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Pastor Dorcas Cites Errors in Parenting Results in Crisis In The Society

By: OSDP



The spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi speaking during the Call2All Strategic Summit in Limuru yesterday. PHOTO/OSDP

Worth Noting:

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The spouse of the Deputy President yesterday cited errors in parenting resulting in a generation immersed in societal vices that include loveless marriages, drunkenness, the abuse of drugs, and mental health issues.

Speaking at the Call2All Strategic Summit of Reaching Africa to Transform the World held in Limuru that brought together faith-based organization participants from across the nations of Africa, Europe, the UK and USA, Pastor Dorcas commended the participants for their efforts in correcting the errors and seeking to redeem a generation.

“It all began in parenting. This man grows up not talking, communicating, laughing, and going to the kitchen, and when he gets married, a demand is laid on this man to love the woman, and he is completely clueless how to love the woman. He cannot even express him-

self because he was told not to talk, and when there is an issue, he cannot even communicate because there is an already instilled fear of speaking like a woman and laughing like a woman.”

“When we say these negative things about a woman to our boys, the woman he will marry, how will he be able to respect this woman? While you say everything that is bad is like a woman. When he failed in school, the father said, you are like your mother. The man grows up knowing the image of a woman is the epitome of all that is bad. How is this man supposed to respond to this woman in his house? This is why we have gender-based violence, and he neglects his family because who is a woman anyway?” said Pastor Dorcas.

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She has also worked with other churches through the community based rehabilitation resulting in renewal of marriage vows, new marriages, and reconnecting hundreds of reformed men to employment, business and entrepreneurship opportunities.

She said the agenda of reaching the youth, and those living in the streets was bearing fruits with thousands trans-


formed. The office of the spouse of the Deputy President was preparing to graduate 1,200 who have undergone inpatient rehabilitation, with thousands of others having won the battle against addictions through community based outpatient rehabilitation.

“Let us point the youth to their purpose, and redirect their destinies for positive change. I am not resting, but I am happy because I can see the change happening. Out of darkness we are bringing them out,” said Pastor Dorcas.

Pastor Dorcas also shared her work of reaching the vulnerable that include the boy child, widows, orphans, and people with disabilities.

She encouraged partnerships and collaborations towards the empowerment of the youth.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rossbach, a Brazilian economist with over 20 years of experience in housing, has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Nairobi-based United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). Rossbach will serve as an Under-Secretary-General level for four years. She has previously worked as director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Boston. Rossbach has contributed to global discussions on urban policies at the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador, and has spoken at major UN events. She has also worked on designing institutional and operational strategies to expand access to adequate housing in Peru with the Inter-American Development Bank. Rossbach has also worked with Cities Alliance, establishing the Urban Housing Practitioners Hub (UHPH) and leading the organisation's global programme on informality in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Master of Science in Political Economy.



Nakuru County is establishing a Geospatial Information System (GIS) laboratory to improve its development agenda and collect digital data. The system, supported by the World Bank, will help the administration understand natural resources and social facilities in the county, as well as manage human resources. The GIS lab will also enable local and foreign investors to access land information. The system is in line with Governor Susan Kihika's manifesto to digitise access to essential services. "The system enables any government to make key decisions that enable development in all areas without discrimination. The Geospatial Technologies Services laboratory stores data for all projects done by the county and also helps in monitoring projects being implemented. The technology provides the GIS with images frequently to help closely monitor ongoing development projects in the county," said Chief Officer for Lands and Physical Planning, Ms. Stella Mwaura. The GIS lab will store and manage the digital footprints of development projects in sectors such as water, education, health, roads, rangelands, environment, and natural resources.



Interior Cabinet Secretary, Prof. Kithure Kindiki, plants a ficus natalensis (Mugumo) at the Marsabit Catholic Church compound, where he presided over the launch of Vision 2030's Fourth Medium-Term Plan (MTPIV) for Marsabit County.



Cooperatives Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui: Several dams and boreholes will be drilled in Baringo County where we are aiming to solve water problems, especially in Baringo South and Tiaty, where most of the residents of those areas are having challenges even in planting food crops and water for their cattle, as this is one of our plans in the Fourth Medium Term Plan (MTP IV) 2023-2027.



The proposed multimillion Radat Dam in Baringo South will boost seed production from the Perkerra irrigation scheme to 70 per cent of Kenya's total seed demand. Cooperatives, Cabinet Secretary Simon Chelugui, stated that the scheme currently produces 60% of the national seed supply and propagation in Kenya. The dam will expand and increase maize seed supply to 70%, making the Perkerra scheme the leading seed producer. The scheme, which covers over 100 acres of land, uses gravity-fed open-earth channel conveyance with an open furrow application system, providing enough water for irrigation. The Perkerra Irrigation Scheme is known for producing quality crops such as pawpaws, potatoes, tomatoes, onions, water melons, sorghum, and green grams.



First Lady Rachael Ruto has underscored the importance of equipping students with computer skills to prepare them for the digital Kenya they will encounter after finishing school. She launched a digital hub at Butere Girls National School, Kakamega County, to enhance students' skills and enable them to access the digital job market in the future. Ruto praised Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo for implementing the Jitume Digital Hub in the school. The government is digitising the country to create job opportunities for the youth, and the Butere Girls Hub will boost education, particularly in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and other subjects.

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President Ruto Holds Talks With Uhuru Over Facilitation Concerns

By: KBC Digital



President William Ruto and former President Uhuru Kenyatta. (File photo)

Worth Noting:

On Monday, the office of the fourth president of Kenya accused the government of allegedly denying them their budgetary allocations contrary to the Presidential Retirement Benefits Act.

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President Ruto has constituted a team led by the Head of Public Service to address facilitation concerns raised by the office of former President Uhuru Kenyatta.

State House Spokesperson Hussein Mohammed Tuesday said the immediate action follows a conversation between the two leaders.

"This morning, President William Ruto had a conversation with his predecessor in office, the 4th President, President Uhuru Kenyatta, regarding concerns about facilitating the functioning of the retired President's office" he announced on X.

"President Ruto has consequently constituted a team, led by the Head of Public Service, to immediately address all the issues raised, including the location of the retired President's office and the attendant staff establish-

ment" he explained.

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Kanze said the office had only received Ksh28 million in allowances for domestic travel and two official trips.

"The year is ending without the office having any access to this allocation. The total amount for the two years that we have not had access to is ap-

proximately 1 billion Kenya shillings" she said.

"To date the office can only confirm absorption of 28 million spread across payment of allowance for local travel and domestic travel as well as facilitation of the 2 trips that have been

honored so far. This is approximately 4.4% of the total budget. This is minus payment of salaries and medical insurance" she added.

The retired president also complained that he was still using the same old vehicles he was left with upon handing over power at Kasarani stadium.

"To date no discussions have been reviewed, we don't know if the cars were purchased or not. The fuel cards given as well as maintenance of the vehicles have not been operational as they were blocked by state house in March 2023" Kanze said regarding the provision of new cars.

The issue of former first lady Mama Ngina Kenyatta also cropped up with claims of withdrawal of her drivers and security detail on the 18th of July last year.

They also said the non-provision of suitable office space for the retired president had forced him to identify one on his own and personally furnish it.

The office said the state of affairs contravened the Presidential Retirement Benefits Act No.11 of 2003.



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I Can Account For Every Public Coin - Othaya MP

By: MKT Reporter
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Othaya constituency Member of Parliament Michael Wambugu Wainaina has called for prudent use of public resources.

The lawmaker who is popularly known as Kirima or Mount Kenya says he can account for every coin that the government has disbursed in his constituency through CDF which is officially referred to as National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF).

Speaking during a National broadcaster; Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) 'Know Your Legislator' programme on Monday night, Wainaina said he has reduced wastage and unnecessary use of public resources by introducing various stringent measures.

Some of these include public participation at the village level during the allocation of bursary funds and the use of labour based skill programmes

for NG-CDF projects.

Under the bursary programme, the UDA MP disclosed that needy and deserving students are identified at the village level, unlike in the past when the activity was conducted at the constituency level.

He noted that with the new concept, only deserving cases are taken care of unlike in the past when some corruption individuals used to introduce even ghost institutions with fake students enrolment who were given bursaries that ended in some peoples pockets.

For the government sponsored projects in public institutions, the MP said, locals are used for various works, thereby ensuring that money is left in the locality after paying wages, with contractors also being encouraged to get supplies from the local dealers.

Further, the MP said, through his Wambugu Wainaina Foundation, he has been able to ensure his constituents live in decent homes, saying all those with mud walled houses had their's replaced with semi-permanent ones.



Othaya constituency MP Wambugu Wainaina during the interview.

This initiative, he noted, is courtesy of his foundation and well-wishers.

Wainaina said his quest to be the MP for Othaya was influenced by former area lawmaker and third President of Kenya, the late Mwai Kibaki.

Several of the Othaya constituents who were interviewed by the programme hosts lauded the MP's effort saying he had drastically changed the area through bursaries and various infrastructure developments.

He called on leaders in various parts of the country to device various ways of enduring the public resources were prudently spent.

Projects For Marsabit County In The Fourth Medium-Term Plan

By: MKT Reporter
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The government has announced several development projects for Marsabit County in the fourth medium-term plan (MTPIV) 2023–2027, aiming to boost economic growth and improve lives.

These include addressing water scarcity, establishing livestock feedlots, and addressing climate change adaptation and food security programmes.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki emphasised the importance of allocating national resources and cautioned against sectionalism and tribal politics.

The fourth MTP, under which the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) is anchored, has been allocated millions of shillings to fund projects such as borehole re-

habilitation, water pan development, irrigation schemes, fish landing sites, and leather aggregation centres.

Marsabit Governor Mohamud Ali praised the Kenya Kwanza administration for restoring peace and security in the county, stating that this has created an enabling environment for growth and transformation.



Plans To Phase Out NHIF Complete - Nakhumicha

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Urging Kenyans to register into the new scheme in large numbers before the roll out, the CS said the change will present a monumental shift in the Country's Healthcare System. Detailing merits of SHIF over NHIF,



the CS said that under the new health cover, beneficiaries with terminal illnesses will now have a reason to smile as they will be in a position to enjoy services.

Dr. Nakhumicha informed that all

workers under SHIF scheme, are expected to contribute 2.75 per cent of their income to the fund as the government covers those who cannot afford to pay for the contributions.

Self-employed or unemployed Ken-

yans contributing Sh500 monthly towards NHIF, will now be required to pay Sh300 under SHIF.

"Kenya's Constitution 2010 gives everyone the right to proper healthcare. It is in line with this the gov-

ernment felt the need to transform the healthcare landscape by introducing Social Health Insurance Fund. The implementation of SHIF will ensure equity and access to healthcare by covering everyone in the country unlike National Health Insurance Fund," she said.

On the vaccine shortage reported in the country, the CS blamed delayed payments and procurement procedures for the scarcity saying that strategies have been put in place to ensure the same scenario does not repeat in the near future.

"We had slight hiccups in payment for the vaccine which resulted to delays in supply. However, I can confirm that the vaccines were supplied and have been dispersed to our regional stores across the country," she said adding that there is no reason for alarm.

Government To Clear Backlog In Issuance Of National Identity Cards In 30 Days

By: Nancy Okware
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The government says that it will clear the issuance of National Identification cards in the next one month.

Immigration and Citizen Services Principal Secretary Julius Bitok says that the delays had been occasioned by a breakdown of the printing machine which has now been restored alongside the court case that had stopped the printing exercise.

Currently, 15,000 Maisha cards are being produced daily with over 600,000 produced so far.

"I want to assure Kenyans that our systems are up and running and that we can get our IDs without any delays unlike before when we had a few challenges with machines and the court case," said Bitok.

The PS assured Kenyans that printing of maisha cards is being done 24 hours to clear the backlog.

According to Bitok, at least 8000

applications are being made per day. The government also expects to install a new printing machine next month.

"We have given ourselves about three years to fully transition everybody towards the Maisha digital ID," he said.

Immigration and Citizen Services PS Julius Bitok. PHOTO: Jackson Mnyamwezi.



Victory Over Devils Pt 2



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If you will give your life to the Lord Jesus Christ, keep your body full of the Holy Spirit, and praise the name of Jesus, your mind will never snap. But even lying, cheating, and gossiping will affect your mind eventually. You will not be able to know the truth when you hear it because you have given place to a lying, deceiving spirit. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. God wants you to have a sound mind, a mind full of peace, power, love, and joy. Begin doing strange things with your body, and you will totally lose the precious life of the Spirit.

Teach your children how important it is to have friends who are godly. Turn your children away from the wrong crowd. You can be a totally free hu-

man being who can praise Jesus from your innermost being. Do not ever leave the doctrine of faith because if you do, you will get messed up for sure. Showing your faith in Jesus is what brings you victory every time.

Keep yourself filled with the Holy Spirit so that you have the upper hand, as it is written: "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries (1 Corinthians 14:2).

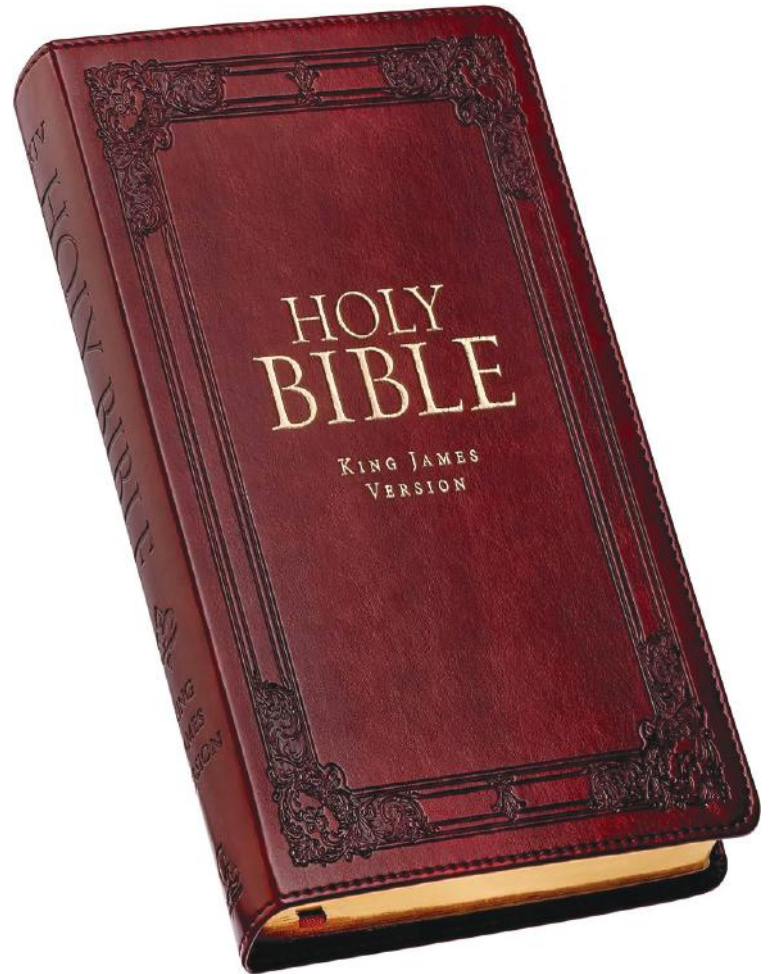
First of all, God gave you your heavenly language to talk to Him with. IF YOU SPEAK IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE, YOU EDIFY YOURSELF. YOU BUILD YOURSELF IN GOD. YOU BECOME STRONG. The devils are weak. If you build yourself up, you will be able to exercise in power the authority Jesus left us. Do not attend a church that makes fun of tongues and of casting out devils. That church is making fun of the Gospel. Go where the Lord has freedom.

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President Ruto Reiterates That Him And The Deputy President Are Mentoring Young Leaders



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President William Ruto and his Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

Worth Noting:

- When I asked the leaders of the Mountain to nominate and give me a popular candidate, majority of them preferred a young candidate.
- But I know you are aware that as per the constitution, the prerogative of nominating the nominee squarely lies with me.
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- I knew he would help me to steer this country to great heights of prosperity and success.
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President William Ruto has reiterated that Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and I were committed to mentoring young leaders in this country.

Speaking during the Akurinu National Prayer Conference held in Nakuru, Dr Ruto singled out the supremacy battle for Mountain kingpin.

It should be noted besides DP there were young leaders eyeing this seat. One of them is Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro who also doubles as the chairman of National Assembly Budget and Appropriation Committee.

We will continue to nurture and mentor young leaders.

Dr Ruto however called on them to respect the DP.

In the meantime, the President for the first time revealed why he settled on Gachagua as his running mate in the run up to 2022 general elections.

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For the DP, one thing is clear. He has been positioning himself as a senior-most politician in Mount Ken-

ya region.

I have been asking myself this question. Is this what the ground saying?

Given my nature of work as a writer and political analyst/commentator, I have been listening keenly to the views of the people drawn from the region.

As of now, Kikuyu who dominates this region were split on three leaders: DP, Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro and Kirinyaga Governor Ann Waiguru.

For them, the latter stood a high chance if the proposal to amend the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) constitution and create a male-female ticket sail through.

In the eve of Limuru 11, Gachagua changed the tack. He asserted that he has been a strong believer and proponent of one-man, one-vote, one-shilling. This was one of key agenda item for Limuru 3. As such, this showed he was not taking this forum lightly. The DP was initially totally opposed to one-man, one-shilling campaign.

In Embu, Gachagua urged the people of the Mountain to be wary of leaders who were out to divide them. Our unity is our strength.

Many believed he was targeting Ndindi. This is because he had refused to support him and instead he was putting his best foot forward to square it with him for position of the Mount Kenya kingpin.

Just like him, the DP ought to know his competitors were exercising their democratic and constitutional rights. Therefore it was hard to convince the people of the Mountain that they were out to divide them.

Gachagua's change of tack also came at a time when the UDA was holding the grassroots election.

As this exercise continued, President Ruto chaired a meeting of Na-

tional Executive Committee (NEC) of ruling United Democratic Alliance Party at State House Nairobi.

The meeting focussed on emerging issues that threatened to divide the party.

From onset, President Ruto, who is the party leader, was rooting for a free, fair and credible election.

His ultimate goal was to build a strong party that becomes a beacon of democracy not only in Kenya, Africa but the world at large.

He was therefore keen to provide leadership that would resolve the disputes and contentious issues in an amicable manner and in early stages.

The UDA constitution provides for the position of the party leader and three positions of the deputy party leader.

This was the most contested clause. The Gachagua team felt that the clause had been sneaked by DP's political enemies.

This was a well calculated plot to clip Gachagua's wings.

Our battle of pushing for the amendment of this clause has started. This is a battle that we cannot lose. We must win.

At State House meeting, Dr Ruto, the party leader, reportedly stated. We have heard the arguments from all the sides and this is my proposal.

This matter will be sorted out by National Delegates Conference (NDC)

Earlier reports indicated that Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua was leaving nothing to chance in his bid to plant his loyalists to the positions that were being contested.

One can understand where he is coming from.

As the second in command he believes he is just a heart-beat away from becoming the President of this

country.

This brings me to the question. Does he enjoy the support of the masses in the Mountain? If not, then it will be hard for him to realize his dreams. Power comes from the people.

I know one of his key strategy is to follow the footsteps of the current President William Ruto.

As we know, Dr Ruto, then deputy president, started to lay his political foundation during the first term of President Uhuru Kenyatta.

He was however more strategic. He would take advantage of Uhuru's absence and visit all parts of the country to represent him. This was during the launch and commissioning of mega development projects.

I'm here to represent my boss. He would take advantage of this to front himself as the best suited candidate to succeed President Kenyatta.

As a result, Dr Ruto managed to build political stamina. Come the second term, he had enough foot soldiers. So he would not fear taking on his boss head-on.

The 'handshake' was the stick that broke the camel's back. Ruto took advantage of the fallout with his boss to launch the second phase of his campaign that catapulted him to seat of power.

Reports have indicated that Gachagua is fronting Embakasi MP James Gakuya to take up the position of Nairobi UDA chairmanship as opposed to Governor Johnson Sakaja.

The media report suggested that he had hatched a plot to stop Sakaja from voting. The governor however managed to maneuver his way and he finally voted.

Going by latest development, the talk that Mudavadi was being favored by President William Ruto does not hold any water.

The President has been reprimanding and distancing himself from the leaders engaging in succession politics. I have no time for this premature and empty debates. My eyes and ears are trained on fulfilling the pledges I made during the campaign, he once said during a development tour of Western Kenya.

He was responding to claims by Kakamega Senator Bonny Khalwale that he will pass the baton to Mudavadi in 2032.

The President reiterated this position during his recent development tour of Kikuyu land in Mountain. I'm not hear to do politics. I'm here to launch and commission development projects which will transform the lives of our people in a big way.

It is worth noting if the DP loses the kingship, this will cost him dearly.

So, if that happened, Dr Ruto was likely to drop him and pick Ndindi or Waiguru.

The latter would stand a high chance if the proposal to create a male-female lineup would sail through.

In 2022, the mountain voted as a bloc for President Ruto. Dr Ruto's prayer and wish is to rally this region behind him in 2027 polls.

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Gachagua Hosts 11-Year-Old Poet Princess of Nakuru, Promises To Pay Her School Fees

By: MKT Reporter
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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and his Spouse Pastor Dorcas Rigathi at the Official Residence in Karen, yesterday hosted Princess Angel, the 11-year-old girl who boldly recited a poem during the Akurinu National Prayers Conference at Nakuru High School, Nakuru County on Sunday last week.

The Deputy President described Princess Angel as gifted, saying he will take care of her education to achieve her career dream.

“We cant allow that talent to go to waste. We have secured an admission at Utawala Academy; she will join immediately,” the Deputy President said.

Mr Gachagua said identifying, and supporting talent to fruition is important in uplifting those at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid.

The young, elated youngster appreci-



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, his spouse Pastor Dorcas and the Poet, Princesses Angel and her mother Ann Kariuki in Nairobi yesterday.

ated the kind gesture of the Deputy President in hosting her alongside her mother, Ann Kariuki, for the breakfast and offering to support her education. “I am very excited meeting Riggy G.

I had longed for the moment. I say, thank you Deputy President for identifying my talent. I promise to work hard and become a heavyweight lawyer, Nisaidie watoto walio na talanta

lakini hawana uwezo wa kuziendeleza (to support young talent from underprivileged backgrounds),” Angel said. Angel encouraged other children to come out and showcase their talent, as

that may propel them to their destiny. The mother expressed deep gratitude to the Deputy President and his spouse for hosting them, saying the visit to the residence is a dream coming true.

“Angel is very sharp. She has asked me to work with her in drafting the poem on the President and his Deputy. Within minutes, she had perfected and mastered it. My input was negligible; she led the process. I am grateful the Deputy President has offered to help us,” she said.

Angel stole the show on Sunday by profusely reciting a poem during the church event, which was attended by President Ruto, his Deputy Gachagua, Nakuru Governor Susana Kihika, Cabinet Secretary Zachariah Njeru and Moses Kuria among other prominent politicians and the Akurinu faithful.

State To Revise University Admission Letters In August

By: Kevin Wachira
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Students set to join universities will receive revised fee structures indicating a specific amount payable per household starting July 31st.

Appearing before the National Assembly Education Committee, Higher Education Principal Secretary Beatrice Muganda says the government will only revise the admission letters after categorization is done to establish how much the government will pay per student.

This comes even as MPs took issue with the Commission for University Education for validating some universities to admit more students than their capacity.

The PS indicated the new letters will be sent starting July 31st after the Higher Education loans board completes the categorization process

to establish how much the government will pay per students.

MPs also called for linking the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service with the HELB system to ease the admission process.

The Committee stepped down the Commission for University Education for validating some universities to admit more students than their capacity.

The MPs will engage the higher education stakeholders next week on the mean testing instruments to be applied in the categorization of students.



First Lady Launches Maternity Hospital, Medical Drone Service

By: PCS

The First Lady has officially launched Mama Rachel Ruto Maternity Hospital in Eldoret.

The hospital is a specialised facility with a capacity of 70 beds, a fully equipped theatre, a Class E laboratory, a fully stocked pharmacy, an ultra-modern diagnostic ultrasound, an X-ray unit, and an ICT centre.

According to the Kenya Demographic Health Survey 2022, 14.4pc of women in Uasin Gishu cannot access a health facility within one hour when they need healthcare services, making this hospital a much-needed intervention.

The First Lady described the project as one that will improve access to specialised maternal and neonatal healthcare services and act as a referral facility for mother and baby

emergency cases, ensuring that “no mother loses their own life when giving life.”

The Mama Rachel Maternity Hospital is an answer to the increased demand for medical care, with Eldoret serving as a medical hub in the North Rift Region.

Mary Muthoni Muriuki, Principal Secretary for Public Health and Professional Standards, encouraged the residents of Uasin Gishu to uptake the Social Health Insurance Fund, an intervention by the government that will see all Kenyans enjoy quality medical care in public, private, and mission hospitals in the country.

Jonathan Bii, Governor of Uasin Gishu County, reaffirmed the county government’s commitment to healthcare in the county, with 30pc of the budget being focused on building, equipping, and improving health facilities in the county and increasing the number of health professionals.



First Lady has officially launched Mama Rachel Ruto Maternity Hospital in Eldoret

Government Replaces Motorcycles For Administrative Officers In Climate Change Mitigation

By: MKT Correspondents

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The government is phasing out more than 13,000 fuel-injected motorcycles being used by chiefs and their assistants with electric ones.

Internal Security and National Administration Principal Secretary Dr. Raymond Omollo said the move is aimed at improving mobility and efficient service delivery at locations and sub-location level.

Speaking at his Harambee House office yesterday while launching the pilot project’s distribution of the first batch of 22 motorcycles, the PS said the initiative placed chiefs and their assistants at the centre of the fight against climate change in the grass-roots.

“Besides mobilising wananchi at the location and sub-location levels to grow trees, the use of electric motorcycles by the administrators boosts our climate action efforts at the grass-roots,” he said.

Dr. Omollo said the 22 motorcycles would benefit the administrators in



Some of the National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) officers

Kajiado, Kiambu, Machakos and Nairobi.

More motorcycles will be distributed in the pilot project expected to take one month before a phased roll-out

targeting all parts of the country. “This Initiative, covering twenty-two locations within the four counties, aims to enhance the efficiency of NGAOs in the service delivery,

solving the challenges of transport and supporting our commitment to eco-friendly and sustainable solutions,” said Dr. Omollo.

The PS said priority will be given to

vast counties and remote areas facing security challenges for easy e-mobility of the officers.

There are 3,972 locations and 9,055 sub-locations in the country.

Dr. Omollo said police officers and other National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) will in future be issued with electric vehicles for official use.

He noted that NGAOs did not have enough vehicles for field officers and motorcycles for chiefs and assistant chiefs and the acquisition would go a long way in enhancing their operations.

The PS said the officers will be trained on the use and maintenance of the electric motorcycles before being issued with them.

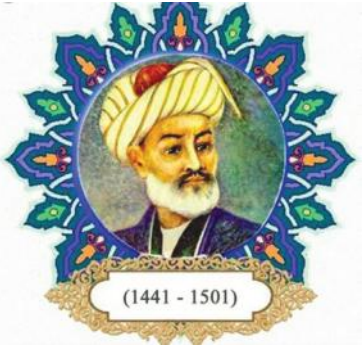
Refresher training will also be conducted from time to time on a need basis, he added.

Dr. omollo explained that the transition from fueled motorcycles will go a long way in the fight against air pollution, primarily due to the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

The PS encouraged the private sector to purchase the e-motors.

14 POEMS

My Mother Tongue



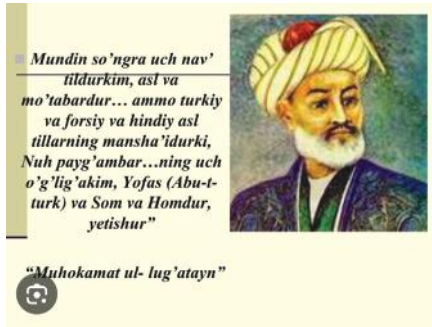
My mother tongue is the only language in the world,
My heart is enjoyed by meaningful words!
I have a beautiful long history with you,
My Uzbekistan is also attractive with you!

Your words which sound in my hymn,
Gives great meaning to every line.
Your great power known to the world,
Always gives happiness and luck to my country!

Grandfather Navoi's great heritage,
The life of my ancestors is embodied in you.

The best language in the world for me,
No matter how much I praise you, my mother tongue!!!

Narimonova Gulzoda daughter of Nodirbek is currently 14 years old. She was born in the Khorezm region of the Republic Uzbekistan. Until now, she has won high places in science olympiads. She is interested in learning languages and reads a lot of books in her spare time. She is also very interested in writing poetry and stories and has written many poems and stories. She loves to draw and has taken pride of place in many competitions in this field.



Goodbye



threw stones at me
The world that made me cry when I remember my mother,
A cry from the bottom of your heart,
Mother, mother, mother, goodbye.

A step towards an independent life,
He said: "You are no less than anyone, my child."
And now they are few when they are apart,
The cry of your heart comes from old age
Mother, mother, mother, goodbye.

When you are tired of life's trials,
When your heart is full of pain,
When your friends and enemies turn away
From you,
A cry from the bottom of your heart,
Mother, mother, mother, goodbye.

When I'm narrow, I'm wide
Maybe my lament has reached the heavens,
The world is painful, my brother,
A cry from the bottom of your heart,
Mother, mother, mother, goodbye.

The world that shows who is who,
The world that taught me when you

👉 Kurambojeva Sarvinoz
Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan



What is your name in Uzbekistan?
You are great and unique.
You are free, the example of a free swan,
It's like a ruby symbol.

Now you speak in tongues,
One Almighty, one Furqatsan.
Hinda misses you Boburi,

My grandfather Temuri is devoted to you.

Birds in flight in space,
Your name will be heard in every voice.
Healing waters in your mouth,
Every family is in peace.

Cotton is hanging in the fields,
Gazelles are shouting on the hills.
How wide is Uzbekistan,
A little child is not enough for you.

I prefer you to the world
You are an inexhaustible ghazal in poets.
You are uniquely beautiful,
You are gold for me.

Uzbekistan is the only one for us,
You are our father, our mother.
There is only one in the worlds,
You are great and beloved.

Kodirova Mashkhura

Are People Natural Killers?



It is known that we are currently living in one of the developing countries, that's why new factories and factories are being built in different regions of our country. Poisonous gases and smoke coming out of factories are having a bad effect on our atmosphere, and people themselves are nature's killers.

In order to clarify these thoughts, I can say that the atmosphere of our country is getting worse day by day, the reason for this is the factories that are increasing their production or the toxic fumes coming out of many cars. There is no doubt that there is at least one car in every household. That is why our atmosphere is getting worse. In the coming days, our capital will be in Tashkent. It is impossible to walk outside without a mask. Another example is that many people make trash cans and throw their waste wherever they want. In addition, while our people are planting new trees in order to create a garden, people kill trees for their own needs. they are doing

In conclusion, we are responsible for the deterioration of our atmosphere and the destruction of plants.

Kochkarova Sarvinoz
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Dr. Gichuru Advise on Dry Cow Management

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Dr Simon Gathii Gachomo Gichuru is a respected Veterinarian from Murang'a. he has shared details about good animal husbandry, more so about the proper way of managing the dry cow. He formulates various medicines and supplements for the animals, thereby giving the farmer a lot of profit.

Milk fever is a common challenge for many farmers where a pregnant cow is unable to wake up. There is no such occurrence that should happen. The danger is farmers are always misadvised. Many cows fall down/ find difficulty when giving birth. It's the farmers duty to take the precautionary measures to avoid such a scenario.

When a cow is served and it conceives, the cow can be tested after 35 days. This informs the farmer on best practices on how to raise the cow, feeding it properly with miner-

als. At the 7th month, it's a dry cow – that requires a very special treatment which will eventually lead to a healthy calf and higher milk yields. During this phase, even a low-yielding cow can be prepared for a high milk productivity. A pregnant cow has four demands: the cow's own health, health of the calf, welfare of the uterus/placenta and also the udder. During this period, the cow should be put on a dry cow supplement. Dry cow management is crucial. The dry cow mineral supplement comprises – magnesium, calcium and phosphorous.

Avoid at all costs to offer the cow DCP. This is only required when the cow calves. The DCP once ingested, it sends a message to the cow's brain: do not absorb the DCP because it is too much for the cow at the late stage of pregnancy. The DCP is expelled by the cow during excretion, depriving the cow the minerals it would have required.

For the dry cow supplement, the trace minerals are formulated in the correct ratio, allowing the pregnant



Dr Simon Gathii Gachomo Gichuru

cow to absorb all these minerals and to be stored in the bones and joints ready to be mobilized during parturition.

Everybody who follows the professional advice I give genuinely, gets

profits in milk production.

He advised against the natural breeding where a cow is usually taken to the bull for mating. He instead urged for the farmers to embrace the Artificial Insemination.

As a farmer be very careful with the kind of advice/information he or she collects about the cow.

PS Mining Elijah Mwangi Hosts Pastor Dorcas Rigathi At Osiri-Matanda Village

By: John Kariuki
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Principal Secretary for Mining Elijah Mwangi hosted the spouse of the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya Pastor Dorcas Rigathi at Osiri-Matanda village in Nyatike Sub-County in Migori County for the official launch of Rapid Result Initiative (RRI) for issuance of mining and mineral trading licenses, mineral processing licence and Artisanal mining permits for mining marketing cooperative societies across the country.

The RRI is a coordinated exercise aimed at fast-tracking, boosting and enhancing the issuance and access of licenses for artisanal miners in cooperatives and dealers / processors of minerals across the 47 counties in Kenya.

The launch is expected to see over 20 marketing cooperatives in Migori acquire mining permits. The ultimate objective of the RRI is to

eradicate the rampant incidences of illegal mining operations across the country. A license is a mandatory requirement for miners actively involved in mineral trading, processing, exploration and exploitation.

To make the process friendlier and more accommodating for all, the State Department for Mining has deployed additional officials to counties who will assist miners in the licenses' application process.

Preceding the RRI launch at Osiri we held discussions with Migori Governor Dr. Achilo Ayacko, senior national and county government officials amongst other leaders.

To support the artisanal miners in acquiring mining zones, the ministry has started reviewing the licenses for investor sitting on vast tracts of land and who merely engage in speculative activities. Mining is a business that must pay.

Licenses issued to investors; be it for exploration, mining, processing, trading or dealing must actively correspond with that particular activity.

The era where mining investors

applied for licenses with the sole intention of hoarding huge chunks of mining zones that remained unutilized is long gone. Such companies will be removed from the cadaster and the land be declared free for allocation to artisanal miners under marketing cooperatives.

During the launch, one Migori mining cooperative was issued with a DPL to legalise operating license. To support health and safety standards, the miners were also issued with safety gear including helmets, reflector jackets and safety gloves.

The event also saw the handing over of a new motor vehicle for the Regional Mining Office that will be used for offering extension services to the miners in the region including monitoring and surveillance operations.



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British International Investment Announces Sale Of Stake In I&M, The East African Banking Group, To Africinvest

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British International Investment Announces Sale Of Stake In I&M.

Worth Noting:

Julius Tichelaar, Senior Partner at AfricInvest, commented, "I&M Group PLC has established a very strong franchise in East Africa and the Indian Ocean over the past five decades, with an excellent reputation, the highest integrity and governance standards, and a track record with quality and consistency in performance and earnings. AfricInvest is extremely proud and honoured to be extending its partnership with I&M Group PLC beyond AfricInvest's investment in I&M Bank Rwanda." Speaking from Nairobi, I&M Group PLC Executive Director Sarit Raja-Shah reflected "It is notable that when BII invested in the company, we had just embarked on our iMara Strategy which was to be implemented in three cycles.

Transaction marks successful outcome of BII and I&M's equity partnership for over 7 years

Sale to a like-minded investor is one of the most significant transactions in East Africa in recent years and represents vote of confidence in the region's financial services sector

British International Investment ('BII'), the UK's development finance institution and impact investor, has sold its 10.1 per cent stake in I&M Group PLC ('I&M'), the Eastern African banking group, to AfricInvest, a leading Pan-African Asset Management platform. The acquisition was made through East Africa Growth Holding, a special purpose vehicle entirely controlled and formed by AfricInvest.

I&M Group PLC is a leading banking group in Eastern Africa with presence in Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda. It offers financial services to individuals, Micro, Small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and corporates across the region. It is listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange with the Rwandan subsidiary I&M Bank Rwanda PLC listed on the Rwanda Stock Exchange.

BII made its investment in I&M in 2016. Today's announcement is one of the most significant secondary transactions in East Africa in recent years. The commitment made by AfricInvest, a leading, Africa-focused growth equity and private debt investor, also underlines the confidence of the commercial and impact investment community in the financial services sector in the region. The transaction coincides with the 50th anniversary of I&M Bank Limited,

the anchor subsidiary of the group which was incorporated on 14th May 1974 as a financial services company before earning a commercial banking license in 1980. The Bank grew exponentially through an aggressive inorganic growth strategy which saw to a series of regional mergers and acquisitions.

Maximilian Biswanger, Investment Director at BII, said: "Having been a trusted equity partner to I&M for over 7 years, today's announcement represents a great outcome to BII's engagement, as we exit to a like-minded partner with a focus on commercial sustainability and development impact. Since our original investment, I&M Group PLC has expanded its role as a true champion to the region's business community and its aspiring personal banking clients, constituting a major driver for sustainable economic development in the region."

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Speaking from Nairobi, I&M Group PLC Executive Director Sarit Raja-Shah reflected "It is notable that when BII invested in the company, we had just embarked on our iMara Strategy which was to be implemented in three cycles. Now, as we usher in Africinvest we have just initiated

the third iteration of that strategy which has sustainability at its centre and pays respect to the economic, social and climatic state of our planet".

He added, "The years since 2016 saw us bolster our position as a leading financial services conglomerate in Eastern Africa with BII's commercial and technical support and we are positive that Africinvest's investment will provide the Group the support to build on the progress we made with their predecessor. Our new shareholder's demonstrated focus on Sub-Saharan Africa inspires confidence that we will be able to continue the growth momentum and enhance financial inclusion in the markets where we operate".

I&M Group PLC has recorded significant commercial growth since BII's investment in 2016, having almost tripled its loan book from 135 KESbn to 310 KESbn and its customer base from 100k to over 500k. This growth amongst others resulted in the bank reaching Tier 1 status in the Kenya banking industry in 2019. It has also been a pioneer for digital financial services in the region.

In addition, and despite notable headwinds, I&M Group PLC increased its lending to SMEs over the course of our investment (supporting the UN's Sustainable Development Goal ('SDG') 9.3 and SDG 8.10). I&M is also committed to setting an example on the environment (SDG 13), through sustainable solutions for clients (e.g. a green energy lending scheme worth KES6bn) and through the reduction of carbon emissions of its own operations. In alignment with its strategy, AfricInvest will continue to champion I&M's sustainability journey, supporting the bank's commitment to creating lasting, sustain-

able environmental and social value.

BII has actively supported I&M Group PLC in this journey as a committed shareholder and partner, resulting in key strategic and operational developments under the group's iMara strategy, including:

- Enhancing the bank's value proposition for SME and personal banking clients, with various innovative products launched including the only free bank to mobile wallet transfer offering and Kenya's largest unsecured personal loan which was introduced to the market through an award-winning marketing campaign. Net promoter score expressing client satisfaction doubled in recent years, from approx. 34% to close to 70%.

- Digital transformation through launch of innovative digital channels, resulting in significant increase of digital active customer base to >75% while digital transactions account for over 80% in 2023.

- Expansion of regional presence in Eastern Africa, most notably expansion into Uganda in 2020. Non-Kenyan subsidiaries now account for approx. 24% of PBT in 2023.

BII's impact thesis for investing in I&M Group PLC included supporting the banks' expansion outside of Kenya and expanding its client segments and improving its customer value proposition in Kenya, both of which were achieved during the lifetime of the investment. In addition, BII and I&M have also cooperated on several value-add initiatives for ESG and Governance improvements.

- BII's ESG team worked with I&M on E&S capacity building initiatives by offering training to stakeholders and collaborating on the development of bank-wide E&S tools.

- BII's dedicated Business Integrity team supported I&M to help enhance their financial crime and anti-corruption procedures.

AfricInvest has been committed to the financial services industry for over three decades, which has seen a rapid pace of innovation and disruption. Leveraging I&M's strong digital infrastructure and its innovative drive to cater to evolving customer needs, AfricInvest is uniquely equipped to collaborate and support the group in its expansion in the region. Having previously acquired a 24.76% share in I&M Bank Rwanda in 2019, AfricInvest aims to further contribute to a resilient and impactful financial services industry in East Africa through this investment.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let Us Know About Cancer

Cancer, a complex and multifaceted disease, continues to challenge medical science and impact millions of lives worldwide. From its molecular origins to its profound effects on individuals and society, exploring the intricacies of cancer is essential for both patients and the general public. In this feature, we embark on a journey to unravel the mysteries of cancer, shedding light on its causes, progression, treatment options, and the ongoing efforts to conquer this formidable adversary.

Cancer, simply put, is the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells within the body. While the human body is composed of trillions of cells, each with a specific function, cancer

disrupts this harmony, leading to the formation of malignant tumors or the invasion of healthy tissues and organs. The origins of cancer are diverse, ranging from genetic mutations and environmental factors to lifestyle choices and infectious agents.

Genetic mutations play a significant role in initiating cancerous growth. These mutations can be inherited or acquired throughout life, often triggered by exposure to carcinogens such as tobacco smoke, ultraviolet radiation, and certain chemicals. Additionally, viruses such as human papillomavirus (HPV) and hepatitis B and C viruses (HBV and HCV) can increase the risk of developing certain types of cancer.

The symptoms of cancer vary depending on the type and location of the tumor. However, common warning signs include unexplained weight loss, persistent fatigue, lumps or swelling, changes in bowel or bladder habits, and unusual bleeding or discharge. Early detection is critical for successful treatment, and diagnostic methods such as imaging tests, blood tests, and biopsies play a crucial role in identifying cancer at its earliest stages.

The treatment of cancer is multifaceted and often requires a combination of therapies tailored to the individual patient. Common treatment modalities include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy, targeted

therapy, and hormone therapy. The choice of treatment depends on factors such as the type and stage of cancer, the patient's overall health, and their personal preferences.

Despite significant advances in cancer research and treatment, many challenges remain in the fight against cancer. These include drug resistance, treatment toxicity, access to care, and disparities in cancer outcomes among different populations. However, ongoing research efforts continue to drive progress in understanding the underlying mechanisms of cancer, developing innovative therapies, and improving patient outcomes.

Cancer is a formidable adversary that

affects millions of lives worldwide. By gaining a deeper understanding of its causes, progression, and treatment options, we can empower individuals to take proactive steps in reducing their risk of cancer and improving their quality of life. While the journey to conquer cancer may be long and challenging, it is a journey worth undertaking for the benefit of current and future generations

*Jean Jerry Abeka
Kenya Network Of Cancer Organization (KENCO) Nairobi.*

Kagoto Residents Demand Reopening Of Local Quarry Amid Unrest

Kagoto residents and workers are protesting the closure of the Kagoto quarry, which has been a vital source of employment and sustenance for the community.

The abrupt closure of the operations has left the community in distress and with no clear indication of when, or if, the quarry will reopen.

James Mutisya, Operations Manager at the quarry, reported receiving a directive from Kiugu OCS to cease all operations immediately. He noted that while an order was issued to close all quarries in Nakuru, only the two quarries in Kagoto have been forcibly shut down.

"I received the letter from Kiugu OCS David, who said it came from the authorities. He was unaware of the specific reasons for this immediate halt in operations," Mutisya

stated. "The quarry employs over 200 people, not counting the casual laborers who load the lorries and the 'Mama Mbogas' who sell food and snacks. Only four of our operators are currently working to complete the existing stock."

The sudden closure has sparked outrage among the workers. Samuel Kariuki, a long-time employee, expressed his frustration: "This closure was abrupt, with no prior notice or clear reason. The quarry has been operating since 1934 without any such interruptions. We've heard claims that the closure is due to the rains, but our quarry poses no threat as we use explosives to break down the rocks for mining."

Kariuki called on the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) to reconsider their decision,

highlighting the significant impact on the community's livelihood. He emphasized that only the Kagoto quarries have been closed, despite the broader order.

Danson Mirungu, a young worker, voiced his concerns: "We are devastated by NEMA's actions. We rely on this job for our daily bread. Many of us have debts with the 'Mama Mbogas' who provide us food. We desperately need this decision to be reviewed. Finding other work is nearly impossible for us given our lack of experience in other fields."

Mirungu also warned of potential social issues: "Some of us might be driven to steal just to survive. Our source of income must be restored."

Martha Nyambura, a Mama Mboga who sells food around the quarry, shared her distress: "I sell fruits at the

quarry and am deeply disappointed by its closure. This is how I provide for my children. Now, I can't pay their school fees or feed them."

David Kamotho, a lorry driver, echoed these sentiments: "Our lorries are financed through loans that need to be repaid. Without our jobs, we don't know how we'll manage to pay our debts or feed our families."

Despite their pleas, the county NEMA director has dismissed their requests, stating that the order came from higher authorities. As the residents continue to push for their voices to be heard, they remain in a state of unrest, worried about their families' future and their survival.

The closure has affected more than just the workers directly involved in the quarry operations. The Mama Mbogas, who sell food and snacks

to the workers, are unable to sustain their livelihoods without the daily influx of customers. The truck drivers who transport materials from the quarry are now out of work, unable to meet their financial obligations.

The community calls on NEMA to reconsider the closure, emphasizing that the quarry has been a cornerstone of their economic stability for decades.

As the situation remains unresolved, the people of Kagoto are left in a precarious position, hoping for a swift resolution that will allow them to return to their normal lives and their primary source of livelihood.

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Crisis Management Is Vital For All Educational Institutions Spanning From Public And Private Institutions To Colleges And Universities

Establishment of crisis communication in institutions plays a crucial role for the safety of students and staff during emergencies. For effective crisis management proactive, comprehensive approach that includes planning, training, mental health support, security measures and post

crisis recovery.

On emergencies institutions should develop comprehensive emergency plans covering various scenarios such as natural disasters, medical emergencies and pandemics. Training of staff and students helps ensure everyone know how to respond to

different emergencies.

Teachers and staff should also be trained to recognise signs of distress and provide initial support and referrals to mental health professionals.

The institutions security can also be covered by securing of entry points, surveillance cameras and on site se-

curity personnel.

Debriefing and evaluation should also be done after crisis to identify areas of improvement. This helps in aiming to achieve educational goals efficiently and effectively.

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Milestone Achieved: Land Reservation Orders Issued For Rehabilitation Of Kendu Bay And Mbita Piers

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In a pivotal moment for infrastructure development in Homa Bay County, the National Land Commission (NLC) Chief Executive Officer, CHRP Kabale Tache Arero, alongside NLC Chair, Gershom Otachi, officially handed reservation orders for land designated for the rehabilitation of Kendu Bay and Mbita Piers to the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA).

These orders signify a significant step forward, empowering KPA to proceed with advertising for the much-needed rehabilitation works at the two piers, which will in turn bolster operations along the shores of Lake Victoria.

The rehabilitation of Kendu Bay and Mbita Piers holds promise for a transformative impact on the region's economic landscape. Specifically, the Kendu Bay pier is poised to serve as an off-taker of Kisumu port, facilitating the seamless transport of goods to Uganda through water transportation

systems.

This development is expected to catalyze exports from Homa Bay to neighboring countries such as Uganda and Tanzania, thereby fostering economic growth and facilitating cross-border trade.

In response to this milestone, Mr. William K. Tenay, the KPA Manager for Marine Operations at Kisumu Port, expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders involved in the project.

During a press conference held at the Commission's headquarters, NLC Chair Gershom Otachi commended the collaborative spirit between the National Government, Homa Bay County, and KPA in advancing this crucial infrastructure project. Otachi lauded KPA's dedication to driving the development and execution of the rehabilitation project, emphasizing the significance of such partnerships in fostering sustainable development. Otachi specifically acknowledged the National Land Commission for facilitating the issuance of the reservation orders, highlighting the importance of streamlined processes in project implementation.

Dr. Peter Ogolla, the Homa Bay County Executive Committee Member for Lands, also weighed in, emphasizing the anticipated positive impact of the projects on the region's economy and underscoring the role of trade in driving growth.

In light of the collaborative success, Otachi called for further partnership between the National Land Commission and the County government to ensure the seamless implementation of similar projects in the future.

The issuance of reservation orders marks a crucial milestone in the journey towards revitalizing Kendu Bay and Mbita Piers, signaling hope for enhanced economic prospects and improved connectivity for the region.

NLC Chief Executive Officer CHRP
Kabale Tache Arero.



Mwea MP Mentors Secondary School Students

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Leading from the front and setting a good example is Mwea Constituency Member of Parliament Mary Mainigi. She mentors, and she has time and again demonstrated her passion for education. Yesterday, she hosted Ngurubani Secondary School students and they had the opportunity to tour the Parliament and observe how the National Assembly conducts its business. It was an excellent academic tour that allowed the students to gain firsthand experience of the parliamentary process.

Later, she had the chance to engage in an interactive session with the students, inspiring them to strive for greatness and reach their full potential. We must prioritize providing our children with the right platforms to give them access to opportunities that can expand their views of the world and inspire them to live up to their full potential.



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Pacquiao In Talks Over Comeback But Title Fight 'Far Away'



Retired multiple world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines (L) and Japanese kickboxer Chihiro Suzuki pose during a photo session at the end of a press conference at a hotel in Tokyo on June 10, 2024. It was announced on June 9 that he will fight Japanese mixed martial (MMA) artist Chihiro Suzuki in a three-round boxing match on July 28 in Saitama, north of Tokyo. (Photo by Kazuhiro NOGI / AFP)

Boxing great Manny Pacquiao said Monday that he is in negotiations to make a comeback but cautioned that a potential world title fight against Mario Barrios was "far away".

The 45-year-old multiple world champion from the Philippines quit the sport in 2021 and made a failed tilt at his country's presidency.

He has signed up to fight a three-round exhibition bout against Japanese mixed martial artist Chihiro Suzuki next month in Saitama, north of Tokyo.

Pacquiao said he was in talks to face the American Barrios for the

WBC welterweight world title but said the potential fight was still "far away".

"We're still in negotiations and we're talking about that. The fight has not materialised yet," Pacquiao, who has hinted at comebacks before, said in Tokyo.

"That negotiation is ongoing. It's going to be by December -- November or December.

"There's still a lot of things to discuss and talk about."

Pacquiao in February admitted defeat in his bid to fight at next month's Paris Olympics when the International Olympic Com-

mittee rejected a special request for him to take part.

The IOC has an age limit of 40 for Olympic boxers.

Pacquiao retired weeks after losing to Cuban Yordenis Ugas in Las Vegas in his final professional fight.

He ran for the Philippines presidency but lost the May 2022 election by a huge margin.

He returned to the ring for an exhibition in Seoul in December 2022 against a South Korean YouTuber.

He will fight Suzuki on July 28 in a 68kg boxing match of three rounds at three minutes each,

with no judges' decision.

Pacquiao insisted the bout was "not an exhibition, this is a fight".

"We are looking for a knock-out for this fight," he said.

"There's going to be a lot of action in the ring and of course I'll do my best to win by knock-out."

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Sports >>> *Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti denied on Monday that the Champions League winners would refuse to play in next season's expanded Club World Cup

Ancelotti Denies Real Madrid Will Skip Club World Cup



Real Madrid's Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti lifts the trophy to celebrate the victory at the end of the UEFA Champions League final football match between Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid, at Wembley stadium, in London, on June 1, 2024. (Photo by Glyn KIRK / AFP)

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti denied on Monday that the Champions League winners would refuse to play in next season's expanded Club World Cup, claiming comments he made to an Italian newspaper had been misinterpreted.

"In my interview with Il Giornale, my words about the FIFA Club World Cup have not been interpreted in the way I intended," Ancelotti posted on X.

"Nothing could be further from my interest than to reject the possibility of playing in a tournament that I consider to be a great opportunity to continue fighting for great titles with Real Madrid."

Ancelotti had been quoted in Monday's edition of Il Giornale saying that "players and clubs will not participate" in the new tournament.

"A single Real Madrid match is worth 20 million euros and FIFA wants to give us this amount for the entire Cup," he is quoted as saying. "So no. Like us, other clubs will refuse the invitation."

Real Madrid, who last season won the La Liga title under Ancelotti as well as a 15th European Cup and Champions League title, were also quick to distance themselves from the remarks.

"Real Madrid C. F. would like to announce that at no time has

there been any question regarding our participation in the new Club World Cup to be organised by FIFA in the coming 2024/2025 season," the club said in a statement on its website.

"Our club will therefore take part, as planned, in this official competition and we are proud and excited to be involved in it and we will once again inspire our millions of fans all over the world with another trophy."

The expanded 32-team Club World Cup is proposed to take place next summer, adding to an already congested calendar for players.

England's Professional Footballers' Association has warned FIFA that players could go on strike.

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Methods Of Using Interactive Methods In Primary Class Mother Language And Reading Literacy Lessons



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Abstract: This article describes the importance of innovative technologies for improving students' mother tongue and reading literacy. Recommendations were also made about the ability of students to master the lessons and use technologies in the lessons.

Key words: innovative technology, pedagogy, native language, educational system, lesson, news, pedagogue, student, teacher, literate, interactive methods



Worth Noting:

• Incessant search for the introduction of innovative technologies in the educational process and the further formation of educational efficiency is becoming the need of the present day. Implementation of new technologies in the educational process is one of the problems faced by pedagogues.

• The relationship between educational content and interactive methods. Thus, we have described the first important condition for improving the selection of teaching methods, their systematization, and the integrated approach that clarifies the use of the educational process in the practice of planning procedures.

• In pedagogy, a large number of criteria for choosing traditional methods have been developed, in recent years, more than twenty of them have been cited in the works of didactic scientists.

Today, innovative technologies have entered the education system and serve to increase the quality and efficiency of education. The essence of the innovative process is reflected in the content of the joint activity of the teacher and students, in this process the pedagogue helps students to overcome the difficulties that have arisen.

Innovative activity is an activity aimed at solving problems that arise as a result of the non-compliance of new social requirements with traditional norms or the denial of newly formed ideas.

In the process of primary education, the manifestations of innovative activity are manifested in various forms. The importance of interactive methods in increasing the interest of young students in lessons and improving the quality and efficiency of education is considered high.

There is a wise saying in our people that "Education and education begin in the cradle". Only enlightenment leads a person to maturity and society to progress. Therefore, the state policy in the field of education in our country is based on the principle of a continuous education system, which supports the child in every way from birth to the age of 30, helps him find a worthy place in life, special attention is paid to creating a complete and continuous system.

Based on the requirements of our current development, educational standards are being improved, programs are being modernized and delivered to educational organizations. The material bases of educational organizations are rapidly being strengthened. Construction, reconstruction, current and major

repair of academic lyceums, schools under new types of vocational colleges, universities and institutes, new modern equipment, educational tools, technical means and computerization are being carried out based on specific state plans.

We have been working in a traditional way for some time. It is true that in this system, children were given knowledge, and students' knowledge, skills and qualifications were formed. But both the teacher and the student acted in the same shell, it can be called a stereotyped system, both of them lost responsibility. Currently, the main pedagogical technologies are empirical, cognitive, heuristic, creative, inversion, adaptive, inclusive and other technologies. It depends on the skill of the teacher to be able to choose these technologies during the lesson.

Many interesting methods of text creation can be used in mother tongue classes to strengthen students' written speech and spelling literacy. Also, if during the passage of the "Morphology" section, if the task of weaving a grammatical tale based on each word group is given, the students' ability to observe logically, along with improving their grammatical literacy, will be formed, and their creativity will increase. Today, one of the important trends in the use of innovative technologies is the introduction of interactive education and training methods.

In addition to providing other information during the lesson, the teacher provides Internet information, multimedia programs, exhibitions on various topics (pictures, various forms, posters, etc.), tables, and additional information on similar topics. shows

the information, it not only increases students' desire for the lesson, but also helps students to develop their free reading at the level of demand, to fully master the subject as much as possible.

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The relationship between educational content and interactive methods. Thus, we have described the first important condition for improving the selection of teaching methods, their systematization, and the integrated approach that clarifies the use of the educational process in the practice of planning procedures. In pedagogy, a large number of criteria for choosing traditional methods have been developed, in recent years, more than twenty of them have been cited in the works of didactic scientists. It is possible to increase the effectiveness of the lesson by using the "Broken Egg" method in the teaching process (In many cases, better recall of terms in the part of strengthening the topic is appropriate if used for). In the process of organizing this method, you will need paper, pen and scissors. Beautiful egg shapes are drawn on the paper. Eggs are divided into two parts. Then, the terms related to the topic are written in the first part of the work. In the second part, words and sentences are written as an explanation of the term or as an example of the term, and after the work is completed, the fragments are distrib-

uted to the students in a mixed state. The students will have to click and combine these fragments with their pairs.

The "Lost Chains" method is used in primary classes to restore a certain sequence. In this case, the teacher puts a sequence of words related to a topic, concept, algorithm separately and out of order. Students must make a chain of logical connections to the words that are out of order. This method can be used in groups of 4-6 people and with the whole class. For example, "Man flies higher than any bird with his knowledge and skill." It will be mixed and recorded in the style of "how high science and art are high and every human intelligence is like a flight from a bird". The words are written on separate pieces of paper and placed randomly on the display board. Students reorder or each group is given a set of words and groups reorder.

On the basis of these methods used in the training, the development of students' knowledge, skills, qualifications, and social competences and spiritual and moral qualities was considered as an important factor.

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