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Politrack Research Firm Unveils New Poll On Presidency

The survey probed potential running mates for President William Ruto in the event of a fallout with Rigathi Gachagua where Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki emerged as the frontrunner, followed by Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi

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Worth Noting:

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Politrack Africa, a leading polling and research firm has released the results of its latest survey on Presidency.

The poll titled, "The Presidency Truth Meter" was conducted across 11 counties early this month.

It sought to gauge public opinion on the current political landscape and potential future scenarios.

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The research delves into the regional dynamics and how they might shift in response to the evolving political situation.

The survey, which employed a random, multi-stage stratified sampling method proportionate to county population in line with the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census, involved 2,392

respondents from Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Nyeri, Murang'a, Kiambu, Nakuru, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, and Nairobi counties.

It revealed that 75 per cent of the respondents were aware of differences within the presidency, with 66 per cent believing these differences would affect the Deputy President.

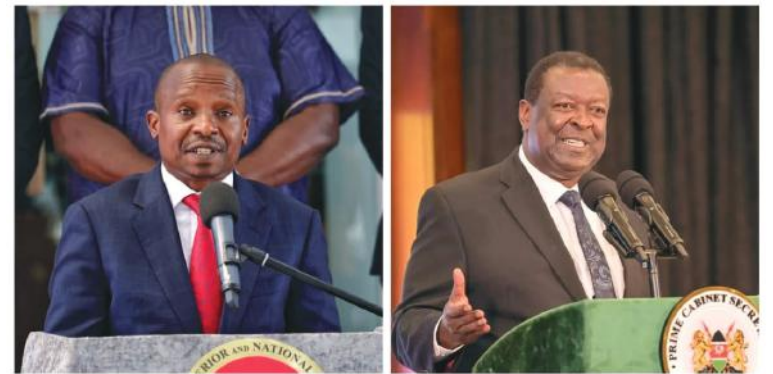
Of those, 43 per cent predicted a negative national impact, while 35 per cent foresaw positive effects.

On the subject of Mount Kenya region unity, 39 per cent of respondents believed the region was already united.

However, 33 per cent expressed doubt about the Deputy President's ability to unite the area, while 15 per cent remained optimistic about his chances.

The poll also explored the potential impact of a fallout between the President and Deputy President on the UDA party's popularity, with 53 per cent suggesting it would affect the party's influence, and 41 per cent believing the party would maintain its regional hold.

Looking ahead to the 2027 elections, the survey probed potential running mates



Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi

for President William Ruto in the event of a fallout. Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki emerged as the frontrunner, followed by Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi.

Notably, 82.7 per cent of respondents indicated that Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua would be unlikely to succeed if he ran for president in 2027, with 95.6

per cent stating they would not vote for him.

As for potential challengers to the current president in 2027, Azimio leader Raila Odinga was identified as the most likely candidate to take on the incumbent occupant of the highest office of the land by 32.6 per cent of respondents, while 26.2 per cent felt it was too early to analyze the next national polls.



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The Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) has condemned the assault of journalists in Nairobi during the Finance Bill 2024 protests. AMWIK Executive Director Queenter Mbori emphasised the importance of upholding Kenya's constitution, which guarantees freedom of the press and peaceful assembly. She called on the government and security forces to provide necessary security and respect the rights of journalists and protestors. Mbori commended the efforts of various organisations, including NGOs, CSOs, HROs, the Law Society of Kenya, and the public, for securing the release of journalists and Kenyan protestors arrested on Tuesday. AMWIK remains committed to advocating for the safety and protection of journalists in Kenya.



The Wajir County Inter-Ministerial Policy Steering Committee, under the National Council for Population and Development (NCPD), has met to address population and development issues. The committee, led by Moses Auma, the NCPD Regional Population Coordinator for North Eastern, underscored the importance of having an inter-ministerial policy steering committee to advise county governments on pressing population matters. "Our role at NCPD is to convene these committees so that members can deliberate, decide, and agree on key priority areas that both state and non-state partners can implement over a given period," he said. Key issues discussed included insecurity, illiteracy, fertility rates, female genital mutilation, early marriages, and teenage pregnancies. Auma emphasised the urgency of tackling these problems, urging investment in young girls to safeguard the future. The committee's efforts are expected to improve the county's development and population quality.

Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi has contributed Ksh 1 million to the Githurai Kimwi Bodaboda Transport Cooperative Society's kitty, fulfilling his promise to bolster the kitty. He praised the cooperative members for their foresight in establishing a savings society to enhance economic opportunities among bodaboda operators. Wamatangi expressed satisfaction with the cooperative's ambitious investment plans, including acquiring land, establishing a spare parts shop, and initiating an affordable housing scheme. He urged other bodaboda operators to follow the cooperative's example by organising similar savings and investment groups. He also distributed bursary cheques to beneficiaries of the scholarship programme in Kiulu and Mwiki wards, aiming to alleviate financial burdens and promote access to quality education.



The government is focusing on intensifying marine and freshwater research to guide the exploitation of untapped aquatic resources. The initiative, spearheaded by the Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute (KMFRI), aims to develop scientific data and information to guide sustainable exploitation of resources. Mining Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya said the ministry has rolled out a roadmap towards the realisation of the sector's full potential through the development of policies and research to harness the resources. The government will implement the recommendations of the Aquatic Resources and Blue Economy Conference (ARBEC II) to develop a robust and sustainable blue economy. KMFRI Board Chairman Juma Safari Mumba said the research body has developed a five-year strategic plan (2023-2027) to achieve research projections, aligned with the Vision 2030, Medium Term Plan IV, and Bottom-Up Economic Transformation (BETA) agenda. Kisumu Governor Prof. Anyang Nyong'o emphasised the importance of research in guiding investments in the sector and praised the national government for allocating Sh. 1.5 billion to support various blue economy programmes in Kisumu. He also urged the government to open the refurbished port of Kisumu to the public to unlock the region's potential.



Underit Youth Group, a USAID implementing partner, has partnered with the Nandi South registration bureau to register youths for national Identity Cards to enhance their participation in democratic processes. The group has been running this project for two years in the Aldai constituency, supporting youth and women in democratic processes. During their assessment, they discovered that many married women in rural areas had no Identity cards, and cases of late registration were rampant. The group has been moving to villages where people lack access to these services to support women and youth participation in governance issues. The Nandi South Sub County registrar of persons, Joshat Musuli, praised UYG for initiating a mobile registration programme, which has reached more people, especially youths and women who underrate the importance of having an Identity Card.



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KU Signs Medical Training Partnership With MKU

By: James Wakahiu
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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the signing of the memorandum of understanding, Dagane said key areas earmarked for strengthening through the MoU are training, capacity building and internships for health workers and students in both institutions.
- He said the pact with MKU was in line with the Level 6 (six) Referral hospital's mandate as a training facility for medical students from across the country.
- Additionally, some MKU students on attachment at the KU hospital in recent past for attachment in ICT were recruited to offer their services at KUTRRH as employees.



Mount Kenya University Vice-Chancellor Prof Deogratius Jaganyi (left) and Kenyatta University Teaching Research and Referral Hospital Chief Executive Ahmed Dagane sign a training collaboration pact at the hospital's premises. Photo/Courtesy.

Mount Kenya University (MKU) medical students will now access training facilities at the Kenyatta University Teaching Research and Referral Hospital (KUTRRH) following the signing of a partnership between the two institutions.

A collaboration agreement signed by the Vice-Chancellor Prof Deogratius Jaganyi and KUTRRH Chief Executive Ahmed Dagane has already seen 42 MKU medical sciences placed for clinical attachments.

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Plans are also underway to conduct joint workshops in key areas of health

including non-communicable and infectious diseases that will be co-hosted.

"Other key areas of partnership include access to specialized care at KUTRRH for MKU staff, collaboration in research and innovation promotion of engagement for sustainable development goals among others," said the CEO.

Prof Jaganyi said the collaboration is an indicator that local institutions can work together to achieve their goals.

"We make mistakes by traveling to foreign countries to look for collaboration, yet the best collaborator is

just next door," said the VC who was accompanied by Prof Peter Wanderi, who is in charge of Training and Linkages at MKU.

Prof Jaganyi said the university has also partnered with the referral hospital in cancer research and other medical fields. "Let us get the best out of this deal because we believe KUTRRH has cutting edge facilities that our medical students will use to train," he said.

"The presence of our two institutions this afternoon in this room is a demonstration of a shared commitment to work together in serving the society through medical research and training for promotion of the medical service as a common good," added the VC.

The VC said MKU has a student population of more than 60,000 across its campuses, which offers the basis for more collaboration with KUTRRH and colleges in Africa and beyond. He commented Prof Wanderi and his team for tirelessly working towards achieving the training partnership with the referral hospital.

"Our Principal, College of Health Sciences and his team of five Deans of Schools are eagerly waiting for this agreement to be signed so that their students and staff can start using this facility for attachments and internships," said Prof Jaganyi.

The MKU training pact with KUTRRH which is renewable after every three years takes effect immediately. Prof Wanderi said MKU which is a pioneer private university offering medical sciences faculty has established linkages with Germany and Austria among other foreign countries for training of nurses.

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CoG Voice Concern Over Plans To Reduce Counties Allocation

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The Council of Governors is sounding an alarm to the National Government against any move to deduct monies allocated to counties in the 2024/2025 budget insisting counties should never suffer, as per the law, and if there is a loss, it should be borne by the National Government. Consequently, the governors who spoke immediately after a meeting with Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha over the country's shift from NHIF to the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), want president William Ruto's administration to re-

lease monies owed to counties before the end of the financial year in the next 9 days. According to CoG chair and Kirinyaga governor Anne Waiguru, the National Government owes counties about KSh64 billion, being money for May and June, and thus should be disbursed as soon as possible to avoid it being a pending bill. Tharaka Nithi governor Muthomi Njuki, who is also Health Committee chairperson said counties were crippled with lack of funds, saying the national government only released funds for April this week, which can only pay salaries and not in full. The governors want the national government to be consistent in disbursement, noting president Ruto

had set a precedent of offsetting all monies owed to counties by the close of the financial year and that should continue. The 2023/2024 financial year closes on June 30th, which is 9 days away. On health, the CoG wants all debts owed to the now defunct NHIF totalling to KSh8 billion settled, before the transition to SHIF. According to the governors, for a smooth transition, there must be concurrence on pending bills. Moreso, governor Njuki said there are pending bills at KEMSA that will only be paid if the National Government settles its debts to counties.



Council of Governors chairperson Ann Waiguru and CoG's Health Committee chairman Muthomi Njuki addressing the media after meeting Health CS Susan Nakhumicha.

Kenya And US FDA Sign Statement Of Commitment To Enhance Pharmaceutical Regulation

By: Kenya News Agency

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) of Kenya and the United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) have signed a Statement of Commitment to enhance local capacity in pharmaceutical regulation. US FDA Associate Director for Global Policy and Strategy Mark Abdoo and PPB's Director of Health Products and Technologies Dr. Ahmed Mohamed formalized the agreement in Nairobi on Thursday. The event follows a confidentiality agreement signed between PPB and the US FDA in March 2024, aimed at fostering new opportunities for co-operative engagement in the pharmaceutical sector. The US FDA delegation also visited the Ministry of Health, where they were received by Ag. Director General for Health Dr. Patrick Amoth who represented Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha. Dr. Amoth emphasized the government's Bottom-up Economic Transformation agenda, highlighting health as a key pillar of Universal Health Coverage. "The Kenyan Government has identified Health Products and Technology

as one of the four key pillars of the Universal Health Coverage under the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda. Other pillars include Human Resource for Health, Healthcare Financing and Digital Health," explained Dr. Amoth. He said that to ensure health commodities security, Kenya supports Local Manufacturing highlighting that this is already being actualized through the establishment of the Kenya BioVax institute, and the support of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, towards becoming a WHO- Maturity Level 3 NRA. "A national regulatory authority that meets the WHO-ML3- has many benefits to both the local manufacturer and importer of medical products which include simplified approval processes and enhanced transparency," said Dr. Amoth. He added that as a result, business and local manufacturing will efficiently access markets for their commodities, therefore facilitating access to affordable, cost-effective medical products. According to Dr. Amoth, as a key pillar toward achieving a vibrant local manufacturing environment, local manufacturers in the pharmaceutical sectors are particularly supported through the importation of active pharmaceutical ingredients and equipments for manufacturing of

high-quality medicines tax free. "The policy environment has also been changing, with the Kenya Drugs Bill No 54 of 2022, now at advanced stages of discussion in parliament; with the most recent mention being two days ago; Through this bill we anticipate the strengthening of the regulatory authority under a single roof, as the Kenya Health Products and Technologies Regulatory authority," said Dr. Amoth. Dr. Amoth disclosed that the Pharmacy and Poisons Board became an affiliate Member to the International Medical Devices Forum in March, and was also accepted into the Medical Devices single audit Program are both significant milestones in enhancing health system strengthening. "The Partnership between the US FDA- and PPB which was initiated alongside the International Medical Devices Regulators forum meeting in Washington-in March this year will go a long way in supporting and strengthening the two regulatory authorities," said Dr. Amoth. He added: "This visit, I am also aware, is the second part where you will be solidifying the engagement, through the signing of a Statement of cooperation- further creating avenues to foster a strengthened position." Dr. Amoth said that Kenya is looking to incentivize further the establishment of modern manufacturing



facilities and technologies, through enhancing our policies which will reduce production costs. PPB Corporate Services Director Dr. Anthony Toroitch said that the areas of collaboration that they are looking at with US FDA include convergence of regulatory activities where they will be mentored by their counterparts from the USA so that the local inspection standards reach the top level. Dr. Toroitch said that they will work on capacity strengthening by improving the capacity of PPB laboratories to test biological products like vaccines and other tests that they are not able to undertake currently. "We are also looking at other areas of collaboration which include regulatory activities like registration

where we do not have to undergo the process of registering a product which has already been registered in the USA; safety of medicine where we are working at strengthening our Regional Centre for Pharmacovigilance which is used to train other regional authorities in terms of how to monitor adverse reactions of medicines in the field," said Dr. Toroitch. He explained that BioVax will soon start manufacturing vaccines in Kenya and PPB will be looking forward to receiving coaching from US FDA on how to inspect vaccine production which is another area of supporting local manufacturing through specialized inspection.

I Am Working With Leaders, Elders From All Regions - Gachagua

By: DPCS

Worth Noting:

- Addressing thousands of worshipers of Jesus Compassion Ministry (JCM) church in Ruiru, Kiambu County, during the Consecration of Bishop Benson Gathungu Kamau alias Kiengei, Mr Gachagua also appealed to all leaders-irrespective of political affiliation- to give peace and love a chance for the Nation to develop.
- He attributed the success in uniting the Mount Kenya to his decision to embrace all leaders, irrespective of their political affiliations, after the 2022 elections.
- “We are not fighting anybody, we are searching for friendships from everywhere. We urge leaders not to attack each other and instead work together,” he added.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua congratulating JCM Bishop Benson Gathungu Kamau alias Kiengei as his wife looks on.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua says he is working political leaders and elders from the country’s other regions in pushing for unity of the nation.

This is as politicians and the clergy urged him to continue with his mission to rally all leaders behind President William Ruto and being courageous in executing his mandates.

Mr Gachagua said his efforts to unite the Mount Kenya region are bearing fruits.

He reiterated that he will not tire in reaching out to all leaders for the sake of national unity.

“The unity of the mountain is unstoppable and is complete. Only one per cent is remaining of the leaders and they will also join us. I am working with elders in searching for new friends. The mountain is united and the people at the grassroots have decided the unity call is important. We are not uniting against anybody or any region. It is for our own socio-political and economic interests. Let nobody be worried,” said the Deputy President.

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In his address the Deputy President also stated that during his recent trip to Pretoria South Africa for the swearing-in ceremony of President Cyril Ramaphosa, he took time to speak to Heads of State and Government to support Kenya’s former Prime Minister Raila Odinga’s bid for African Union chairmanship bid.

“Even the former Prime Minister we were with him in South Africa and I took time to seek support for his bid in AUC chairmanship. We are praying to God to help him get the job,” said Mr Gachagua.

He urged Bishop Kamau to continue with the compassionate Gospel and assisting the poor in the society. He also thanked the youthful Bishop for his dedication to compassionate Gospel and determination in ensuring

that the poor, widows and orphans are not neglected.

“I have followed the Bishop’s activities of feeding and assisting the poor and vulnerable and I support the work he is doing of compassion. We will walk together in this journey. Let us be mindful of the less fortunate members of the society,” urged the Deputy President.

He also appreciated all those who take part in the compassionate work. At the event, Mr Gachagua was accompanied by a host of Kiam-

bu county leaders led by senator Karungo Thang’wa and MPs Gathoni Wamuchomba (Githunguri), Simon King’ara (Ruiru) and George Koimhuri (Juja).

Former vice-president Kalonzo Musyoka together with former Cabinet Ministers Eugene Wamalwa and Sicily Kariuki were also joined the DP at the ceremony.

Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga and MPs Jayne Kihara (Naivasha), James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya), Onesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North) and Njoroge Wainaina (Kieni) and MCAs led by the host Gatong’ora ward representative Daniel Gitau, among other leaders, were also present.

“We elected the President and his Deputy together. The DP was given the seat because of his political influence in the Mt Kenya region. He marshalled 87 per cent of the votes in the region towards President Ruto’s basket. We demand his respect,” said MP Wamuchomba.

Senator Thang’wa asked political leaders to unite and rally behind the President and the Deputy President and cease political attacks.

“As senators from Mount Kenya region we support you and your agenda. We have a Deputy President whom we are demanding that he must be respected. We are meeting as senators next week to deliberate on the regional issues,” said Mr Thang’wa.

Also present were Nyeri businessman and The New Democrats (TND) political party Dr Thuo Mathenge and CAS nominee who is also former Laikipia County Women Representative Cate Waruguru.

Some of the leaders who attended yesterday ceremony. From left; Naivasha MP Jayne Kihara, his Othaya counterpart Wambugu Wainaina, former Laikipia Women Rep Cate Waruguru and businessman Dr Thuo Mathenge..



Kenya School Of Government Launches Of Its Strategic Plan 2023-2027

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Kenya School of Government (KSG) marked a significant milestone with the launch of its Strategic Plan 2023-2027 on Friday. The launch heralds a new era of strategic direction with the theme: A New Dawn of Capacity Development in the Public Service.” This Strategic Plan aligns with development policy, strategies and work-plans of the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda and other international instruments such as the SDGs, Africa Agenda 2063, the East Africa Community Vision 2050, as well as other legal and policy documents.

At the launch, KSG’s Ag. Director General Prof. Nura Mohamed said that the Strategic Plan initiates various efforts such as rebranding the School through its programs and activities. These initiatives are designed to elevate the institution’s profile and

impact within the educational landscape of Kenya and beyond. One of the highlights of the Strategic Plan is the collaboration with East African partners for sustainable development courses. This regional approach underscores KSG’s commitment to fostering cross-border cooperation and addressing shared challenges through capacity development. The Strategic Plan also shifts focus from generic curriculum development to more targeted ones including the implementation of “fit-for-purpose” courses tailored to meet specific needs and challenges faced by public service sectors across the country and Africa. Outlined in the Plan are several pillars aimed at driving the institution forward: Development and implementation of “fit-for-purpose” courses, Enhancement of public service course delivery, Creation of globally competitive educational programs, Cultivation of a high-performance, Advancement of government paradigms, Implemen-



tation of open government partnerships, Promotion of transformative public service practices and Leveraging digital technologies to enhance learning and service delivery

The launch event concluded with a commitment from KSG leadership to efficiently execute the Strategic Plan, ensuring its objectives are met over the next five years. This proactive approach seeks to position KSG as a leader in public sector capacity

building, driving innovation and excellence in governance and administration.



Kenyans Must Say No To Budgeted Corruption: UGM Party Calls For Accountability Following The Assassination Of Rex Kanyike Masai

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Worth Noting:

- In their statement, the UGM Party calls on several key organizations to ensure justice for Masai. The Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), and the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC) are specifically mentioned, with the UGM Party imploring these bodies to conduct thorough investigations and hold those responsible for Masai’s assassination accountable.
- The Finance Bill 2024 represents a critical juncture for Kenya, with significant implications for the nation’s economic future. The UGM Party’s statement highlights the importance of scrutinizing the bill to ensure that it does not perpetuate the cycle of corruption that has plagued the country’s finances. The party calls on parliamentarians to reject any provisions that could facilitate mismanagement or misuse of public funds.



The United Green movement leaders addressing the media at their headquarters

In a fervent appeal to the citizens of Kenya, the United Green Movement Party (UGM Party) has issued a powerful statement urging the nation to reject budgeted corruption and demand accountability in the wake of the upcoming parliamentary vote on the Finance Bill 2024. This call to action follows the tragic assassination of Rex Kanyike Masai, a prominent activist and member of the UGM Party, whose death has ignited a nationwide outcry for justice and systemic change.

A Heartfelt Call to Action

“RIP Rex Kanyike Masai. Your assassination shall not be in vain,” begins the poignant statement from the UGM Party. Masai, known for his unwavering dedication to social justice and democratic reforms, was fatally shot during a peaceful protest in Nairobi on June 20, 2024. His death has become a rallying point for those advocating for a more transparent and accountable government.

The UGM Party’s statement underscores the urgency of addressing corruption within the government’s budgetary processes. As the parliamentary vote on the Finance Bill 2024 approaches, the party urges all Kenyans to voice

their opposition to financial mismanagement and to demand that elected officials uphold the principles of integrity and accountability.

Condemnation and Demands for Justice

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“We call on @IPOA_KE, @LawSocietyofKe & @theKhrc to see that justice is served!” the statement declares. The UGM Party’s demand for justice reflects the widespread frustration and anger among citizens who have grown increasingly disillusioned with instances of unchecked brutality and corruption.

The Finance Bill 2024: A Moment of Reckoning

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“Kenyans must say no to budgeted corruption and call for accountability post the parliamentary vote next Tuesday on the Finance Bill 2024,” the statement asserts. This plea is a direct challenge to lawmakers, urging them to prioritize the interests of their constituents over personal or political gain.

A Legacy of Advocacy

Rex Kanyike Masai’s assassination has cast a stark light on the dangers faced by activists in Kenya. His commitment to fighting for social justice and a better future for all Kenyans has inspired many, and his death has only strengthened the resolve of those who share his vision.

The UGM Party has vowed to continue Masai’s work, using his tragic death as a catalyst for change. “We will not let Rex’s death be in vain,” a spokesperson for the party declared. The party’s statement calls on all Kenyans to honor

Masai’s legacy by standing firm against corruption and demanding accountability from their leaders.

A Nation United in Grief and Resolve

The assassination of Rex Kanyike Masai has united Kenyans in grief, but it has also galvanized a collective determination to pursue justice and systemic change. As the parliamentary vote on the Finance Bill 2024 looms, the UGM Party’s call to action serves as a powerful reminder of the need for vigilance and civic engagement.

In conclusion, the UGM Party’s statement is a clarion call for all Kenyans to reject budgeted corruption and demand accountability from their leaders. The memory of Rex Kanyike Masai and his unwavering dedication to justice and democracy will continue to inspire the nation as it navigates this critical moment. The upcoming vote on the Finance Bill 2024 is not just a legislative decision but a defining moment for the future of Kenya. The UGM Party’s appeal underscores the importance of collective action in shaping a more transparent, accountable, and just society.

Tharaka Nithi Leaders Call For The Revival Of Positive Culture

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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the launch, Muthambi Ward Member of County Assembly, Mr Nebert Kinuthia said though government and health stakeholders banned Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), it is wise to continue giving young girls the positive cultural counsel that helped them grow to responsible women.
- He said most of Kenyan communities were made by colonialists to believe that their culture and traditions were evil while the truth is that most of it was positive.
- “We are here for the second edition of Maara Cultural Festival which has greatly revived our positive culture and we will continue to support the event as leaders,” said Mr Kinuthia.



Participants during the start of the Second Edition of Maara Cultural Festival held at Mugona in Muthambi ward. Photo Mwenda Njeru

The second edition of Maara annual Cultural Festival kicked off yesterday at Mugona YMCA grounds in Muthambi ward in Tharaka Nithi County.

The event that started last year and organised by Muthambi Cultural Community Based Organisation led by chairperson and Geetu FM Radio Maara reporter, Kimathi Ntomiru targets to rekindle and promote positive culture while condemning the negative ones.

Tharaka-Nithi County Government Director of Culture and Tourism, Mr Geoffrey Chabari said this year each of the 15 wards will take two cultural groups at the Uragate Cultural Festival.

He said culture has seriously grown in the county and the devolved government will not relent.

He said last year some politicians interfered with the Uragate Cultural Festival event and that such behaviour will not be tolerated this year.

“Let us appreciate the effort to revive our positive culture and respect any entity participating,” said Mr Chabari.

He also asked the county residents to remain united and support elected leaders in order to deliver the promises that they made.

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He said most of Kenyan communities were made by colonialists to believe that their culture and traditions were evil while the truth is that most of it was positive.

“We are here for the second edition of Maara Cultural Festival which has greatly revived our positive culture and we will continue to support the event as leaders,” said Mr Kinuthia.

The law maker lauded Tharaka-Nithi County Government led by Governor Muthomi Njuki for organising annual Ura Gate Cultural Festival held at the entrance of Meru National Park in Tharaka constituency in August.

He said the county cultural event has ignited culture across the devolved unit and this year’s festival is set to be great.

Kinuthia who is eyeing Maara Member of Parliament seat currently held by Kareke Mbiuki who has announced bid for governorship faulted majority of MPs for voting in favour of the controversial 2024/2025 Finance Bill.

He claimed that the document will

economically hurt Kenyans who are already experiencing hard economic times.

“If I was in the Parliament I would vote against the bill because it will cause more suffering to Kenyans,” he said.

Nominated MCA Purity Wanja, popularly known as Kaaba Wanja and who has expressed interest for Tharaka-Nithi County Women Representative position challenged fathers to be having enough time with their sons.

She said girls have been highly empowered and there cannot be a balanced community with neglected boys.

She said traditionally fathers and grandfathers took time to educate boys on their culture including matters clan family line.

“As a mother I can advise my sons but there are issues which naturally I cannot tell them but their father, grandfather or clansmen can,” said Ms Wanja who was accompanied by her nominated counterpart Lucy Muthoni.

Maara MCA Mawira and the Tharaka-Nithi County Assembly Culture and Tourism Committee Chairperson said that the devolved government will fully support culture and tourism docket.

He also faulted National Assembly

for passing the 2024/2025 Finance Bill against the wish of majority of Kenyans who are seriously pressed by the current hard economic situation.

Some of the cultural groups that participated included; Gaketha Dancers, Mitharu Tourism and Culture, Ndumbini Dancers, Kajiambaki Dancers, Ntubu Joy Dancers, Kirathimo Dancers, TNC Ambassadors Dancers, Gaiciumia Dancers.

The other group is SALT from Tharaka Constituency led by Simon Ndonco which a Community Based Organisation which advocates and promotes culture and a stakeholder in Ura Gate Cultural Festival.

Mr Ndonco said colonialists did not bring a different God from the one which Africans worshipped and whom those from Mt Kenya region believe lives in Mt Kenya, locally known as Kirinyaga and whom they refer as Mwenenyaga.

Ms Anita Mbae who has also expressed interest for the Women Representative position lauded the revival of culture in the county.

Owalo Urges MPs Hasten Construction Of ICT Hubs

By: Kenya News Agency

Information, Communications and the Digital Economy Cabinet Secretary Eliud Owalo has exhorted Members of Parliament to fast-track the construction of ICT hubs in their respective constituencies to enhance digital literacy among the youth.

He said the move would enable the realization of the government plan to have ICT hubs in all the 1,450 wards in the country.

Speaking at the Swahilipot in Mvita Sub-County when he unveiled the 205th digital hub, Owalo said the Digital Superhighway was one of the key pillars of Kenya Kwanza administration development plan as espoused in the Bottom Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

“I have been directed as the CS for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy to ensure that in every place of our country, we establish ICT hubs to equip our young boys and girls with digital skills,” said Owalo, adding the Swahilipot hub aligns with the government plan of equipping

youths with digital skills.

He said the ministry has forged a partnership with legislators to roll out digital hubs in every ward nationwide.

The MPs, Owalo noted, have since amended the National Government-Constitutional Development Fund Act and could now utilize three percent of their annual NG-CDF allocation to build digital hubs.

“Our role now as the national government is to connect the internet, equip them with computers and provide free training without payment. Later, we will link our youths with multi-national to get employment,” he said.

The CS encouraged the youths to take cues from their peers, who were already earning income through online jobs, thus becoming financially independent.

He said the government’s major goal was to enable the youth to get jobs in the wake of diminishing white-collar jobs.

“You can be here and working for a technology firm in America, Germany, India, United Kingdom, Singapore or elsewhere. Youths working online are paid in dollars,” reiterated Owalo.

Moving forward, the CS said all government services would be available

online. “When we took the reins of power, we had 350 services on the e-citizen platform. Today, we have 17,020 that we have on board on e-citizen,” he declared.

He further said the government is keen to ensure citizens get services in the comfort of their homes or offices, without necessarily visiting government offices.

“All the bottlenecks that some officers had put between government services and citizens including soliciting of bribes will now be a bygone, moving forward. Government services will be between you, your phone and the government itself without any middlemen in between,” stated the CS.

Owalo further reiterated the government’s commitment to ensuring seamless internet connectivity across the country, adding that, “We have been digging trenches to lay fibre optic cables and now we have changed the plan. Moving forward, we will be using electricity transmission lines of Kenya Power Company to put fibre. This means that at any place, where there is a transformer, we will connect fibre,” he said.

He went on: “At the end, any place



Cabinet Secretary for ICT Eliud Owalo.

that will have an electricity meter, we will supply fibre and we will have the capacity to connect internet.”

At the same time, Owalo said the government has a robust plan to transform the way it works by leveraging on technology to have a paperless government, while noting that last-mile internet and electricity connections would ultimately catapult the country to have a 24-hour economy.

On his part, Swahilipot Hub Chief Mentor Mahmoud Noor extolled the Ministry of Information for their co-

operation since the hub was founded.

The hub, he said, aims to create a safe space for youths to get digital skills, thus the facility would enable youngsters to learn and earn through online jobs, without boarding airplanes to foreign countries.

Nominated Senator Miraj Abdillahi advised the youths to use the digital hubs to improve their digital literacy, even as the Head of State traverses the globe in pursuit of jobs for them.

Nairobi To Host The Medic East Africa Healthcare Event In September 2024

By: MKT Reporter
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Medic East Africa, a premier healthcare and medical laboratory event, will take place at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, Kenya, from September 4 to 6, 2024.

The three-day event will bring together leading regional and international professionals for discussions on pressing topics within primary healthcare, healthcare financing, and leadership.

With over 250 exhibitors and 8,000 professionals from more than 30 countries, the event offers networking opportunities and opportunities for building lasting relationships.

According to Medic East Africa’s

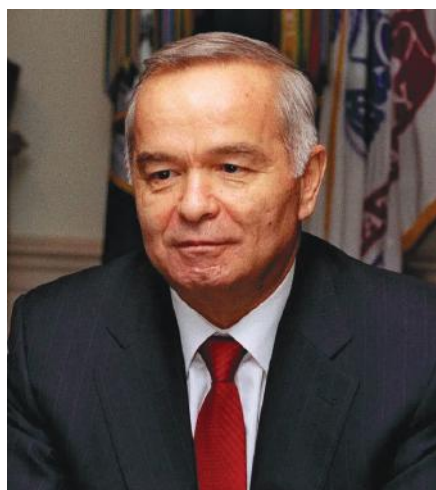
2024 Healthcare Outlook for East Africa, the region’s medical sector, including doctors, nurses, and lab technicians, is understaffed. There is an average of 0.2 physicians for every 1,000 people.

Kenya is becoming an attractive destination for clinical trials and boosting its vaccine production capabilities, with technology transfers for cholera, measles, rubella, and typhoid vaccines.

The Kenyan Ministry of Health is partnering with Medic East Africa to ensure solutions to the region’s most pressing healthcare needs.



Our First President Islam Karimov



By: Zeripboyeva Kumushoy Jamoladdin

Our First president, Islam Karimov, described Navoi as follows: A poet who expresses the joy and sorrow of the human heart, the goodness and meaning of life as deeply as Navoi is rarely found in the history of world literature, that is, among Uzbek, Russian and English writers, Navoi is a great poet.

In recognition of his rich spiritual heritage, he emphasizes the need for everyone to read Navoi every day to gain spiritual maturity, to be read to our children, and proudly expresses that he is a great poet. In the following sentences: If we call this great person a saint, he is a saint of saints, if we say a thinker, he is a thinker of thinkers, if we say a poet, he is a sultan of poets.

By contributing to the development of Uzbek literature, Navoi wrote in two languages, and in turn became one of the gems of literature with his famous works and ghazals in the history of world literature. The poet, who is known as a great poet, is known to the world as "Sultan of Ghazal property".

Along with adult literature, Alisher Navoi makes a significant contribution to the development of children's literature. For example, the story "Sher and Durroj", which is familiar to all children through the work "Hayrat-ul Abror", is not only watched with interest by children, but also performed on stages at festivals and events.

The works created by Navoi are valued among the works that contain real life events and are saturated with the light of science and tradition, which value pure human feelings and serve as a wake-up call for children. The works created by Navoi play an important role in educating children to be simple-minded,

hard-working, and conscientious in terms of patriotism.

When it comes to the work of Hamsa, everyone understands the meaning of the work worthy of respect. This work of Navoiyini, which includes five epics, is known as the wonder of people, and is still recognized by literary people and those interested in literature, and "Navoiyikhanlik" nights are organized every year on February 9 in our country.

Book reading parties and events dedicated to Navoi are organized and Navoi's work is presented to the public. It can be said that Navoi's ghazals have a deep place in the heart of the people. It has been five and a half centuries that Navoi's works and ghazals always evoke a feeling of excitement when they are read. As an example:

Every moment tears fall from my closed eyes,

Every moment tears fall from my closed eyes,

we can get. This ghazal, which contains a universal meaning, deserves the attention of Lutfii, Navoiy's teacher. Lutfii Navoiy offered to share his entire creation with two lines of ghazals. In the language of our people, he once again proves the phrase "a student who does not lose his teacher is not a student". The teacher's life is connected to the student.

The fact that Alisher Navoi was an intelligent child from a young age and was knowledgeable and insightful among his peers and the most amazing thing is that he memorized the Holy Qur'an at the age of 6, which entered the history of mankind as a miracle. Researches have been studied by scientists and even now the researches have not ended.

In conclusion, it can be said that Hazrat Alisher Navoi's never-ending history and great spiritual heritage left to the generations became an example for our youth to be proud of. We also promise with our pure hearts to serve our country in the way of knowledge and enlightenment as a generation worthy of our ancestors, and sincerely try to be a generation worthy of our grandfathers

It Is Necessary To Bring Allah Back In The Hearts Of Mothers...



It is possible that a person on the other side of the world will not understand what a person says to his beloved. Perhaps the song sung by one person on this side of the world is not understood by another person on the other side of the world. Perhaps the wisest point made by one person on this side of the world is not understood by another person on the other side of the world. However, the baby on the other side of the world rests easily as the mother says from this side of the world.

U. Hoshimov

There is a song in the world that is sung to caress the children who are the beacon of hope, to instill in the heart of the little baby the ideas about the whole being and the environment. This song is the song of all mothers. In this song, which was the first to be heard by our ears, mothers instill in our souls the feelings of kindness, goodness, love, loyalty to the Motherland. "baiki" or "bayushki" in Russians, "huvdilar" in Turkmens, "alli-balli" in Tatars, "hyeyya-hyeyya" in Karakalpaks, "nini-nini" in Turks, "lo-lo" in Persians, "cradlesong lullaby" in English, "cradlesong lullaby" in Germans "wiegelied", which is called "berceuse" in French, this song is called "Alla" in Uzbek people.

Although it sounds differently in different languages, it not only brings peace to the hearts of children, but also creates a bond of love between mother and child.

You are the spring of my head,

You are the bread of my life.

You are my heart

His mother's shungar

Oh God

I heard a fairy tale when I was young. The prince, who turns into a frog and later returns to his original form, does not remember anything at first. Only when he hears the princess' alla, he remembers that he is a prince, that he is the mother of a blind man. Mother and child know each other through Allah. It's a fairy tale, but it's not without truth...

Virtues such as honesty, truthfulness, honor, modesty, kindness, hard work are instilled in the child's body, first of all, together with mother's milk and mother's love. Whatever good intentions are put into a child's heart, their maturity will show accordingly.

The key to enjoying the light of spirituality of every nation and educating in the national spirit is also connected with this song. Mother alla is not only said for the baby to

rest, but through it the national spirit enters the child's heart. Love, feelings and dreams in the mother tongue take root in the body and soul of the baby.

There are views that the name Alla is derived from the word "Allah" and is related to the request to the Creator to keep the baby in his shelter. The most beautiful and pure feelings that shake the world after the prayers to the Creator are gathered in this song.

Music is a powerful tool that activates all the cells in the human body and positively affects the psyche, but it also affects the good development of the baby's body. Therefore, a child brought up with a mother will have high mental and physical capabilities.

A number of scientists have determined that the mother's song is of great importance in the healthy growth of the child, in the prevention of diseases during and after birth.

Not only that, it is shown that the role of Allah is great in the health of the mother and in the psychology of the child.

It should also be admitted that some mothers and teenage girls do not know how to say Allah. What do you think is the reason for this?

Sometimes I wonder if girls don't start conversations with adults, especially our grandmothers, because they see less of their upbringing. We are witnessing that modern "mothers" are letting their children through various sites and programs. At this point, the question arises: "Is this true?" No technology can give God's love, nationality, traditions and values. What does iron feel like? Alla is a song full of emotions. The baby understands the mother's love and mother's warm feelings through this song before he understands the world. In a mother who did not tell God, in a mother who did not feel it, the feeling of the God told by her own mother, the excitement in the process of saying it, it is not a matter of course that one day it will disappear. The song can be absorbed into the hearts of young mothers only by bright grandmothers and old mothers. If we learned such songs from our angel mothers, would the song from their hearts be imprinted in our hearts for a lifetime, and would it resound in the language of their mothers for many more generations?

Let's try to return this song to the hearts of our mothers so that the nationality, history, and good intentions of each nation will be alive, and to ensure the health of the mothers and children of the future generation. If every person who reads the article has opinions on how to revive Allah and give him life again, I would accept it with all my heart and try to put it into practice.

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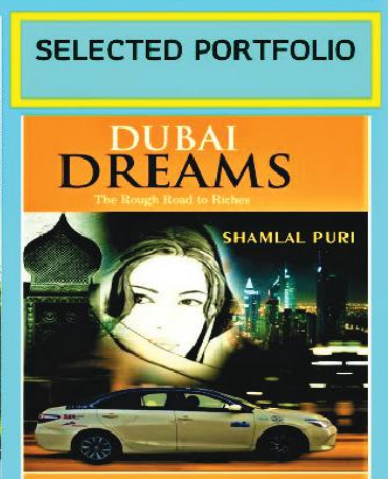
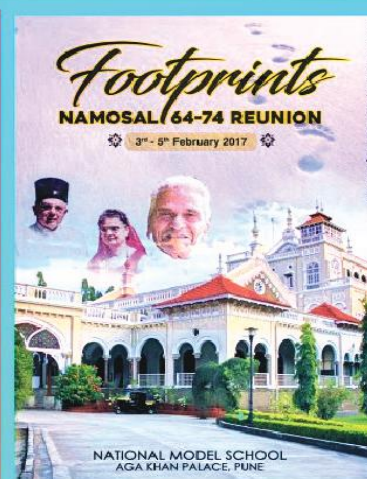
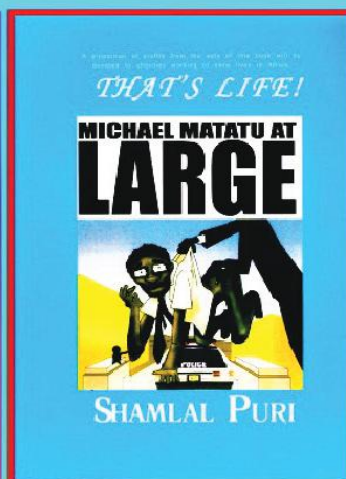
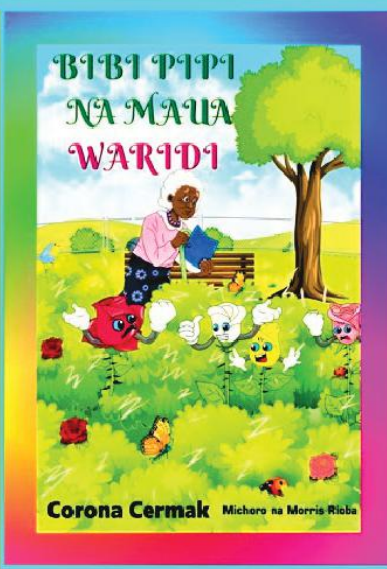
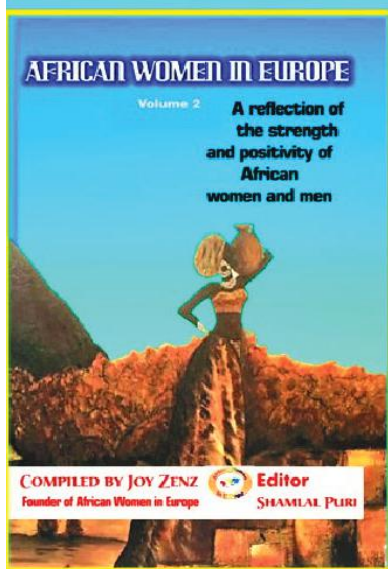
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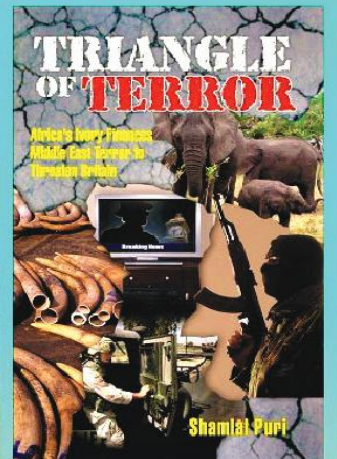
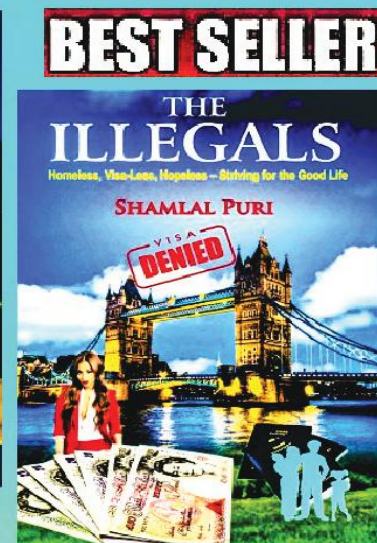
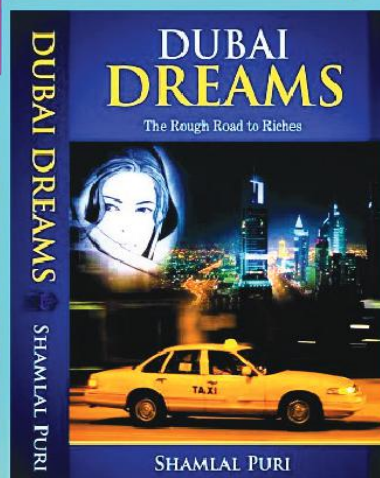
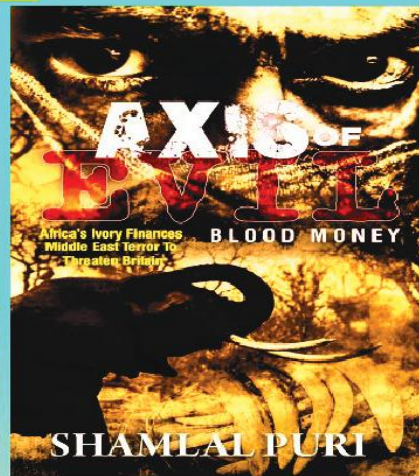
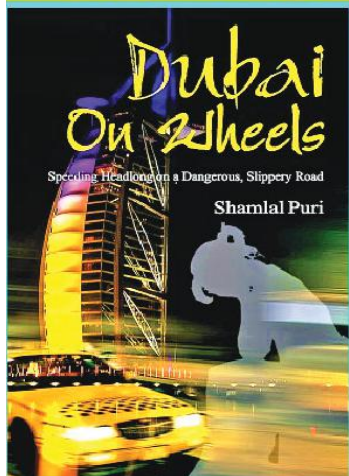
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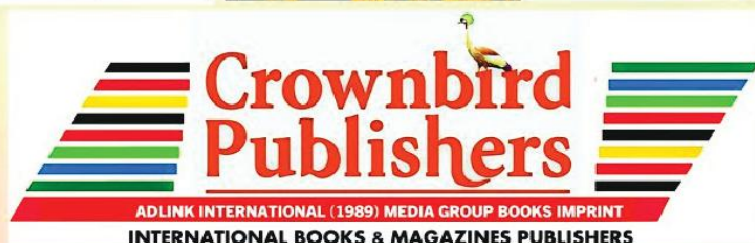
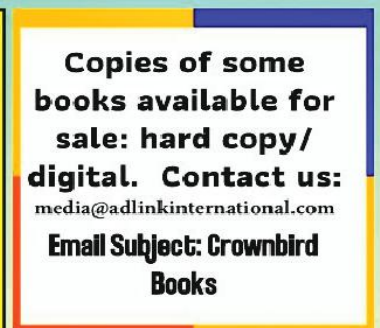
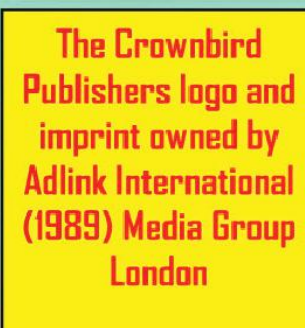
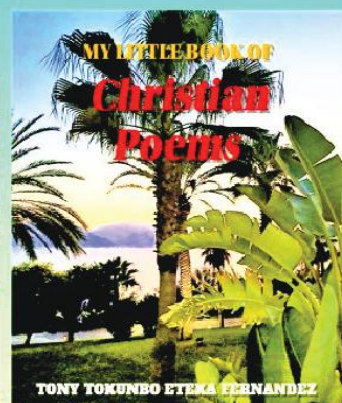
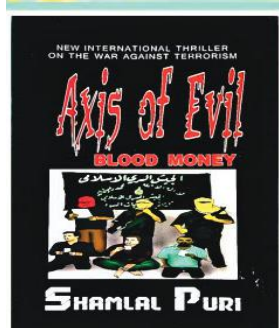
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BUSINESS

Essential Tips For Small Business Owners



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Worth Noting:

- Identify the sources of raw materials or products and any equipment required to carry on the intended business.
- Workers are also a major component of the business and you need to recruit suitable persons for the various positions that you will have already identified including their roles in the structure of the new business.
- Determine costs of sourcing or procuring the products for resale or production costs if you are intending to manufacture the products.
- On the basis of these costs, work out selling prices taking into account your desired profit margins to ensure business profitability and sustainability.



Small Business Owners

In Kenya, it is estimated that only ten per cent of new start-up businesses make it to their first birthday and of these, fifty percent close down within the second year of operation.

More often than not, most start-up businesses are small and mainly within the informal sector. To address the challenges faced by small businesses and suggestions for performance improvement, we need to start from the set up stage.

As the aspiring entrepreneur you must identify and determine the type of business you intend to set up.

Identify the products or services you would like to be dealing in and the target market.

Do thorough research on the other players in the market in order to understand your competitors very well.

Identify the sources of raw materials or products and any equipment required to carry on the intended business.

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Your prices must compare well with those of similar products in the market for competitiveness.

Consider the source of financing to sufficiently fund commencement of the business – this could be your own money and if not you may approach banks or other lenders and select the most favourable in relation to expected cash flows from the business.

Compliance with various authorities including County and Central Government is critical.

Ensure your business is compliant in terms of registrations and licences, certificates and other requirements by licencing and tax authorities before commencement.

It is very important that you engage a professional to help you come up with a business plan before you actually commit resources in the new business.

This will help you have a picture of the business you are starting and also help in planning how and when to inject funds and the expected cash flows.

A business plan is also vital in assessing performance of the business



after beginning operations.

Book keeping or recording of business transactions is very important in any business.

Ensure that all purchases, sales, bank deposits and all the expenses involved in the running of the business are recorded.

You may engage a person trained in bookkeeping and accounts but at the least ensure the transactions are recorded in the most basic way and all the invoices and receipts including cash sale slips are well preserved in files.

Most small businesses are owner managed. Therefore the challenge of

separating personal money from that of the business arises. Ensure that you segregate and record separately business and personal transactions.

Products taken from the business for consumption by the owner must also be recorded as such.

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The Essence Of Citizen Action In Advocating For Good Governance And Pro-Masses Policies In Kenya



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Worth Noting:

- One of the primary mechanisms through which Kenyan citizens exercise their participatory rights is through public forums and consultations. The County Governments Act 2012, in Section 87, mandates county governments to facilitate public participation in governance processes. This has led to the establishment of various platforms, such as town hall meetings, public hearings, and citizen forums, where individuals can voice their concerns and contribute to policy discussions directly affecting their communities.
- Beyond formal participatory structures, grassroots movements and civil society organizations have emerged as powerful advocates for good governance and pro-masses policies. These groups often serve as intermediaries between citizens and government institutions, amplifying the voices of marginalized communities and pushing for inclusive decision-making processes.



Reject finance bill protest.

In the wake of Kenya's 2010 Constitution, which enshrined public participation as a fundamental national value and principle of governance, the role of citizen action in shaping the country's democratic landscape has gained unprecedented significance. This article explores the multifaceted nature of citizen engagement in Kenya's governance processes, examining its impact on policy formulation, legislative outcomes, and the overall quality of governance.

The constitutional foundation for citizen participation is laid out in Article 10(2)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, which explicitly recognizes public participation as a national value. This provision is further reinforced by Article 174(c), which emphasizes the importance of giving powers of self-governance to the people and enhancing their participation in exercising the powers of the state and in making decisions affecting them. These constitutional imperatives have created a legal framework that not only permits but actively encourages citizen involvement in governance.

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The digital age has ushered in new avenues for citizen engagement, with social media platforms and online petitions becoming increasingly influential in shaping public discourse and policy agendas. The #KOT (Kenyan on Twitter) phenomenon, for instance, has proven to be a formidable force in mobilizing public opinion and demanding accountability from public officials. This digital activism has, in several instances, led to tangible policy changes and increased responsiveness from government agencies.

However, the effectiveness of citizen action in Kenya faces several challenges. A study by Kivoi and Mbae (2013) highlights the persistence of

barriers such as low civic awareness, inadequate access to information, and socio-economic disparities that limit meaningful participation, particularly among marginalized groups. Addressing these challenges requires a concerted effort to enhance civic education and create more inclusive participatory mechanisms.

The judiciary has played a crucial role in reinforcing the importance of citizen participation in governance. In the landmark case of Mui Coal Basin Local Community & 15 others v Permanent Secretary Ministry of Energy & 17 others [2015] eKLR, the High Court emphasized that public participation is not a mere formality but a substantive and integral part of decision-making processes. This judicial interpretation has strengthened the legal basis for citizen action and compelled public institutions to take public input more seriously.

The impact of citizen action on policy outcomes in Kenya is evident in several recent legislative developments. The enactment of the Access

to Information Act 2016, for instance, was largely driven by sustained civil society advocacy and public demand for greater transparency in government operations. Similarly, the push for pro-masses policies has resulted in initiatives like the Huduma Namba program, aimed at enhancing service delivery through integrated identity management, though its implementation has not been without controversy. Looking ahead, the evolving nature of citizen engagement in Kenya presents both opportunities and challenges. While there is growing recognition of the value of public participation, there is also a need to develop more structured and effective mechanisms for incorporating citizen input into policy formulation and implementation. The concept of "participatory budgeting," successfully implemented in countries like Brazil, offers a potential model for deepening citizen involvement in resource allocation decisions at both national and county levels.

Moreover, as Kenya continues to grapple with issues of corruption, inequality, and sustainable development, the role of informed and active citizenry becomes ever more critical.

In conclusion, citizen action stands as a cornerstone of Kenya's democratic aspirations, serving as a vital force for promoting good governance and pro-masses policies. While significant strides have been made in creating spaces for public participation, realizing the full potential of citizen engagement requires ongoing efforts to overcome existing barriers, enhance civic awareness, and institutionalize participatory mechanisms across all levels of governance. As Kenya navigates the complexities of modern governance, the active involvement of its citizens remains indispensable in fostering a more responsive, accountable, and inclusive democracy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your Dream Matter



A dream you don't dream alone is a reality. Paint the walls with the visions, ideas and dreams you believe in .Sing your song. The world economy and great nations became great because of great thinkers who became doers. For every action we get reactions. It's how we react on what going inside us or outside us make us or break us.

Be open mind and encourage those who work with you, network with you, trade with you, socialize with you to

tell you the truth and alternative ideas. Discover your chain in life .Fuel it with passion and drive it with courage and confidence.

This not only encouraging post but facts of life that any young African needs to learn and put in practices.

Be keen on how you spend your day and night. Your thoughts, people you spend your time with, your actions and what you think about others determines your success, failures and challenges .

Fellow young Africans let's learn to avoid this old philosophy of "African time" The respect we give to time is what will add value for Africa rinsing dream to be. Africa must rise.

This Africa time mind set as been made worse by mobile technology. If research will be done in future doesn't be shocked by the data analysis.

"Africa is always late"

Late to arrive..

Late to grab opportunities ...(Oppor-

tunities)

Come in 90 second rule)

Late to invest on ideas.

Late to team work....

Late to learn from history.

Late to build talents, innovative brains and visionary leaders

Late to honour heroes/heroine

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Move Fast To Prevent Gender-Based Violence

Femicide, the targeted and violent killing of women and girls, has become common in Kenya, revealing deep-seated issues of gender -based violence and discrimination. The spate of cases, such as the brutal murder of a young woman in Roysambu, underscores the urgent need for comprehensive action to address this grave violation of human rights. In Kenya, GBV is serious and pressing issue that demands immediate attention and concerted efforts to address one of its most egregious manifestations: Femicide.

Despite recent initiatives, including adoption of a GBV indicator in the government's performance monitoring framework and increased resources allocation due in June 2021,the alarming frequency of femicide cases in the past month signals a critical need for more comprehensive and targeted actions. Despite these efforts, the recent spike in cases

within a month raises serious concerns about the effectiveness of current measures. Femicide is not only a tragic loss of individual lives but also a stark indicator of deeper societal issues that perpetuate violence against women. The fact that such incidents continue to occur despite the government's initiative calls for a critical examination of the root cause and reevaluation of strategies to combat femicide.

It often thrives in an environment of silence and complicity. It is imperative to encourage survivors to speak out, report incidents and seek help without fear of stigma or retaliation. Community awareness campaigns, coupled with accessible and confidential reporting mechanisms, can empower victims and witnesses to break the cycle of violence. Femicide goes beyond mere statistics; it represents profound failure of the state and society to protect the lives

of women and girls. The intentional nature of these killings, often driven by gender -based violence and discrimination, highlights the pressing need for systemic change.

Femicide is not only a crime against individuals but also a reflection of broader issues rooted in gender inequality and deeply entrenched anti-feminist cultural norms. Kenya must prioritize legal reforms that provide better protection for women and girls. This includes strengthening laws against gender-based violence, choosing loopholes that allow perpetrators to escape justice, and ensuring that law enforcement agencies inadequately trained to handle cases of femicide.

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Transitioning From Campus To Career: Navigating Life After Graduation

By Masika Situma Samuel

Graduating from university is a major milestone in one's life, but it also marks the beginning of a new chapter filled with uncertainties and challenges. Life after campus can be both exciting and daunting as graduates navigate the transition from student life to the professional world. This period of transition often requires a shift in mindset, lifestyle, and priorities as individuals embark on their career journeys.

One of the biggest challenges that

many graduates face after campus is finding a job. The job market can be competitive, and it may take some time before landing a job that aligns with one's career goals and aspirations. During this period, it's important for graduates to stay motivated, proactive, and open to new opportunities. Networking, internships, and volunteering can also be valuable ways to gain experience and make connections in the industry.

Once a job is secured, graduates are faced with the task of adapting to

the demands of the workplace. This includes learning new skills, building professional relationships, and adjusting to the work culture. Time management and work-life balance become crucial as graduates juggle their professional responsibilities with personal interests and commitments.

Financial independence is another aspect of life after campus that many graduates must contend with. Managing finances, paying off student loans, and budgeting for rent,

bills, and other expenses can be overwhelming at first. Developing good financial habits early on, such as saving and investing wisely, can help graduates secure their financial future.

Life after campus also presents opportunities for personal growth and development. Graduates have the freedom to explore their interests, pursue further education or certifications, and engage in hobbies and activities that bring them joy and fulfillment. It's a time to discover oneself,

set new goals, and chart a course for the future.

In conclusion, life after campus is a period of transition and growth filled with both challenges and opportunities. It's a time to embrace change, step out of one's comfort zone, and embrace the journey ahead. With determination, resilience, and a positive mindset, graduates can navigate this new chapter in their lives with confidence and success.

Effie: From Graphic Designer To Software Engineer - A Woman's Inspiring Journey In Tech

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In a world where technology often seems dominated by men, Effie Njoki's story shines brightly as a tale of determination, resilience, and pursuing one's dreams against all odds. Effie, a former graphic designer turned backend developer, is a source of inspiration for women in tech everywhere.

Effie's journey began in November 2022 while working in graphic design and animation. Her love for creating animations led her to explore ways to make the process faster and more efficient. This exploration introduced her to coding—using scripts to automate tasks that once took hours.

"I didn't know much about coding at first," Effie recalls. "But I saw how it could automate tasks and make creative work easier."

Driven by curiosity, Effie began learning to code during her lunch breaks, devouring online tutorials. Her passion for learning eventually led her to ALX, a tech education pro-

gram, where she immersed herself in programming challenges.

"The beginning was tough," she admits. "From mastering C-programming to navigating Python and DevOps, each step was a new challenge."

Despite initial setbacks, Effie remained determined to pursue backend development—a field

less explored by those from a graphics background. Her determination to achieve these dreams was her driving force, to the extent of quitting her job, just to focus on achieving her goals.

"After starting with frontend development, I realized I wanted more," she reflects. "I wanted to understand the deeper mechanics that make apps work seamlessly."

Effie's breakthrough came when she chose to specialize in backend development, despite initially falling behind her peers. Her specialization project became a defining moment—a culmination of 15 months of hard work, where she developed a groundbreaking solution for efficient app deployment and management.

"For my project, I aimed to ensure apps not only function but thrive globally," she explains enthusiastically.

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Effie's solution involved containerization, deploying apps on AWS cloud, and automating processes with Terraform—an approach that ensured apps could scale, stay secure, and reach users worldwide within minutes.

"In a few clicks, any app could be set up and managed efficiently," Effie elaborates. "It's about making technology accessible and robust for everyone."

Today, Effie stands as a role model for women in tech, proving that with determination and perseverance, any dream is achievable.

In a world where dreams meet determination, Effie desires to see coding as a subject integrated into the early learning curriculum. She believes that if she knew these skills earlier, she would have been unstoppable. She hopes to enable the future generation to have these skills at an earlier stage in their lives, to make their dreams a reality.



Effie Njoki.

What Works? Human-Nature Submission



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Not long ago, Kenya faced a drought related calamity between 2020 and 2022 making the then president to declare the calamity a national disaster. The same is evidenced since the declaration of El-nino late last year (2023) by the weather specialists up to date. The climate impact has turned into a massacre, lives are lost and property destroyed. In the process of governmental interventions, we should learn to take precautions since prevention is better than cure.

First and foremost, we should abolish the philosophy of "every man for himself, God for us all." Most of these climate change calamities are environmental degradation related. For instance, deforestation, pollution,

greenhouse gases emission, land filling, natural occurrences, just to mention a few.

Ninety per cent of these activities are human centered, and about fifty per cent of the total population is aware of these environmental hazards in relations to the stated above. The only problem is, most of us tends to mind their own business until lives are lost or infrastructure damage is when we are able to condemn some of these activities whereas one has just been engaging in climate injustice activities around us but we are just ignorant and silent. Remember, climate change has a long-term impact.

Additionally, leaders should have the ability to anticipate and manage crises. In the few days we have received the rains, lives have been lost, properties destroyed and infrastructure damaged. One way in which loss and damage from climate change arise is when efforts to avoid or minimise climate impacts through mitigations and adaptation fail. This raises concerns about the ability of our leaders to anticipate and manage increasing complex climate risks.

Although some notable adaptation

progress has been made, additional adaptation gaps remain when taking into account the full complexity of climate risks and the potential for maladaptation. In Kenya, the adverse and cascading impacts and disasters have eroded livelihoods and coping capabilities. Flooding has resulted in greater loss of lives and damage of property than other natural hazards for instance, Mai Mahiu deaths and destructions.

Responding to the cascading risks and impacts of climate crisis requires a transdisciplinary cross scale and cross sector approach. Understanding, identifying and attributing cascading effects to specific climate shocks and stressors is key to developing ways to build adaptive capacity and resilience. However, it's very likely that the cost of adaptation will be much higher than the anticipated.

Furthermore, we should be submissive to the nature demands. Yes, we are the problem because based on our general activities we are against nature developing and thieving as its supposed to be. Now, what must we do? We should ensure that we strive to attain the nature demands.



For instance, reducing greenhouse gases emissions, planting more trees, reduce pollutions, adoption and use of organic materials in the agricultural sectors and finally, understanding the role of personal integrity in human-nature submission.

Finally, the adoption of new unique mindset: As one of the famous scientist Albert Einstein once stated, "we cannot solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when created them." With the rapid technological advancements and modernization lets us be motivated to come

up with innovative sustainable solutions to climate change.

When all of these are collectively encouraged and put in place by us, this will result into a peaceful coexistence between human and nature. Thereby, there will be immense reduction in the occurrence of nature related calamities hence leading to the enjoyment of most of our rights.

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Spain Beat Italy 1-0 To Reach Euro 2024 Last 16



Spain's forward Lamine Yamal (L) and Spain's forward Alvaro Morata (C) celebrate after Italy's defender Riccardo Calafiori scores an own goal during the UEFA Euro 2024 Group B football match between Spain and Italy at the Arena AufSchalke in Gelsenkirchen on June 20, 2024. (Photo by PATRICIA DE MELO MOREIRA / AFP).

Spain qualified for the last 16 of Euro 2024 with a match to spare on Thursday after beating Italy 1-0 in a dominant display which ensured that La Roja would go through as Group B winners.

Riccardo Calafiori's own goal nine minutes after half-time was the difference between the two sides at Gelsenkirchen in the biggest match to date at the tournament in Germany.

But the slender margin of victory didn't reflect a statement performance from Spain who completely nullified Italy and should have had the game won by half-time, as they did in their opening round thumping of Croatia.

Nico Williams was the star for Spain as he ran Napoli right-back Giovanni Di Lorenzo ragged and supplied the cross from which the unfortunate Calafiori poked the winning goal into his own net.

Luis de la Fuente's team have

a perfect six points at the top of the group and take on Albania on Monday knowing that they are already in the knockout rounds and playing like potential champions.

For Italy Thursday's deserved defeat was a reality check as vibrant Spain peppered the brilliant Gianluigi Donnarumma's goal throughout the match while the Azzurri failed to have a single attempt on target.

It was a performance reminiscent of the Euro 2012 final between the two teams when Spain crushed Italy 4-0 in the last international hurrah for tiki-taka football.

However all is not lost for Luciano Spalletti's team, who are second on three points, as a draw with Croatia on Monday will be enough to guarantee qualification behind Spain.

Williams shines for Spain

Spain could have been ahead twice in the first 10 minutes but squandered two great headed chances.

Less than two minutes were on the clock when an unmarked Pedri nodded Williams' pinpoint cross straight at Donnarumma.

And then Williams, who had a field day against Di Lorenzo, was the guilty party by somehow heading wide Alvaro Morata's superbly delivered, inswinging ball from the left flank.

Spain were clearly on top as Italy struggled to get out of their half, Gianluca Scamacca toiling on his own up front with little support and wasting possession when it did come his way.

Donnarumma had to be at his best twice within a matter of seconds when he first stuck out a foot to deny Morata and then pulled off a superb fingertip save which kept out Fabian Ruiz's powerful drive from distance.

Meanwhile at the other end of the pitch Spain goalkeeper Unai Simon was a virtual spectator as Italy's sole shot in the first half came just before the break when Federico Chiesa blazed a poor effort over from a difficult position.

The same pattern of Spanish possession and Italian defending continued after half-time and Pedri again wasted a great chance in the 51st minute, slamming wide after Marc Cucurella pulled back a perfect low cross.

But Spain got the breakthrough soon after and it came through more sensational play from Williams on the left, who made mincemeat of Di Lorenzo before fizzing across a ball which Calafiori couldn't help but divert into his own goal.

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Team Kenya For 23rd Africa Senior Athletics Championships Depart For Cameroon



Team Kenya for the 23rd Africa Senior Athletics Championships left the country early today for Douala, Cameroon, ahead of this year's event.

Kenya's team, which jetted out, is made of both track and field athletes who were selected following two-day national trials that were held at the Ulinzi Sports Complex on the 21st and 22nd of last month.

Led by team leader Stephen Etyang and head coach Julius Kirwa, left the country at 7.30 a.m. aboard Kenya Airways flight 576.

The championships will serve as the last Olympic Games qualifier for many athletes who missed out

on last week's trials at Nyayo National Stadium.

Three athletes in the African bound team have already booked their tickets for Paris olympic games including Wiseman Were in 400m hurdles,Lillian Odira in 800m and Zablon Ekwam in 400m.

Other athletes in the team for the African championships who will be chasing the Olympic ticket include Mark Otieno in 100m, Sarah Moraa, Ng'eno Kipng'etich, and Nicholas Kiplagat in 800m, and the 4x400m mixed relay, as well as the 4x400m men consisting of Boniface Mweresa, Zablon Ekwam, Brian Onyari, and David



Kapirante. Kenya will be defending its overall title it won in 2022 in Mauritius, bagging 10 gold, 5 silver, and

8 bronze medals. KBC

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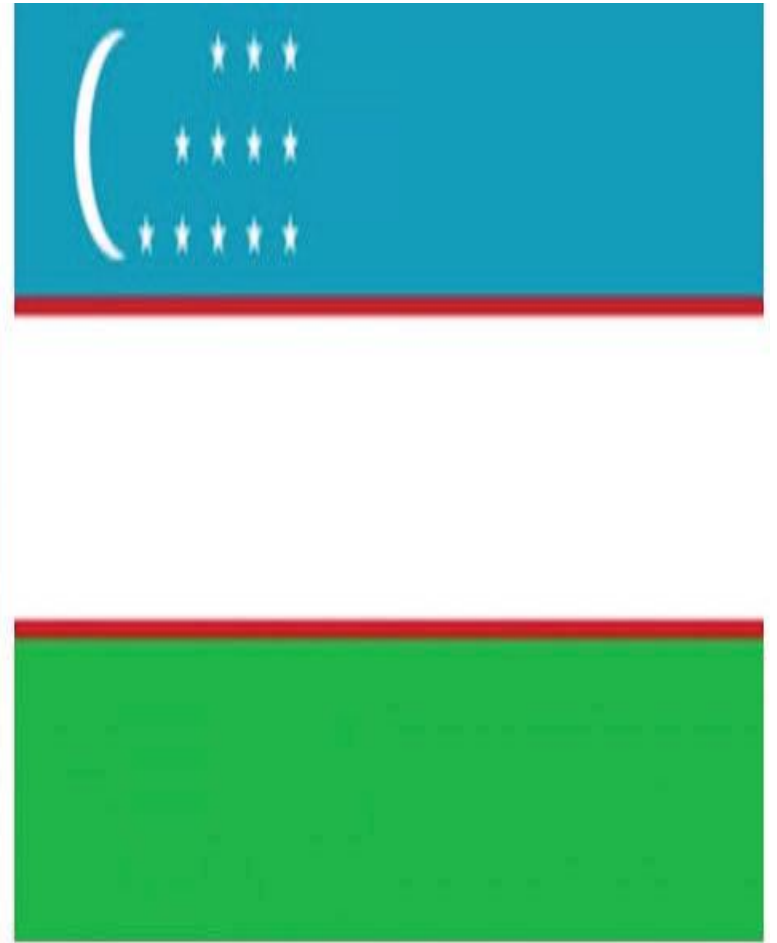
The Uzbek Language Is The Nationality, Beauty, And Unity Of The Uzbek People



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Worth Noting:

- The history of the Uzbek language dates back to the 15th century when it was spoken by the nomadic tribes who inhabited the area. It was greatly influenced by the Chagatai language, a Turkic language spoken by the descendants of Genghis Khan.
- However, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Russian became the dominant language in Uzbekistan due to the rule of the Russian empire. This led to a decline in the use of Uzbek, but it never lost its significance among the Uzbek people.
- After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Uzbekistan gained its independence in 1991, and it was during this time that the Uzbek language was given official status in the country.



The language we speak is an essential part of our identity. It is what connects us to our culture, heritage and traditions. For the Uzbek people, their language, Uzbek, is not just a means of communication but a symbol of their identity and a reflection of their rich history and culture.

Uzbek is the official language of Uzbekistan, which is located in Central Asia. It is spoken by about 27 million people in Uzbekistan and other neighboring countries like Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan. The language belongs to the Eastern Turkic branch of the Turkic language family and has been influenced by Persian, Arabic, and Russian languages. The history of the Uzbek language dates back to the 15th century when it was spoken by the nomadic tribes who inhabited the area. It was greatly influenced by the Chagatai language, a Turkic language spoken by the descendants of Genghis Khan. However, during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Russian became the dominant language in Uzbekistan due to the rule

of the Russian empire. This led to a decline in the use of Uzbek, but it never lost its significance among the Uzbek people. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Uzbekistan gained its independence in 1991, and it was during this time that the Uzbek language was given official status in the country. Efforts were made to revive and promote the language, and it was reintroduced as the medium of instruction in schools and universities. Today, Uzbek is also the language of instruction in all government offices, and all official documents and street signs are in the Uzbek language.

The Uzbek language is not just limited to Uzbekistan; it is spread across Central Asia, and the widespread usage of the language has helped in the preservation of the Uzbek culture and identity. The language has a rich oral tradition, with many folk tales and poems passed down through generations. These oral narratives not only entertain but also educate people about the customs and traditions of the Uzbek people. One of the most significant

aspects of the Uzbek language is its poetry. The tradition of oral storytelling was prevalent among the Uzbek nomads, and this has evolved into a rich tradition of poetry and literature. During the rule of Timur, also known as Tamerlane, Uzbek poetry flourished, and it is still considered an integral part of the Uzbek culture. The works of famous poets like Alisher Navoi and Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur are still treasured and widely read among the Uzbek people. Moreover, the Uzbek language also holds a special place in the hearts of the Uzbek people because of its connection to their Islamic faith. Most Uzbeks are practicing Muslims, and the language reflects this in its vocabulary, where many words have Arabic or Persian origins. The Quran, the holy book of Islam, was translated into Uzbek, making it more accessible for Uzbek speakers to understand and connect with their religion.

In today's globalized world, where many languages are dying and being replaced by more domi-

nant languages, the Uzbek language stands strong as a symbol of the Uzbek people's resilience and determination to preserve their identity. It is not just a language; it is a key to understanding and appreciating the rich culture and traditions of the Uzbek people.

In conclusion, the Uzbek language is an integral part of the Uzbek people's identity. It represents their past, present, and future, and it is a source of pride and unity among the Uzbek community. Efforts must be made to continue promoting and preserving the language so that future generations can also connect with their roots and embrace their unique cultural identity.