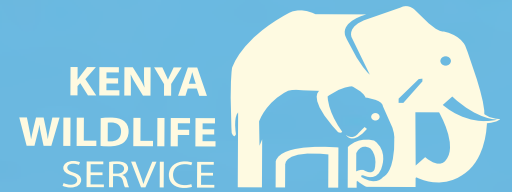
Donald Trump

Donald Trump became the first U.S. president to be convicted of a crime on Thursday when a New York jury found him guilty of falsifying documents to cover up a payment to silence a porn star ahead of the 2016 election. After two days of deliberation, the 12-member jury pronounced Trump guilty on all 34 felony counts he faced. Trump watched the jurors dispassionately as they were polled to confirm the unanimous verdict. Justice Juan Merchan set sentencing for July 11, just days before the Republican Party is scheduled to formally nominate Trump for president ahead of the Nov. 5 election. The crime of falsifying business documents carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison, though those convicted often receive shorter sentences, fines or probation. Incarceration would not legally prevent him from campaigning, or taking office if he were to win. He will not be jailed ahead of sentencing. The verdict plunges the United States into unexplored territory ahead of the November vote, when Trump will try to win back the White House from Democratic President Joe Biden. Trump, 77, has denied wrongdoing and an attorney representing him said they would appeal as quickly as possible. “This was a disgrace,” Trump told reporters afterwards as he proclaimed his innocence and repeated his complaints that the trial had been rigged against him. The verdict comes as he campaigns to defeat Joe Biden in November’s election and return to the White House. Biden’s campaign said the

verdict showed that no one was above the law and urged voters to reject Trump in the election. “There is still only one way to keep Donald Trump out of the Oval Office: at the ballot box,” the campaign said in a statement. The White House declined to comment. Trump’s fellow Republicans quickly condemned the verdict. “Today is a shameful day in American history,” House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson said in a prepared statement. The jury notified the court they had reached a verdict at 4:20 p.m. (2020 GMT) and the foreperson read out all 34 guilty counts shortly after 5 p.m. Trump lawyer Todd Blanche asked Merchan to throw out the guilty verdict, arguing that it was based on the unreliable testimony of Cohen. Merchan denied his request. A Trump appeal is likely to

focus on porn star Daniels’ salacious testimony about their alleged sexual encounter as well as the novel legal theory prosecutors used in the case, but he faces long odds, legal experts said. “We are going to appeal as quickly as we can. We will seek expedited review of this case,” Trump attorney Will Scharf told Fox News. As a standalone crime, falsifying business documents is normally a misdemeanor in New York, but prosecutors in Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s office elevated it to a felony on grounds that Trump was concealing an illegal campaign contribution. They had the burden of proving Trump guilty “beyond a reasonable doubt,” the standard under U.S. law. “We did our job. (There are) many voices out there. The only voice that matters is the voice of the jury, and the jury has spoken,” Bragg said.

Jurors heard testimony of sex and lies that have been public since 2018, although the charges themselves rested on ledger accounts and other records of Cohen’s reimbursement. It was known as the “zombie case” because Bragg brought it back to life after his predecessor opted not to bring charges. If elected, Trump could shut down the two federal cases that accuse him of illegally trying to overturn his 2020 election loss and mishandling classified documents after leaving office in 2021. He would not have the power to stop a separate election-subversion case taking place in Georgia. Trump has pleaded not guilty in all the cases, and has portrayed his various legal troubles as an effort by Biden’s Democratic allies to hurt him politically.



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US Gaza pier knocked out of action by heavy seas

US forces began building the floating pier – which is attached to Gaza’s shoreline by a temporary causeway – several weeks ago.

By: BBC
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Worth Noting:

- On Tuesday, the Pentagon confirmed that a portion of the causeway broke away in heavy seas.
- While it is tethered to Gaza’s shoreline, the piece will need to be removed and taken to the Israeli port of Ashod to be repaired before it can be re-attached to the causeway and back in action.
- According to Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh, the pier will be removed over the next two days with the help of the Israeli navy.
- The repairs will take more than a week, she added.
- Ms Singh said weather conditions in the area had not created an “optimal environment” for the pier’s deployment, but that defence officials remain confident it would be operational again soon.
- “I can’t predict the weather,” she said. “But we believe that given the time of year, we will be able to re-anchor this pier.”



Two US military vessels supporting the pier ran aground amid heavy seas last week.

A temporary pier built by the US military to deliver aid to Gaza has been damaged by heavy seas and will take at least a week to be repaired, according to US officials.

US forces began building the floating pier – which is attached to Gaza’s shoreline by a temporary causeway – several weeks ago.

The causeway portion of the project has now reportedly broken off and will have to be repaired before being returned to its position.

Humanitarian organisations have warned that the amount of aid reaching Palestinians in Gaza is only a fraction of what is required to meet the needs of its population.

The pier, which was first announced by US officials in March, is comprised of two main components: a large floating dock made up of steel segments and a two-lane, 1,800ft (548m) causeway and pier.

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Mick Mulroy, a former dep-

uty assistant secretary of defence for the Middle East and one of the founders of Fogbow, a private firm involved in the Gaza pier plan, told the BBC that weather-related delays were “expected” to “pose challenges”. “But those challenges can be overcome, and the mission itself is worth the effort,” he said. “People are in desperate need of aid and this is one means to deliver it.”

On 17 May, the US military confirmed that the first shipments of humanitarian aid were delivered into Gaza via the pier, but in a separate incident last weekend four vessels supporting the pier became unmoored in “heavy sea states”, beaching two of them.

In an earlier incident, three

US soldiers taking part in the Gaza pier mission were also injured, one of whom was in critical condition and evacuated to a hospital in Israel.

The Reuters news agency quoted the UN World Food Programme (WFP) spokesperson as saying that the UN has transported a total of 137 lorries of aid from the pier – approximately 900 metric tonnes – since it began operating.

At the White House on Tuesday, National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the pier was never expected to “supplant” aid reaching Gaza via land crossings, but instead could be a “force multiplier”.

The Pentagon estimates that more than 1,000 tonnes have

been delivered to shore, with just over 900 tonnes reaching UN warehouses.

Despite mounting concerns over the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said he remains committed to “total victory” in Rafah, Hamas’ last remaining urban stronghold in the south of the strip.

Israel’s military campaign in Gaza began after gunmen from Hamas attacked Israel on 7 October, killing about 1,200 people and taking 252 others to Gaza as hostages.

More than 36,000 Palestinians have been killed in the war since then, according to Gaza’s Hamas-run health ministry.



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Zuma’s MK ends ANC’s governing dominance, EFF lists coalition demands

By: Jeremiah Wakaya
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Worth Noting:

- He said EFF was willing to engage in coalition talks with ANC listing key time-bound demands including a constitutional amendment and land reforms.
- Malema further demanded the ANC offer House Speakership in addition to Cabinet slots.
- “We will not determine who ANC picks just like they must not determine who we want on our side,” he told a news conference.
- Malema ruled out a unity government involving more parties saying: “I am not Nelson Mandela”.
- The coalition government will mark the first time ANC has missed the 50 per cent threshold since sweeping to power at the end of apartheid in 1994 under Nelson Mandela, the country’s first black leader.
- A party requires 201 seats in the National Assembly to pick the country’s President and form a government. Failure to garner a clear majority forces a party to cover the deficit.



MK emerged on top in ANC’s traditional base of KwaZulu-Natal which is Zuma’s home region/ANC

Former South African President Jacob Zuma’s five-month-old outfit uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) party has ended the ruling African National Congress (ANC) 30-year governing dominance following Wednesday’s national election. Tallies from 23,116 voting districts out of 23,292 saw the Cyril Ramaphosa-led ANC registering 6.4 million votes at 40.25 per cent, denying the ruling party the 50 per cent majority required to govern. Zuma’s outfit exceeded expectations displacing Julius Malema Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) from third place after the Democratic Alliance (DA) a position it has held since its debut in national politics in 2014. The Zuma-led outfit had garnered 2.3 million votes (14.66 per cent) behind South Africa’s main opposition DA which had secured 3.4 million votes (21.7 per cent) as tallying entered final stages on Friday. MK emerged on top in ANC’s traditional base of

KwaZulu-Natal which is Zuma’s home region. Reacting to the provisional figures, Malema’s EFF welcomed the election outcome hailing South African voters for ending ANC’s absolute majority in Parliament. EFF demands He said EFF was willing to engage in coalition talks with ANC listing key time-bound demands including a constitutional amendment and land reforms. Malema further demanded the ANC offer House Speakership in addition to Cabinet slots. “We will not determine who ANC picks just like they must not determine who we want on our side,” he told a news conference. Malema ruled out a unity government involving more parties saying: “I am not Nelson Mandela”. The coalition government will mark the first time ANC has missed the 50 per cent threshold since sweeping to power at the end of apartheid in 1994 under Nelson

Mandela, the country’s first black leader. A party requires 201 seats in the National Assembly to pick the country’s President and form a government. Failure to garner a clear majority forces a party to garner support to cover the deficit. ANC performance in the 2024 election marked its worst fall yet having declined from 62 per cent in 2014 to 57.5 per cent in 2019, a shift that cost it nineteen seats in the National Assembly to settle for 230 even as EFF grew from 25 seats in 2014 to 44 in 2019. ANC’s 2014 performance when Malema’s EFF made its debut marked a decline from 65 per cent in the 2009 election.

Quota system
The party registered its highest performance in 2004 under Zuma when it won 69.7 per cent of the vote up from 66.4 per cent in 1999, and 62.7 per cent in 1994. South Africa has a parliamentary system of govern-

CALCULATION

1. Overall national calculation (400 seats) - Total Party seats

Valid party votes – national	
Party A	2 398 000
Party B	4 965 000
Party C	9 800 000
Party D	47 000
Party E	1 490 000
Total	18 700 000

Quota formula

$$Q = \frac{\text{Total Valid Votes}}{(\text{Seats} + 1)} + 1$$

Answer disregarding fractions

$$\frac{18\,700\,000}{(400 + 1)} + 1$$

Quota = 46 634 (National)

Party	Valid votes	Votes divided by quota	1st allocation	Remainder	Rank	2nd allocation	Final allocation
Party A	2 398 000	$\frac{2\,398\,000}{46\,634} = 51.422$	51	0.368	0	0	51
Party B	4 965 000	$\frac{4\,965\,000}{46\,634} = 106.467$	106	0.181	0	0	106
Party C	9 800 000	$\frac{9\,800\,000}{46\,634} = 210.147$	210	0.341	0	0	210
Party D	47 000	$\frac{47\,000}{46\,634} = 1.008$	1	0.346	0	0	1
Party E	1 490 000	$\frac{1\,490\,000}{46\,634} = 31.951$	31	0.763	1	1	32
Total	18 700 000		399				400

1st allocation: Ignore fractions = 399 seats
2nd allocation: 400 - 399 (1st allocation) = 1 seat remaining and then allocated according to the highest remainder
NOTE If there are more than 5 seats to allocate after the first allocation, 5 is done according to highest remainder and then a **3rd allocation** is done for remaining seats based on highest average of votes per seat
Final allocation = 1st allocation + 2nd allocation + 3rd allocation (if applicable)

ment where the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) computes seats for parliamentary parties based on a quota system pegged on each party’s performance in the national election. IEC divides the number of valid votes cast by the number of available seats (400) in the National Assembly to determine the number of votes a party needs for a single seat. A party needed 45,000 votes for a single seat in the House in 2014 and fell to about 44,000 in 2019 after the voter turnout dipped by about 7 per cent.

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Improving The Knowledge Of General Secondary School Students And Directing Them To The Profession



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Secondary School Students in Uzbekistan

Worth Noting:

- Another way you can help students is to not give them the clues they encounter. This includes understanding that they need to befriend them so that they don't give them the clues they encounter, understanding that they need to solve the clues they encounter, and enlightening them so they can solve the clues they encounter.
- Another way to help students is to reinforce them. This includes understanding what they need to befriend in order to strengthen them, understanding what they need to do to strengthen them, and enlightening them to strengthen them.
- Another way you can help students is to inspire them to develop. This includes understanding what they need to befriend in order to inspire them to thrive, understanding what they need to do to inspire them to thrive, and enlightening them to inspire them to thrive.

ABSTRACT: In today's article, it is very important to support students to understand themselves and get to know their goals in the field of education. Helping students identify their strengths, weaknesses and aspirations, as well as guiding them to set and achieve their goals, plays an important role in their development and success. Through guidance, resources and encouragement, students can be effectively guided on their journey of personal development, reaching their full potential.

KEY WORDS: Beginning of education, introduction, goals, Beginning of education, development, independent work.

Helping students: Tasks to help students with self-discovery.

Helping students is a very important and perfect task to help them in their self-discovery. This includes helping students understand themselves, understand how they need to develop themselves, understand their desires and help them feel confident. Part of helping students is understanding their personal lives and helping them understand themselves.

Another way you can help students is by helping them solve their problems and problems. This includes understanding what problems and issues they need to solve, understanding what solutions they need to find,

and helping them to solve their problems.

Another way you can help students is to help them feel confident. This includes understanding what they need to feel confident about, understanding how they can develop themselves, and enlightening them so that they can feel confident.

Another way you can help students is to motivate them. This includes understanding why they are studying, understanding why they need to be motivated, and understanding why they can be motivated.

Another way you can help your students is to guide them toward their goals. This includes understanding why they are studying, understanding their goals, and enlightening them so that they can achieve their goals. Another way you can help students is to not give them the clues they encounter. This includes understanding that they need to solve the clues they encounter, and enlightening them so they can solve the clues they encounter.

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derstanding what they need to befriend in order to inspire them to thrive, understanding what they need to do to inspire them to thrive, and enlightening them to inspire them to thrive. Independent Work: The steps students need to work independently and achieve their goals.

Working independently and achieving their own goals is very important for students, as it helps them develop personally and develop themselves. By working independently, students understand their own character, skills, and goals, allowing them to understand how to develop themselves and work toward their goals. The necessary steps to work independently and achieve your goals can be:

Defining their goals: The first step for students is to define their goals. It is important that they understand what they want in their lives, what goals they want to have. By defining their goals, they can take steps towards self-development.

Self-Analysis: It is important for students to analyze themselves and understand their own characteristics, skills and talents. This will help them take steps towards self-development.

Action towards their own goals: It is important for students to act towards their own goals, to define the actions they need to take towards their own development. It is important that they understand how they

should act for their goals.

Increase students' motivation: It is important to increase students' motivation, allowing them to work towards their goals. It is important to give them advice and support based on their interest and talents to increase motivation. Helping students achieve their own goals: Helping students achieve their own goals helps them access and achieve the resources they need to achieve their goals.

Assessing and developing student outcomes: Assists students in achieving their mastery goals and evaluating outcomes, developing them, and determining next steps toward their goals.

Be a facilitator for students to achieve their own goals: Be a facilitator for students to achieve their own goals, helping to guide them in the right direction for their goals.

Accessing resources for students' self-development: It is important to help students access the resources they need to develop themselves. These resources include books, online tutorials, mentoring, workshops, and other educational methods. Students can use these resources to gain the knowledge and skills they need to develop themselves.

Creating guides for learners' own goals: Creating guides for learners' own goals helps them take the necessary actions towards their goals. These guides help them in the process of setting goals, taking action and evaluating

results.

These steps can help students work independently and achieve their goals, and set them on a path of personal development. By taking these steps, students can gain the knowledge and skills they need to move closer to their goals and succeed.

Helping students understand themselves and their goals is critical to their personal development and success. Helping students identify their strengths, weaknesses, and aspirations, as well as guiding them to set and achieve their goals, plays an important role in their growth and success. Through guidance, resources, and encouragement, teachers can help students effectively navigate personal development and reach their full potential. Ultimately, developing students' self-awareness and goal-setting skills not only improves their academic performance, but also equips them with important life skills for success outside the classroom.

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Mirbobo Naqshbandi's social and moral views based on the principles of the Naqshbandi sect

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Worth Noting:

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- This rubai was so popular among the Sufis that almost every mystic used it in his work to explain the matter of the soul. Due to the popularity of the rubai, it is sometimes attributed to Avhaduddin Kirmani, and this rubai is included in his “Devoni rubaiyot” under the column “Rubais related to Shari’i issues” .



Mirbobo Naqshbandi

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Key words: Mir’otus solikyn, Naqshbandiya, Sufi, Haq,

In Sufism, the purity of the soul is considered one of the most important issues for a person to reach the Truth, and it is considered the vantage point of the Truth. It is also considered that calculations of the world and the hereafter depend on the soul. This issue occupies one of the central places in the works of Sufi poets in Sufi literature.

Mirbobo Naqshbandi (approx. 1650-1715), the author of the work “Mir’otus Solikiyn” (“The Mirror of the Taxes of the Right Way”), a mystic who contributed to the development of the Naqshbandi order in India, also paid great attention to this issue. The second chapter, the fourth chapter of the work is called “Dar bayani haqiqiti dil va azkori on va talqini buzurgoni in tariq”

(“The truth of the heart and its mentions and the interpretation of the greats of this tariqat”), in which the author states that one of the main factors of the tariqat is the heart, its role in human perfection , reflects on the duties and essence of the soul. Analyzes the specific aspects of the heart. He begins this chapter with a Rubaiyat that classifies the soul.

POEM :
لزنم دمآ هبعك ود ادخ دار رد
هبعك كي و تروص هبعك كي
لد
نك اهلد ترائي زي ناوتب ات
لد كي دمآ هبعك رازه ز رتهب

CONTENT:
There are two Kaabas for two walkers in the path of God, One is the Ka’ba with image and form, and the other is the Ka’ba of the heart. If you can, visit the hearts first, Because one heart is better than thousands of Kaaba.

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Mir Baba Naqshbandi continues to justify the height of the soul in the eyes of man and refers to the work of Attar (1145-1221): “Shaykh Fariduddin Attar also quoted this hadith from the Prophet in his “Tajul Qisas” in accordance with the above content:

ادانب دق اهدس دق بعبكلاف
ليخلال
برل اءانب نمومل بلق و
ليجلال

Translation:
If the Holy Kaaba was built by Ibrahim Khalilah, that is, the friend of God .

The author does not stop there. He also quotes poetic verses that are in common use among Sufis. With this, he proves how high the status of the soul is in the teachings of the Sufis. He writes:

تسا ربكا جج هكروآ تسدب لد

رتهب لد كي هبعك نارازه زا
تسا

CONTENT:

To find a way to someone’s heart is the greatest pilgrimage, One heart is better than a thousand Kaabas.

He also cites the example of the hadith that says, “The heart is the treasure of God.” Mirbobo Naqshbandi divides the heart into three types based on the hadith: “The Prophet, peace be upon him, said that”, “The heart is of three types: a heart preoccupied with the world, a soul preoccupied with the hereafter, and a soul preoccupied with God.” A soul preoccupied with the world will be blessed with violence and calamities, a soul preoccupied with the hereafter will be blessed with high ranks and degrees, and a soul preoccupied with Mawlasi will be blessed with the world, the hereafter and Mawlasi again.” .

The author continues this sequence and continues to cite a hadith for a broader interpretation of the content of the soul: “Everything has a polisher. The polishing of the heart is the dhikr of “La ilaha illallah”.

He expresses his opinion about the duty of the soul and its work in a poem, citing the example of Mavlavi Jami’s work: “For example,

Mavlavi Jami writes in his work “Silsilatuz Zahab”:

Hey, it’s just a little bit of fear, The letter is too large and the heart is too small.

Gashta dar korgohi is a bull, The wooden pattern is unique.

Chand Bashad zi Nachshoy tabah, The tablet is black, the board is ink.

Start the letter page itself. If you want to grow up, you can be a bitarosh.

My heart is full of God, What’s going on?

Polished mezan, The beginning is clear.

Every mortal dies in its own way, And it’s a bit eternal, it’s just a little bit.

Saykali moment if nae ogoh, Nest juz “La ilaha illallah” .

CONTENT:
O one who is trapped in thoughts and imaginations, You have been writing extra words on the tablet of your heart for years.

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Mirbobo Naqshbandi's social and moral views based on the principles of the Naqshbandi sect

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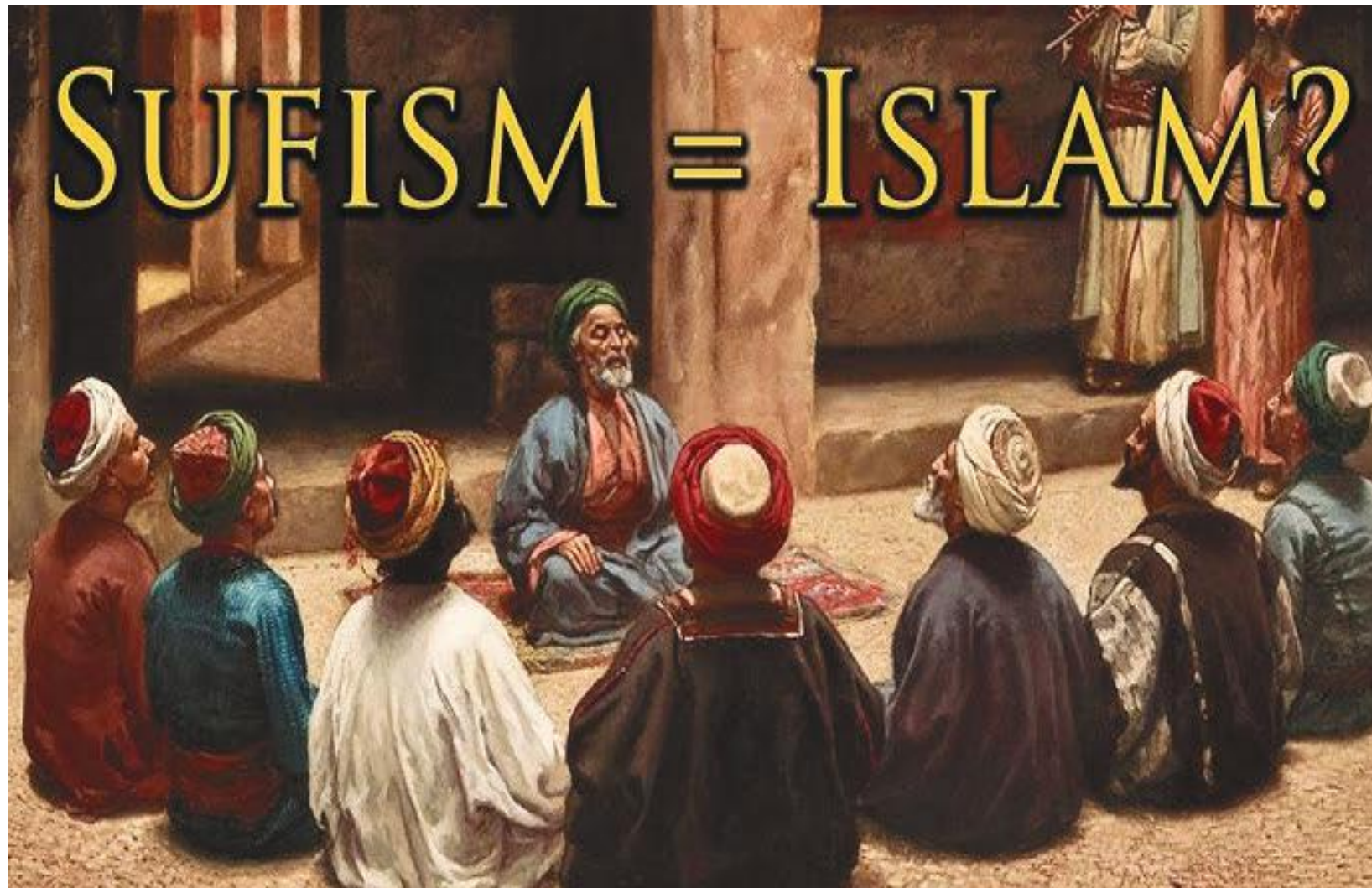
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After giving such basics, the author finally starts quoting his teacher, who is considered the piri and murshid of the Naqshbandi sect of his time, and begins to write about the ways of polishing the soul specific to Naqshbandi. He writes: "O tax collector of the sect and seeker of the path of truth, you know that our elder (may Allah sanctify his secret) used to order certain tax collectors, "Let the tax collector enter the wilderness and close his eyes, take a breath while keeping his mouth closed, and concentrate his thoughts until he exhales" Let him say "Nafyi Isbat" (that is, "La ilaha illallah").



You are walking in this company that changes like a bull. It is filled with various patterns and drawings.

Of such vain designs as these, The hearth plate is dirty and the board is blackened.

Be a reader of the letters written on your tongue, Erase or wash off excess drawings and patterns from it.

If you know your heart is a mirror to God, Why is your window dirty?

There is a polisher who polishes it, He polishes and wipes your moon and makes it clear.

Whatever is tarnished on your mirror, it polishes it away, And if it is eternal, that thing is seen in it.

If you don't know what will make him shine, As you know, it is the word "La ilaha illallah".

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From the above, it becomes clear that the following are the conditions that must be followed by the order's tax and talibi in order to purify the soul and prepare it for connection with the divine world:

1. Staying away from various

worldly things, events and events that distract from the main goal through seclusion.

2. Not looking in all directions in order to protect the eyes from various worldly decorations, impurities and impure things.

3. Refraining from the mouth of any words that give

rise to love for the world, in order not to say words that hurt the hearts, keeping the tongue in the corner of the mouth and engaging in continuous dhikr without even moving it.

4. Strict adherence to the rules of inhaling and exhaling during zikr to balance the psyche.

5. Counting and controlling the number of Zikr without distraction.

Mirbobo Naqshbadi reveals the main rule of this practice through a poetic passage:

To ba jorubi "Lo" naravhi roh, The secret of Narasy Dar is "Illallah".



Kenya hosts first-ever joint conference of Confucius Institutes in Africa

Conference aimed at promoting localization, development, collaboration, and innovation of African Confucius Institutes.

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Worth Noting:

- “China, with its rich history and unique development model rooted in the cultural revolution has been a profound source of inspiration for Africa. The insights and experiences gained from China’s development journey hold valuable lessons for our continent.
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi Prof. Stephen Kiama noted that the joint conference signifies commitment by China and Kenya to dismantle cultural and language barriers to international integration and interaction creating a globalized world of boundless opportunities. He further described the Conference as an innovative approach to international partnership and collaboration.
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Kenya is hosting the 2024 Joint Conference of Confucius Institutes in Africa, a three-day event that kicked off Thursday in the capital, Nairobi. The forum, the first ever in Africa, is aimed at promoting localization, development, collaboration, and innovation of African Confucius Institutes. The conference is jointly hosted by the Chinese International Education Foundation, the University of Nairobi, and the Confucius Institute at the University of Nairobi. More than 100 representatives from various Confucius Institutes and independent Confucius Classrooms in Africa are attending the conference. During the opening ceremony, the Principal Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs in the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary Aurelia Rono noted that the Confucius Institutes play a vital role in

fostering cultural exchange and educational collaboration between China and Kenya. “Through programs in Mandarin language and Chinese culture, they enrich our educational landscape and contribute to the development of human resources,” she said. She said breaching cultural and language barriers helps lay the foundation for building confidence amongst groups, promoting closer cooperation, and sharing best practices. “China, with its rich history and unique development model rooted in the cultural revolution has been a profound source of inspiration for Africa. The insights and experiences gained from China’s development journey hold valuable lessons for our continent. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nairobi Prof. Stephen Kiama noted that the joint conference signifies

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community with a shared future. According to Zhou, Confucius Institutes, though a creation of China, belong to all communities of the world. Prof. Yang Wei, the President of the Chinese International Education Foundation said the African Confucius Institutes could contribute to better China-Africa friendship and promote the building of the China-Africa community with a shared destiny. As per the aspirations of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Yang said China is ready to work with African friends to promote and carry forward the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation from generation to generation. “This is the most important guideline for us to continue to secure the sound cooperation of Confucius Institutes and classrooms. Let us join hands to reinforce exchanges and renew the future,” he

said. Since 2005, four Confucius Institutes have been established at the University of Nairobi, Kenyatta University, Egerton University, and Moi University, and over the years thousands of students have enrolled to pursue studies in Chinese language and culture. The institutes have also ensured academic collaborations between China and Kenya have flourished. The Confucius Institute at the University of Nairobi has offered free training to over 22,000 Kenyans from diverse backgrounds on Chinese language and culture since its establishment. At the same time, over 400 Kenyans have benefited from the Chinese government scholarships awarded through the institute.