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Waiguru To Continue Working Closely With Ruto's Government For Development

By: MKT Correspondent
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Kirinyaga County governor Ann Waiguru and other leaders join traditional dances during the Madaraka Day celebrations

Worth Noting:

- Waiguru added that coffee farmers in the county will be major beneficiaries of the billions of shillings that President Ruto has set aside for waiving debts owed by the coffee cooperatives.
- In collaboration to fight snails and quelea birds that have been detrimental to rice production in Mwea, the governor said that the National Government has set aside a budget to enable a successful multi-agency operation to rid the rice plantations of the menace.

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru has said she will continue working closely with the national government for the sake of the county's development.

Speaking during Madaraka Day celebrations held at Mutitu Polytechnic grounds in Kirinyaga Central constituency, Waiguru enumerated multibillion development projects that have been realized from collaboration between the two governments.

She said that among the five counties selected for funding to establish an Export Processing Zone (EPZ), Kirinyaga is among them and the only in the mountain region. She said that Ruto's government has allocated Ksh1 billion for the project while the county government will contribute KSh250 million for the same.

The EPZ will be hosted at the Sagana Industrial City which sits on a 144 acres of land. The city will also be a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) which will host the

County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIP). This development will enable agro-processing to the benefit of farmers who will earn extra income from value addition. The park will also provide employment opportunities for thousands of county residents.

She said that her recent visit to the USA where she accompanied President Ruto during a state visit was an opportunity for her to market the proposed EPZ to potential investors.

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plantations of the menace.

Waiguru also noted through collaborations with the national government, Kirinyaga residents have also benefitted from multimillion ultra-modern markets projects, the latest being Mukarara and Kimbimbi which are ongoing. She said added that plans to construct additional markets in Kagio, Kutus, Wang'uru, Kibingoti and Mukinduri are also underway. These market will add to the 18 that the county government has constructed during Waiguru's tenure.

"These collaborations have enabled the County Government to propel its development agenda by investing in major projects such as the development of County Aggregation and Industrial Park, affordable housing projects in Kerugoya and Kianyaga, Wang'uru Stadium, construction of dams, ESP markets, among other projects. All these labour-intensive projects have become a major source

of employment for our youth." Said the governor, urging the county residents continue supporting President H.E. William Ruto as he works hard towards delivering the promise of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) for a better Kenya.

The governor assured the residents that the county government is on course as far as delivering its mandate was concerned, enumerating many projects that she has achieved in agriculture, trade, health, and roads among others. She particularly noted that agricultural production has tremendously improved following the implementation of Wezesha Kirinyaga economic empowerment program that aims at supporting farmers to increase production and productivity of various agricultural valuechains.

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The Principal Secretary of the State Department for Protection and Senior Citizens Affairs, Joseph Motari, has called for cooperation between national and county governments in Migori, emphasising the significance of unity and democratic engagement among political factions. “I call upon politicians from all corners of Migori to come together and work closely for the sake of peace and unity for the benefit of our people,” said the PS. Motari also welcomed the new County Commissioner for Migori, Kisilu Mutua, and urged leaders to respect one another to foster a peaceful environment. He also highlighted the importance of enrolling eligible residents in cash transfer funds and announced ongoing household registration efforts. Motari also emphasised the significance of agriculture in achieving food sustainability and encouraged residents to embrace farming and tree planting initiatives to combat climate change.



Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire has expressed optimism about the resolution of the problems following the ban of muguka herb in three coastal counties.

Legal and diplomatic measures have been put in place to allow free trade in the stimulant, which was banned in Mombasa, Kilifi, and Taita Taveta counties.

Mbarire urged farmers to look inward for other drugs responsible for addictions and to normalise the situation soon.

She also urged Mbeere North subcounty to stop selling counterfeit and substandard pest control products and to be on the lookout for people stealing donkeys and slaughtering them.

The growing counties have obtained court orders suspending the ban, while coastal counties hiked the cess charged on vehicles transporting produce.



Tharaka Nithi County Commissioner David Gitonga has called for the relocation of national government offices and services to the county headquarters at Kathwana. “Kathwana is the gazetted county headquarters. Major offices, such as those of the County Police Commander, have no offices here. We are ready to live and work here to make sure Kathwana grows as a county headquarters,” the CC said. The County Commissioner’s office relocated to Kathwana last year amid calls from elected leaders and the national government for all offices to be relocated. The county government is in the second phase of developing Kathwana Town to County Headquarters status, with key projects set to be launched, including tarmacking, street lights, and the construction of a power substation. The county government is also ensuring the completion of county headquarters offices that have stalled since 2015 to allow major county government offices to relocate to the town.



Nakuru County has completed the rehabilitation of the Molo bus park in Molo town, costing Sh23 million. The project aims to provide a dignified business environment for traders and enhance the efficiency and safety of public transportation. County Secretary Dr. Samuel Mwaura highlighted the park’s amenities, including commuter shades, well-demarcated parking spaces, clear road markings, and flood lights. The park will be used by Matatu operators starting tomorrow, and any operator violating the rules will face legal consequences. The facility features 40 parking slots, bitumen-standard spaces, and can comfortably accommodate 20 saccos. County’s CEC for Trade, Stephen Kuria, praised the county government’s efforts and encouraged businesspeople to continue conducting their businesses in designated areas to promote economic growth. Area MCA and deputy speaker of the Nakuru County Assembly, Joseph Ngware, also expressed support for the installation of flood lights, stating they would enable longer work hours and contribute to the economy’s growth.



Murang’a County Commissioner Joseph Nkanatha has to combat the increasing theft of pineapples at Delmonte Company’s farm.

He emphasised the company’s investment in the county and urged residents to support the security team in fighting crime. “For Murang’a to attract more investors, we need to ensure there is security and people’s properties are safe. As chairman of the security team, I will ensure the stealing comes to an end,” he noted. Murang’a has made significant progress in combating illicit alcohol and drug abuse, with inspections of bars completed and licensed outlets required to obtain licenses from the county government.

On his part, Murang’a Deputy Governor Stephen Munania said the county administration would work with the county commissioner and other security agencies to ensure investor protection.

The county government has also implemented projects in the social and economic sectors to uplift the lives of Murang’a residents and minimise criminal activities.

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Government Warns Politicians Against Incitement

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Investigations have started against politicians and other leaders in Marsabit County accused of engaging in hostile activities that could jeopardize the existing peace in the region.

Marsabit acting county commissioner David Saruni also announced finalized plans by the Ruto administration to connect Marsabit town and other parts of the county to the national electricity grid at cost of Sh4 billion.

Mr Saruni who spoke at the Marsabit stadium after reading this year presidential speech cautioned some leaders alleged to be spreading hatred between communities that stern legal action would be taken against them.

The county commissioner expressed concern that there were people who were yet to embrace harmony after the government and other actors employed enormous effort and resources to restore peace which had eluded the county for a long time.

He warned community radio FM stations operating in the area of dire consequences if they offered plat-

form to inciters.

“Peace and harmony had eluded this county for long periods during which life and programs was disrupted,” he noted and asked Marsabit residents to shun inciters and eschew acts of violence.

Mr Saruni asked operators of the community radio stations to observe laid down regulations in order to avoid being used by inciters as avenues through talk shows and call-in programmes to further their ill-intentioned agenda.

On development, the county commissioner said the county which draws electricity from generators operated by the Kenya Power company said the government will connect the county to the national grid with clean energy to be tapped from the Lake Turkana Wind Power project.

This, he said would enable the residents to access to cheaper electricity supply besides spurring industrial growth and creating employment.

The project set to start in September this year will also have the connection extended to Isiolo county and be completed within 24 months.

In his remarks governor Mohamad Ali asked politicians against planting seeds of discord among peace loving residents by preaching tribal politics



Marsabit County governor Mohammed Ali

and hatred.

Governor Ali observed that much development has been achieved under his leadership due to the prevailing peace and urged locals to jealously safeguard the achieved peace and continue coexisting in harmony their multi-ethnic composition notwithstanding.

He asked the security agents to move with speed and tame the hostile activities by taking action against culprits

irrespective of their status in society.

“Mzipo ziba ufa mtajenga ukuta,” Governor Ali cautioned the county security team and asked them to ensure that that the county is not let to slide back to anarchy.

The governor commended the Kenya Kwanza administration for being sensitive to the plight of communities in arid and semi -arid regions of the country whom he said were bearing blunt of the climate change.

He asked the residents to fully support the wind power electricity project intended to connect the county to the national grid saying it was set to transform their lives in a big way.

The governor pointed out that the devolved unit with the support of the national government and partners continues to make strides in development especially in the health, agriculture and infrastructure sectors.

Kieni Constituency Farmers Urged To Form Cooperatives For Maximum Proceeds

By: MKT Reporter
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Farmers in Kieni constituency have been called to join hands, form groups so as to reap maximum benefits from farming.

The farmers, are currently exploited by brokers and middle men since they don't have a forum that can assist them negotiate better prices for their produce.

Yesterday, a local philanthropist John Kariuki alias Choromai called farmers in different subsectors to consider forming Cooperatives so as to break the chain of brokerage that has held them captive for years, diminishing their fortune.

Speaking in different forum, including churches where he visited yesterday, Choromai noted that without joining hands, farmers in dairy, livestock, cabbages, onions and others

subsectors will continue to count losses.

He said with strong groups, farmers can always have a strong voice and set standards and minimum prices for their different products.

Choromai, a professional accountant started the day at Amboni Catholic Church for a morning Mass before proceeding to Mwireri P.C.E.A. Church where he graced this year's Woman's Guild Sunday.

He later joined faithful at Gitegi FGCK church where he also made his contribution in support of roofing of the Church.

Apart from calling on farmers to establish organized groups, Choromai urged his audience to continue praying and supporting the Kenya Kwanza administration for President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua take the country to greater heights of prosperity.

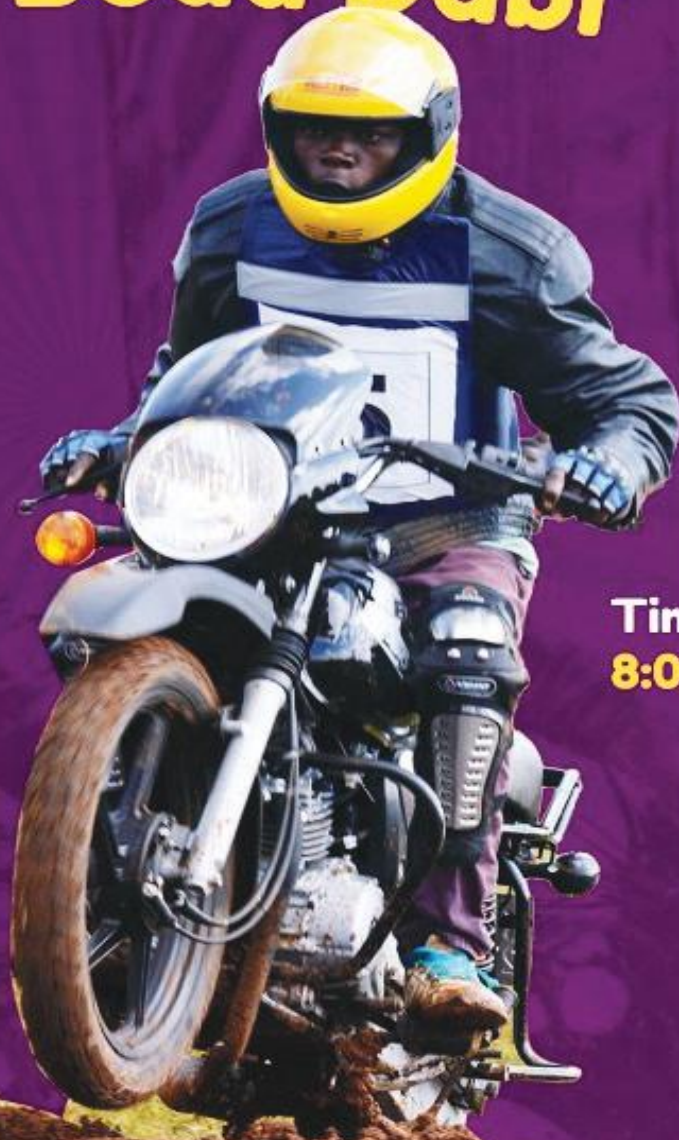


John Kariuki Choromai (in Blue coat) joins PCEA faithful in singing a hymn at Mweiga parish yesterday..



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Bungoma Reaps Big During Presidential Four-Day Visit

By: Douglas Mudambo
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Worth Noting:

- Ruto donated Sh10 million at Machakha Technical Training Institute (TTI) for its expansion and 100 computers to the institution saying the computers were expected to enhance the digital literacy and technical skills of the students. “The government is committed to advancing education and technological proficiency,” he said.
- On his way to Bungoma county State Lounge, the President told Nzoia Sugar Factory workers that he has allocated Sh150 million which has been disbursed to the company to pay salary arrears.
- “This payment is meant to boost the morale of the workers and stabilize operations at the company,” he said.



President William Ruto, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua and other leaders in Bungoma over the weekend.

President William Ruto has announced initiatives aimed at fostering development and improving livelihoods of the residents across the nine constituencies of Bungoma County.

During his four-day visit Bungoma County, the President assured that his government is committed to initiating development plans geared at changing the livelihoods of wananchi.

He noted that during the election, the residents stood with him.

“This was the time I needed a friend and you helped me bag the 2022 general elections something that I will forever be grateful,” he said.

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operations at the company,” he said.

He revealed that Nzoia farmers would receive the remaining 20 per cent of their Sh54 million dues starting today, ensuring they are fully compensated for their produce.

The President also revealed that plans to restore Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) tractors at Nzoia Company were underway and would take effect very soon.

He noted that the initiative would help maintain the nuclear estate in prime condition, thereby supporting agricultural productivity and efficiency.

He confirmed that the Treasury has released Sh61 million to continue the construction of the Industrial Park at Sang’alo Kabuchai constituency.

“The funding will expedite the development of the park that is expected to become a hub for industrial activities and job creation,” he noted

In a major boost to the area’s infrastructure, the President unveiled a Sh27 billion rural electrification programme seeking to connect 600,000 residents, including those in Bungoma, to the national power grid over the next two years.

Ruto added that the projects were poised to bring about transformative changes, driving economic growth

and improving the quality of life for residents not only to the county but also to the region at large

John Wekesa from Webuye noted that Ruto’s visit showed the government’s commitment to addressing both immediate needs and long-term development goals in Bungoma County.

Meanwhile, Nzoia Company expressed their gratitude to the President for his considerate gesture, and acknowledged lack of staff as one of their main challenges.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang’ula praised the head of state for his commitment to the people of Bungoma. “They deserve it since they played a pivotal role in his 2022 electoral victory. Ruto has left his state house in Nairobi and decided to spend four days with us here. Isn’t that genuine love for the people of Bungoma?” he remarked.

The Speaker noted that during the last general elections, they both traversed the region with Ruto to engage the people with respectful dialogue.

He further noted that they united with other regions and formed the government by voting Ruto “since the people believed in you and shall walk with you in future”.

Wetangula laid emphasis on the pos-

itive loyalty and reciprocal gestures, noting the appointment of several individuals from the region to prominent government positions saying in the last regime, the region had only one Cabinet Secretary (CS) position.

“Now, we have our daughter Susan Nakhumicha as Health CS, Ababu Namwamba as Sports CS, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, yours truly as the Speaker of the National Assembly several Principal Secretaries, and Ambassadors. This is truly our government,” he said.

Wetangula urged residents to support the Kenya Kwanza government and allow it time to deliver on its promises. H also assured Nzoia staff that their funds and the balance for farmers had been disbursed.

Wetang’ula also highlighted the significance of Bungoma hosting Madaraka Day, calling it an honor that means a lot to the residents. He encouraged leaders and citizens to unite and collaborate for meaningful progress.

Leaders present included Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka, Bungoma Senator Wafula Wakoli, MPs Didmus Barasa, John Waluke, Cathrine Wambilyanga, Martin Wanyonyi, Dan Wanyama, John Chikati among others.

Gachagua Roots For A Collaboration Among Leaders

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has asked political leaders to unite and complement each other in serving Kenyans.

He spoke during “Ngogoyo Laikipia Music Extravaganza”, organised by Inooro FM Radio together with fans of the Kikuyu old music.

The event was held on Saturday night at Old House Reset near Nanyuki Town.

Accompanied by a host of political and grassroots leaders, the deputy president asked Kenyans to call out the leaders fighting the national unity agenda.

The event, attended by thousands of people including entrepreneurs, brought together legends in the folklore genre such as Musaimo wa Njeri, Lady Wanja, Kigia wa Esther, Wahome Maingi, Kajohnie Kariukiz, CDM Kiratu, among others.

In his remarks, the Deputy President urged Members of Parliament, in both Senate and the National Assembly, to collaborate and put interests of

Kenyans first irrespective of political party affiliation. He also said leaders need to focus on executing their mandates with precision.

“Leaders should know that they were elected to represent, oversight and legislate. Do your job effectively and constructively,” said Gachagua.

He further called on parents to teach their children vernacular languages as one of the ways of preserving culture, besides learning foreign languages to compete in the globalised world.

“Use English and other foreign languages where necessary, not at homes. Teach children the vernacular language so that we cultivate our culture and ringfence our unity because it is our strength. I am urging our leaders to support the unity agenda. I urge Kenyans to maintain love and unity and support each other,” he stated.

At the event, the Deputy President was accompanied by Laikipia County Governor Joshua Irungu, Senator John Kinyua and MPs Jane Kagiri (Laikipia Woman Rep), Mugambi Rindikiri (Buuri), Njoroge Wainaina (Kieni), Jayne Kihara (Naivasha), Anne Wamuratha (Kiambu Woman



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua introducing Nyeri businessman cum politician Dr Thuo Mathenge as Kieni constituency MP Wainaina Njoroge and other leaders look on.

Rep) Mejjadonk Gathiru (Embakasi Central), Kamande Mwafrika (Roysambu), Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya), Elizabeth Kailemia (Meru Woman Rep), Julius Taitumu (Igembe North), Muthonj, Wachira Karani

(Laikipia West), Kihungi (Kangema) and Dorothy Muthoni Ikiara (Nominated).

Entrepreneurs were led by Nyeri businessman cum politician Dr Thuo Mathenge.

MCA's led by Irene Wachuka of Ig-wa-miti Ward and former Laikipia Woman Rep Cate Waruguru, among other leaders, were also present.

Joy As Laisamis Community Gets A Modern Lab

By: MKT Correspondent
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A modern medical laboratory at Loglogo Health Centre in Marsabit County, Kenya, is set to improve access to quality health care for residents of Laisamis constituency.

The facility, constructed and equipped by Lake Turkana Wind Power (LTWP) and Z. Boskovic Air Charters, aims to provide curative, promotional, and preventive health services to local communities.

The facility was built and equipped at a cost of over Sh15 million as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) gesture by the company's Wind of Change (WoC) foundation.

The Marsabit County Chief Officer for Health, Dr. Adan Alamin, praised the facility's availability as a boost in health care provision and pledged to

post the required medical personnel, including lab technologists, at the health centre.

The project was demand-driven and aimed at improving the livelihoods of the local community.

The facility will also offer room for research on chronic illnesses and diseases due to its modern scientific equipment.



Governor Kang'ata Roots For Export-Led Manufacturers' Support As Kakuzi Launches Macadamia Oil Processing Plant

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Murang'a County Government Governor Dr Irungu Kang'ata (centre), cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Kakuzi Macadamia Oil Processing Plant in Murang'a County flanked by area MCA Steven Muigai Kimani (left), Murang'a County Deputy Governor Stephen Munania, Kakuzi Chairperson Nicholas Ng'ang'a, Kakuzi Macadamia Operations General Manager Mathias Muinde, and Kakuzi Managing Director Mr Chris Flowers, among others..

Worth Noting:

- Dr Kang'ata noted that enterprises in the export space, such as Kakuzi, help local residents in the Kakuzi Mitubiri ward by providing jobs and all Kenyans at large through foreign exchange attraction, which helps strengthen the shilling and fight inflation.
- "To spur economic growth in our county and country, a strategic focus on industrialisation, value addition, and manufacturing is imperative. However, to realise this vision, concerted efforts must be made to create an enabling environment to attract foreign and local investors," Dr Kang'ata said. He added, "Investment in Industrialization and value addition not only creates employment opportunities but also helps to bridge economic inequality gaps."

Murang'a County Government Governor Dr Irungu Kang'ata has reiterated the need to pursue a manufacturing and industrialisation economic agenda at the national and county levels to foster accelerated development.

He said pursuing a progressive manufacturing and industrialisation agenda, particularly for export-led enterprises, should include adopting a conducive economic environment, including attractive investment and tax policies.

Speaking in his county during an event to officially launch a new Macadamia oil processing plant by listed agribusiness firm Kakuzi, Dr Kang'ata stressed that manufacturing ventures provide numerous direct and indirect benefits that spur economic progress. Export-led enterprises, he said, provide several benefits at the micro and macro-economic levels, including decent jobs provision, value addition for local agricultural produce, skills transfer, and foreign exchange.

While lauding Kakuzi for its ongoing efforts to facilitate the value addition of local agricultural produce and provide decent jobs in the manufacturing sector, the County Government of Murang'a Dr Kang'ata said, will provide full support to all investors in the region and will not pursue retrogressive operating poli-

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Launching the new Kakuzi macadamia oil processing plant, which has a daily extraction capacity of 1,000 litres, is part of the firm's revenue and product diversification strategies. Alongside the macadamia oil processing plant, the Kakuzi Macadamia Processing Plant has an installed capacity of 2000 tons of saleable kernel (SK), making it one of the largest in the region.

Speaking at the plant's launch, Kakuzi Chairperson Mr Nicholas Ng'ang'a reiterated that the firm had grown beyond a farm enterprise and

is now a sophisticated international agribusiness player. As part of the firm's corporate strategies, Kakuzi, he said, is also investing financial and related resources to boost the local consumption of various superfoods, including avocados, macadamias, and blueberries.

He explained that the local consumption campaign will involve investing in value-added initiatives such as the Macadamia Oil Plant and the enterprise hub known as Kakuzi Farmers

Market, which provides opportunities for other entrepreneurs to partner with Kakuzi in a shared prosperity model.

"At Kakuzi, we are strategically investing in resources that can facilitate shared prosperity for all our stakeholders. With the new macadamia oil processing plant, we hope to more than double macadamia consumption locally with a positive ripple effect across the value chain," Ng'ang'a said.

With Kenya ranking as the third largest producer of macadamia globally and Kakuzi as the largest single-estate macadamia grower in Kenya, the launch of Kakuzi's Macadamia Oil will provide more opportunities for us all to experience these products.

The Kakuzi Macadamia operations started in 2007 in fields that were

previously under Coffee and Pineapple crops.

Currently, the Macadamia Orchards cover more than 1379 Hectares, and the Kakuzi Macadamia Division provides more than 1200 decent jobs in a rural setting.

This may double in size as the orchards mature in the coming years.

Kakuzi Managing Director Mr Chris Flowers noted that the launch of the Kakuzi Macadamia Cold Press plant is a significant milestone for the Company.

"This is part of our operating strategy to meet the growing demand for value-added products within our superfoods portfolio and, at the same time, to provide decent job opportunities for rural communities," Flowers said. He added, "If we are to raise farmers' incomes, then we must concentrate on high-value international and domestic markets in equal measures."

As part of Kakuzi's quest to become Carbon Neutral, the firm he disclosed is also exploring potential avenues to use macadamia shells for energy generation as they are an excellent source of activated carbon.

Macadamia Nut Oil presents a lucrative opportunity for farmers to maximise the value of their macadamia harvests. Despite Kenya's status as a significant macadamia producer, domestic consumption is still very low. Kakuzi aims to change this narrative by promoting the use of macadamia products within our country, creating different market opportunities for farmers and driving economic growth.

Recently, Kakuzi officially launched a range of consumer products developed over the last two years for the domestic market, including ready-to-eat macadamia, gluten-free macadamia flour, Macadamia cereal mix and blueberry packs.

Kakuzi's Macadamia Oil is now available at selected retail stores and the firm's online e-commerce platforms and can be used to deep fry, cook, and mix with salads, among many other uses.

Waiguru Stands A High Chance Of Clinching The Running Mate Slot In 2027



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Worth Noting:

- Besides his camp, the other two camps are led by Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro and Kirinyaga Governor Ann Mumbi Waiguru.
- To me, the latter stands a high chance of clinching the running mate slot if the recent proposal by President William Ruto sails through.
- Speaking during an event organized by women caucuses to celebrate the election of women governors, the President minced no word in reiterating that gender equality stood out as one of the key pillars of the UDA manifesto.
- So, moving forward, my proposal is that the constitution should be amended to create a joint ticket of male-female.

I have been following with keen interest the unfolding political developments in Mount Kenya region.

I'm sure many would agree with me that the Mountain is currently split in three major political camps.

One coalesces around the Deputy President (DP) Rigathi Gachagua. As per the law, the DP is the senior-most leader from this region.

But with due respect, allow me to say that this does not guarantee him the ticket to retain the position of running mate in 2027.

As of now, the law is on the side of the President. The prerogative to pick the running mate lies squarely with him.

So, I'm persuaded to believe Dr Ruto will first listen to ground and thereafter pick the most popular candidate in this region.

This brings me to the question. Is Gachagua calling the shot in this region?

One can therefore understand why he is leaving nothing to chance in putting the best foot forward.

It is worth noting no opinion poll had been conducted when he was picked as a running as running mate.

Besides his camp, the other two camps are led by Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro and Kirinyaga Governor Ann Mumbi Waiguru.

To me, the latter stands a high chance of clinching the running mate slot if the recent proposal by President William Ruto sails through.

Speaking during an event organized by women caucuses to celebrate the election of women governors, the President minced no word in reiterating that gender equality stood out as one of the key pillars of the UDA manifesto.

So, moving forward, my proposal is that the constitution should be amended to create a joint ticket of male-female.

If this come to pass, it would mean if the party nominates a man to run as a presidential candidate then a woman would automatically become a running mate.

Kirinyaga Governor Ann Waiguru, who was one of the key speakers, immediately echoed his sentiments.

Putting aside constitutional imperative of two-thirds gender rule, she recalled that the women of Kenya had played a pivotal role during the campaign in ensuring you have won the 2022 presidential election.

As women leaders, we are proud of having drafted a well thought out strategy that made that a reality.

After the President made his point clear, I would have expected the women leaders to take advantage of his support and goodwill to push for a gender friendly presidential ticket.

The other day a friend of mine told me. The women of Kenya have not been coming out strongly to fight their democratic space.

As we know, the UDA is currently holding its nationwide grassroots elections. This will culminate to the National Delegates Conference (NDC) which



Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru. PHOTO/Courtesy.

will play two key roles: Election of national office bearers of the UDA party and consider the proposals presented for the amendment of the party constitution.

So this is the right time for the women to take the campaign a notch higher and announce that they will present this proposal during NDC.

My friend added: As of now, we have two senior-most women leaders and I'm sure if that amendment sails through the President will pick one of them as a running mate.

These are governors Ann Waiguru and Gladys Wangari. Waiguru stands a high chance because she hails from Mount Kenya region.

This is region that gave President Ruto the highest number of votes and so he knows it will be a serious blow if he loses this bloc.

To retain it, he has to pick a running mate from this region.

In light of this, my advise to Governor Ann Waiguru would be. Ignite the debate on male-female ticket and keep the fire burning.

My friend further noted: The women of Kenya have come a long way. They know they have what it takes to lead this country. What a man can do they can do better. So, I would expect them to rally behind one of their own. During the UDA NDC, I'm sure Governor Waiguru and other women leaders will be able to mobilize women delegates and thousands of men, who are pro gender, to

support that amendment.

It is worth noting the previous governments failed to address this all important constitutional imperative.

For President Ruto, he stated. We can no longer bury our heads in the sand by ignoring the immense contribution of the women of Kenya towards the growth of the economy and uplifting the living standard of Kenyans.

There is no cause for worry because I have already discussed this with Riggy-G (DP Gachagua).

As a writer and political analyst, I want to share with you a bit of Kirinyaga politics.

In yester-years, Martha Karua of Narok Kenya was being touted as the iron lady of Kirinyaga county. She has since lost grip and the title to Madam Governor Ann Waiguru.

It is worth noting that the duo contested the Kirinyaga gubernatorial seat in 2017 polls.

Ms Waiguru wrestled her to the ground. In the run-up to 2022, a number of people from Karua's home village of Gichugu shared this with me.

Her initial plan was to contest the governor's seat. She would not dare to face Waiguru because she knew she would end up being embarrassed again.

It seems she breathed a sigh of relief when the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta convinced Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition leader Raila Odinga to pick her as his running mate.

Up to date, Uhuru and Karua have nev-

er confirmed or denied whether this is what happened.

Governor Waiguru's track record on matters of development and good governance is there for all to see. As the chairperson of Council of Governors (CoG), she has been vocal in fighting for the agenda of Devolution. This includes challenging the national government on timely disbursement of shareable revenue to the counties.

She is also well educated and believes in building a peaceful and united nation. She had previously served as a chief executive officer of a number of corporates and financial institutions locally and internationally.

She also served the government of President Mwai Kibaki and that of his successor Uhuru Kenyatta with dedication and distinction. She was the pioneer of Huduma Centers that have since reduced the burden that Kenyans shouldered when seeking critical services.

They now get them under one roof with a click of a button.

But Waiguru will need to come up with a workable strategy of tackling other competitors from other communities.

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Waiguru Asks Mt. Kenya People To Shun Tribal Politics And Support President Ruto

By: MKT Correspondent

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Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru has asked people from Mt. Kenya region to shun tribal politics and instead rally behind President William Ruto's government.

Waiguru said the divisive politics being advanced by a section of leaders should be rejected for the sake of development and unity of the nation.

She said the region is solidly behind President Ruto's government so as to ensure it delivers its development promises to the people.

Speaking during Madaraka Day celebrations at Mutitu Polytechnic grounds in Kirinyaga Central sub-county, the governor asked leaders to tone down on divisive politics saying it is time for elected leaders to work for the people.

"In 2007, we were in the same situation were in now. As a leader from Mt. Kenya, I cannot knowingly allow our people to be misled into separating themselves from the rest of Kenyans. When you hear me and other leaders emphasizing that we call ourselves 'Kenyans' in one voice, we as Mount

Kenyans are the ones to benefit the most. But if we agree to set ourselves apart from other tribes we will have gone wrong," said Waiguru.

Waiguru said the region has reaped big from the Kenya Kwanza government and asked residents to reject those who want to separate them from the rest of Kenya.

"We want to be considered Kenyans, not Kikuyus. Kikuyus are all over the country working in different jobs. That is why that tribal rhetoric and politics is very dangerous. We want a unified nation because we know how to align ourselves in government, and even now we are in government and still bringing development to our people," the governor said.

Saying it's too early for political campaigns, Waiguru asked leaders to put more effort in bringing development in their areas instead of politicking.

"Time for campaigns will come, we are only two years into office. What the people want is development and this should be our focus at the moment," Waiguru said.

The Council of Governors (COG) chairperson said she will not be silenced or cowed by people who want to start unnecessary fights at the expense of development and unity of the



Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru.

nation.

"We have not told anyone to vacate his seat, what we are saying is that we should also allow others who have ambitions to exercise their rights. We should hold their hand and not to fight them," she said.

She said Kirinyaga has reaped big

from its support and cooperation with the national government adding that this should be safeguarded.

Other leaders who spoke called for an end to divisive politics and early campaigns.

Kirinyaga Central MP Gitari Gachoki and several Members of County

Assembly (MCAs) asked all elected leaders to put their effort in serving the people.

Gachoki said that Kirinyaga people will rally their support behind Governor Waiguru if she decides to ascend to a higher office come 2027.

ADB Predicts String Growth In African

By: MKT Reporter

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The African Development Bank (ADB) has predicted that most of the continent's nations will this year post a strong growth.

The development bank says that the improvement in 41 of the countries will make the continent the second fastest growing region in the world.

The report, released during the ADB Annual Meetings, praised Africa's growth potential as "remarkable" and predicted that Africa will retain its 2023 ranking as the second fastest-growing region after developing Asia.

The report also highlighted the rebound in Africa's average growth, with 17 African economies projected to grow by more than 5 per cent in 2024, and the number could rise to 24 in 2025.

East Africa is projected to lead as the fastest-growing region, up 3.4 percentage points. ADB President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina underscored the importance of tackling governance, transparency, accountability, and natural capital management for the benefit of the people of Africa.

He also emphasised the need to invest in young people's skills, talents, entrepreneurship, and tools like Youth Entrepreneurship Investment Banks.

The report also called for an overhaul of the global financial architecture to transform African economies, including giving Africa a greater voice in multilateral development banks and international financial institutions.

Dr. Adesina emphasised the need for prudent use of resources and strengthened capacity to improve public finance management.



Attention To Language: Attention To The Whole Nation



Language serves as the cornerstone of a nation's identity, culture, and collective consciousness. It is through language that we express ourselves, communicate ideas, and forge connections with each other. Paying attention to language is, therefore, not merely a matter of linguistic precision but an act of profound national significance.

Language and Identity

Language plays a pivotal role in shaping our sense of identity. It allows us to identify with a particular group or nation, sharing a common set of linguistic expressions and cultural references. Through language, we can trace our ancestry, explore our heritage, and connect with our fellow citizens. Neglecting our language, on the other hand, can lead to a weakening of our sense of belonging and a loss of cultural continuity.

Language and Communication

Language is essential for effective communication. It enables us to convey our thoughts, feelings, and ideas to others. A well-developed and nuanced language allows for precise and efficient communication, fostering understanding and bridging gaps between individuals and communities. Conversely, when a language is poorly understood or limited in its expressiveness, it can hinder communication, leading to misunderstandings and societal divisions.

Language and Culture

Language is inextricably linked to culture. It embodies the traditions, beliefs, and values of a society. Proverbs,

idioms, and folklore are all examples of how language reflects the cultural experiences and perspectives of a people. Preserving and celebrating our language, therefore, helps to preserve and transmit our cultural legacy to future generations.

Language and Education

Language is crucial for educational success. It is through language that students access knowledge, develop critical thinking skills, and express themselves academically. A strong foundation in language enables individuals to thrive in both formal and informal educational settings, fostering lifelong learning and intellectual growth. Conversely, language deficits can limit educational opportunities, perpetuating cycles of disadvantage.

Language and National Unity

Language can serve as a unifier, bringing people from diverse backgrounds together. A shared language fosters a sense of common purpose and belonging, promoting national unity and cooperation. It allows citizens to engage in constructive dialogue, regardless of their differences, and work towards the betterment of the nation. In contrast, linguistic divisions can lead to misunderstandings, conflict, and even social fragmentation.

In conclusion paying attention to language is paying attention to the whole nation. Language is not merely a tool for communication but a vibrant, dynamic expression of our identity, culture, and collective aspirations. By investing in language education, preserving our linguistic heritage, and promoting linguistic diversity, we invest in the future of our nation, ensuring its continued prosperity, unity, and cultural vibrancy. As the saying goes, 'Attention to the language is attention to the whole nation!'

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Alieva Sevilʻya Ruslanovna

She was born on 31.05.2008 in Samarkand region.

Currently, he is a student of the 9th "B" grade of the 8th general secondary school of Samarkand district. She is interested in fine arts and clothing design.

He took the proud 3rd place in the Fine arts category of the Russian "Pesnya vetra" competition held between 7 countries in the 15-16 age group. He attributes his achievements to the attention and efforts of his parents and teachers.



The Value Of Time



By: Gulzoda Bobonazarova

Time, like the wind, is a fleeting thing. The right wind will continue to blow again and again, but the wind that blew yesterday will not return today. Today it's different, tomorrow it's different. That is, there is no way back. Along with time, human life is passing.

Seasons, years, months keep coming back. But time, the past life does not return. Gulomjon was the only joy and happiness of a family. His mother, aunt Ma'suma, raised her son from a young age, washed him white, and brought him up to adulthood. His father, Temirjon, worked as a blacksmith in the family. His mother was a housewife. Aunt Ma'suma did not trust her son at all, because she waited for her son for 10 years, and when she said 10 years, God gave her the happiness of motherhood.

Probably for this reason, Gulomjon grew up as a very manly child. The father fulfilled whatever his son's wishes were. Although the family situation was not good, the father and mother obeyed every word that came out of their son's mouth.

Thus, Gulomjon turned 7 years old and started school. His mother took him to school every day. Gulomjon studied well in primary school. Gulomjon's closest friend was Nodirjon. Both of them used to go to school together. But for some reason, Gulomjon has recently put aside his studies and has been absent from the streets. His parents became very worried about him. One day, his father called his son to him and advised him: "Son, you have grown up too, and I have reached the same age, now you are our support."

He says that you are now grown up, you should study. He advises me that I will lean on you tomorrow. The young man listened to these words with great interest. His mother was also laughing at him. But these words did not affect the young man at all.

One day a party was organized for Gulomjon's birthday. Sometimes Gulomjon's friends would visit. Then the son looked at his father and mother and said, Father, don't leave the room when my friends come, so they don't see you.

Then his mother asked why my son is saying that. Then when his son sees you, they will make fun of me. They will ask if it is your grandfather or grandmother. Then Oansi's eyes filled with tears, but he did not show them to his son. He remained silent.

Then his son left the room. His father hugged his mother and tried to console her. And so the party began. His parents sat without leaving the room.

After the party started, his friends asked for his father and mother. Then the guy color

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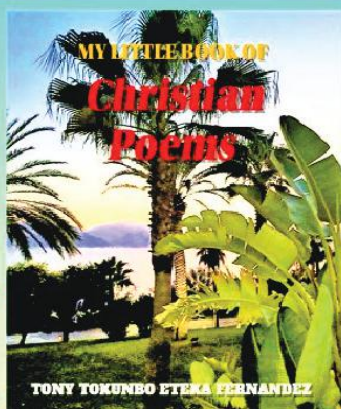
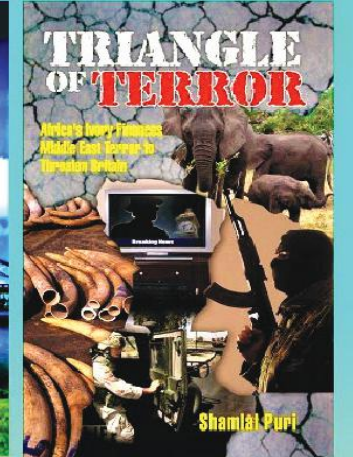
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Dr. Moses Mwangi's Take On The Shortage Of Essential Vaccines In Kenya

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Dr. Moses Mwangi, a medic with over 30yrs experience

Worth Noting:

- **At Birth:** BCG (prevents severe forms of tuberculosis like Miliary TB and TB meningitis), Oral Polio Vaccine, and where possible, Hepatitis B vaccine.
- **At 6, 10, and 14 Weeks:** Additional doses of polio, Pentavalent vaccine (prevents Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hepatitis B, and Haemophilus Influenzae type b), Pneumococcal vaccine (10 valents), and Rotavirus vaccine (prevents diarrhoea).
- **At 6 Months:** Vitamin A drops.
- **At 9 Months:** Measles and yellow fever vaccines, with a second dose of measles vaccine preferably at 15 months.

Dr. Moses Mwangi, a respected medic who is trained in pharmacy, with over 30 years of experience in the vaccine industry, has taken a moment to share with us more about the importance of essential vaccines, and consequently the detriment a shortage or lack of the same may bring about. "For 16 years, I led the world's then-largest multinational vaccine company, overseeing operations in about nine Eastern African countries. I had the privilege of coordinating the research and commercialization of many vaccines currently used in both public and private sectors in Kenya and the region.

Vaccines save lives and are the most significant invention impacting public health globally in the last 100 years. When a vaccine exists for any disease of public health importance, using it widely is a game-changer. This was evident when the world rapidly developed and deployed COVID-19 vaccines, which were crucial in managing the pandemic.

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For children's vaccination, there's

a well-coordinated global effort to ensure no country is left behind, including the least developed. Diseases do not respect borders and can spread quickly across the globe. The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI), established in 2000, is dedicated to ensuring every child has access to essential vaccines, regardless of their status.

Here in Kenya, after welcoming a newborn, there are specific vaccines that they must receive at birth, at 6 weeks, 10 weeks, 14 weeks, 6 months, and 9 months. Parents who can afford private healthcare also benefit from additional important vaccines up to 2 years and beyond.

The Division of Vaccines and Immunisation (DVI) of the Ministry of Health oversees the Expanded Programme of Immunisation (KEPI) across the country. This is a critical health program that should not be devolved. Vaccines for our children are too important to be placed in many hands, some of which could be unreliable. KEPI is one of the most successful programs in the Ministry

of Health and should receive first priority in resource allocation.

Key Vaccines and Their Importance:

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Except for a few oral vaccines (Oral Polio Vaccine and Rotavirus vaccine), most vaccines are administered intramuscularly into the child's thigh, with BCG given subcutaneously on the arm.

Kenya has made significant progress

in reducing infant mortality, and it is the government's responsibility to ensure vaccines are available, accessible, and administered timely to save lives. Most vaccines are best given in the first year of life, and some, like Rotavirus, cannot be given beyond one year due to the risk of severe side effects. Haemophilus Influenzae type b vaccine is only effective in children under five.

While some vaccines like pneumococcal, measles, and tetanus can be administered later if missed, the value of childhood vaccines is most realized when given at the appropriate age. Delaying vaccination due to shortages or poor planning exposes children to unnecessary risks. The Division of Vaccine and Immunisation (DVI), the Ministry of Health, and the National Treasury must collaborate effectively to ensure children receive their vaccines on time. Vaccine manufacturing and supply require long-term planning and cold chain logistics due to the limited number of manufacturers globally

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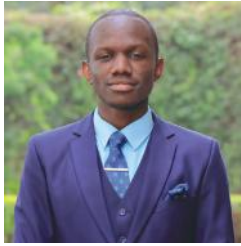


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Judiciaries' Role in Harmonizing Environmental Protection and Economic Development



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Judiciaries' Role in Harmonizing Environmental Protection

Worth Noting:

- In the realm of case law, the Indian Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Vellore Citizens' Welfare Forum v. Union of India* (1996) stands as a beacon of jurisprudence on sustainable development. The court emphasized the need for a balanced approach, stating that "sustainable development means the development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."
- The precautionary principle, a cornerstone of environmental law, provides a framework for judiciaries to address potential environmental risks proactively. This principle, as articulated in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (1992), calls for preventive actions to be taken even in the absence of scientific certainty when faced with threats of serious or irreversible environmental harm.

As nations and societies progress especially on social front, the scales of environmental preservation and economic growth often find themselves in a delicate tug-of-war. On one end, the urgent need to safeguard our planet's finite resources and fragile ecosystems tugs with unwavering resolve. On the other, the allure of economic prosperity, fueled by development and industrialization, exerts an equally compelling pull. It is within this intricate dance that the judiciaries of nations emerge as the ultimate arbiters, tasked with striking a harmonious balance between these two seemingly conflicting yet inextricably linked imperatives.

The principle of sustainable development, enshrined in various international treaties and national legislations, serves as a guiding light for judiciaries in navigating this complex terrain. This principle recognizes the inherent interdependence between economic development, social progress, and environmental protection, calling for a holistic approach that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

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The South African Constitutional Court, in the landmark case of *Fuel Retailers Association of Southern Africa v. Director-General: Environmental Management, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, Mpumalanga Province* (2007), upheld the precautionary principle, emphasizing the need to err on the side of caution in matters of environmental protection.

Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) have emerged as a crucial tool for judiciaries to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of proposed development projects. By mandating comprehensive assessments and public participation processes, judiciaries can ensure that economic activities do not come at an unacceptable cost to the environment.

The Kenyan judiciary has played a pivotal role in enforcing the provisions of the Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act (EMCA) of 1999, which requires EIAs for proposed development projects. In the case of *Mui Coal Basin Local Community & 15 others v. Permanent Secretary Ministry of Energy & 17 others* (2015), the High Court emphasized the importance of meaningful public participation and access to information in the EIA process.

Judiciaries can also leverage the polluter pays principle, which holds entities responsible for bearing the costs of preventing, controlling, and remedying environmental damage caused by their activities. This principle not only incentivizes sustainable practice

es but also ensures that the economic benefits of development do not come at the expense of environmental degradation.

The European Court of Justice, in the case of *Essent Milieu Holding BV v. Provincie Limburg* (2008), upheld the polluter pays principle, ruling that environmental protection costs should be borne by the polluter rather than the public at large.

Furthermore, judiciaries can play a crucial role in recognizing and protecting the rights of indigenous communities and their traditional knowledge in environmental management. By acknowledging the inherent link between these communities and their natural environments, judiciaries can ensure that economic development does not come at the cost of cultural and ecological integrity.

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights' ruling in the case of *Kaliña and Lokono Peoples v. Suriname* (2015) marked a significant milestone in the recognition of indigenous rights within international human rights law. In this landmark decision, the Court acknowledged the Kaliña and Lokono peoples' inherent rights to their ancestral lands, highlighting the intrinsic connection between indigenous communities and their territories. This connection is not merely a matter of property ownership but is integral to the cultural, spiritual, and social fabric of these communities. The Court's ruling underscored that the right to collective ownership of land and resources is essential for the preservation of indigenous peoples' traditional ways of life, which encompass unique systems of governance, cultural practices, and subsistence activities. By recognizing these rights, the Court affirmed that states must take proactive measures to protect indigenous territories from exter-

nal threats and encroachments, ensuring that any development projects or economic activities on these lands are conducted in consultation with and with the consent of the indigenous communities involved.

Furthermore, the Kaliña and Lokono decision set a critical precedent for balancing economic interests with the rights of indigenous peoples. The Court emphasized that while states have the right to pursue economic development, such pursuits must not come at the expense of violating indigenous peoples' rights. It established that economic projects, such as mining, logging, or infrastructure development, must be subjected to rigorous assessments to ensure they do not harm the environment or infringe upon the cultural and subsistence needs of indigenous communities. Additionally, the decision reinforced the principle of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC), mandating that states must obtain the consent of indigenous peoples before initiating any projects on their lands. This requirement aims to empower indigenous communities, allowing them to have a decisive role in the management and use of their territories. By setting these standards, the Inter-American Court's ruling in the Kaliña and Lokono case serves as a guiding framework for other jurisdictions, promoting a more equitable and just approach to development that respects and protects the rights of indigenous peoples.

While the path to achieving a harmonious balance between environmental protection and economic development is fraught with complexities, the role of judiciaries remains paramount. By interpreting and applying principles of sustainable development, precautionary approach, environmental impact assessments, polluter pays, and indigenous rights, judiciaries can navigate this intricate landscape with wisdom and foresight. In doing so, they can ensure that the pursuit of economic prosperity does not come at an irreversible cost to our planet's natural heritage, paving the way for a future where development and environmental stewardship coexist in a symbiotic embrace.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Power Of Telling Stories



Story telling defines a people. When a person from whichever field of specialization is given a chance to speak, perhaps to motivate or inspire people, the “big” person will always prefer to start with a story. Before the main story, there is always a very short story that they will prefer to talk about. For instance, when you ask a C.E.O of a company to talk about his company, the C.E.O will choose to start with a story of an experience. This is exactly why we tell stories; to share experiences.

Arguably, one will say that we tell stories to let people know our problems and help us to solve them. Well, that is a good way of beginning this conversation. Although, we should perhaps ask another question. Do stories really help in problem solving and are they that important to our lives? What of the lives of the children?

Stories have the power to create, to reproduce and to portray a world in a particular perspective. The stories we tell and the stories we listen to become our primary sense of our self-awareness. That is why when we have lived a good life as a people, our lives become good stories that are worth inspiring others and when we lead a chaotic life, we become examples in bad stories. So, what story do you carry?

However, it is not all lost to a good story teller or a good listener of tales. One thing is that a keen listener of tales will always find lessons to take home even from the villains in a story. From the heroes of the stories, there are values and virtues to learn and emulate the traits. From a flat story that has neither heroes nor villains, there is always an experience shared, a world view given and sometimes even even instructions to perform a new task. A well intentioned listener will always have an advantage in a number of situations. The first lessons a child is given at home by parents or caregivers is always through stories and the last words someone leaves to his or her beloved ones probably on a deathbed is through stories.

Is it wrong to argue that stories are life and lifestyle? As parents and guardians, it is becoming a question directly addressed to them, “what sort of stories do their kids get exposed to?”

Stories are powerful. In the modern world, stories have got so many sources and almost everything can

become a source of a story. If not very careful, children may be interacting with wrong types of stories from good sources. Take the example of a Tv as a source of stories. The Tv is a good source of stories and information but if not under the parental guidance, the child might be exposed to a story that may not be good to them at their age or generally, just bad stories.

Even in books, there must be guidance if the issue of bad stories from good sources to innocent children is to be tackled. There is need for mandatory obligation of every parent or guardian to take care of the kind of stories that their children consume.

In as much as stories are primary sources of Knowledge that children are first exposed to from the family interactions, it is cautious to make sure that children especially at a tender age can only get access to stories that will be helpful in their lives. This is the only sure way of parents raising children that will be aware of the situations at home- their values, their faith, their beliefs and all the things around their lives. So, storytelling is the best Avenue to expose children to lifelong lessons.

While growing up, children can be exposed to stories that talk about leadership, responsibility, honesty or any other moral issues that are suitable depending on the suitability of their upbringing and their age. Good parenting facilitates an all-round upbringing where through the narration of these stories and sometimes with practical examples, the children are developed at the levels of their body, soul and the mind. In short, storytelling especially to kids should be more of instructional learning than just moments of killing time.

As these very kids start to attend school, they should be exposed to stories to do with hardwork, diligence, respect and generally about how to socially fit into a particular group of people or how to interact with people from different backgrounds. Infact, schools should adopt the method of having class readers on different topics. Unfortunately, here in Kenya, reading and storytelling is not given a priority.

Story telling should deliberately be made to occur in such a manner that it cuts across majority of topics that can be thought of as constituting the day to day life events of these children. By this, children will be being adequately prepared to face what

lies ahead of them and the realities of their lives.

Encouraging story telling at homes and at school has been linked to a number of benefits, including but not limited to the creation of family bond, tolerance and accommodation, acceptance and acknowledgement of the existence of other people’s way of life and their cultures as well as their perspectives on issues. Therefore, storytelling as can evidently be seen, it’s a measure of capacitating national integration-one of the goals of education in Kenya.

The successful adoption of storytelling in our day to day activities is a trajectory that will enable critical and creative thinking because amidst children because as they read, write, listen to and narrate stories, they exercise their brain muscles thereby making them stronger with an open mindset.

On the same lane, when children listen to stories from the older people in a community, they realize that there are different things they might be missing or there are few things that the older generation missed out. As such, they can be able to identify the gaps that arise due to the generational gap that exists between them and the older members of the community. As such, they may develop an interest of trying to follow up on the possible areas they might be missing and take their lessons home with them. With this in mind, they will be serving humanity as well as expanding their scope of knowledge and as such, they propel the epistemological wheels to a greater level.

As it has always been since time immemorial, In life, people learn through the art of storytelling. A story models a person into forming their identity and gives the person the true reflection of the issues of his or her time. As such, people can have as many stories as their day to day activities. These identities and chances for self-reflection and personal growth will be of benefit to children and even adults since through stories; there will be need to check on themselves what they have not gotten right in their definitions of who they truly are.

Other benefits that have been linked to storytelling include entertainment, creation of awareness and warning. Some stories come to warn of particular character traits such as greed, dishonesty among other undesirable vices while some stories may just be

comical and humorous, making children laugh or entertain them.

One thing that is not attributed to stories is that they have the power to change the thinking of a particular people and even completely alter their perspectives. Often, the lines of drift or change may range markedly from the economical, the cultural, the political or even the psychological spheres. In her own words while talking about the dangers of a single story, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie says that a multiple stories exposed to a people expands their thinking while a single story about a people tends to make stereotypes of the people.

to the situation of the politics, they all become stories. When we meet new friends and interact with them, we are creating experiences that we wouldn’t want to forget

All these experiences become the stories that we tell people. Fortunately, there is one thing that is so much conspicuous about stories. It doesn’t matter the format but every story has the power to educate.

Stories cannot be overlooked. In the end, we all become stories. The greatest question remains, what kind of stories do we become? It is therefore a preconditioned measure for people to check on their activities so that when they finally are no longer able to defend or justify their way of life, their legacy will do it for them. This can only be achieved when people accept that in stories, there is light, there is education, entertainment and other issues that they can be proud of if they get them right.

To get these lessons right, a deliberate journey of sacrifice is made right from the childhood to adulthood. Storytelling sessions have therefore become impactful to such a degree that we cannot avoid their benefits. To the children, may they remember that there can still get to learn the stories they never heard about and may they keep the lessons from those stories to their children and their children’s children

To the entire nation, may we all remember that a story a day keeps depression away.

Namaste !

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MP Faulted For ‘Colluding’ With A Contractor To Harvest Hospital Trees

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Chuka/Igambang’ombe Member of Parliament Patrick Munene has been faulted for ‘colluding’ with a contractor to fell trees at the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) Chuka campus construction site for personal use.

Addressing journalists yesterday, Chuka Sub-County Administrator Alex Mugendi Wafestu and Karingani ward Member of County Assembly Murithi Gaturo said the trees are the property of the devolved government because the land has been hived off from Chuka County Referral Hospital land.

The leaders said the MP was also recently involved in cutting down of trees at Kibugua Health Centre in Magumoni ward and along the Meru-Nairobi Highway that was ferried to an unknown place sparking row from members of the public questioning the use.

“This is the third incidence the MP is involved in cutting down of trees in government land without the knowl-



Photos showing cut trees at Kenya Medical Training College, Chuka campus construction site in Tharaka Nithi County.

edge of the county government,” said Mr Wafestu.

He said though the county government donated the land for the medical institution, the trees are the property of the devolved government.

Speaking separately, MP Munene said the contractor assigned to the construction of the KMTC buildings was cutting down the trees to use them at the site, a claim that Mr Ga-

turo faulted arguing that a contractor should use his timber.

“The hospital management planted the trees many years ago and has taken care of them only for the contractor to cut them for his use without even consulting the county government. The MP cannot support such an act,” said Mr Gaturo.

The Chuka KMTC which is currently hosted at Chuka University was

lobbied by Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki when he was the MP for Chuka/Igambang’ombe with the current legislator, Munene as his assistant.

Njuki recently allocated the KMTC five acres and started construction of the buildings to relocate the students but recently handed over the work to the national government.

Members of the public have also

faulted the MP and contractor for cutting down of the trees that are not even close to the buildings.

“We cannot be cutting down such trees for personal use when the government is pushing for the planting of trees to combat climate change,” said Mr Eric Boore from Kiangondu location

Cheluget Calls For Nairobi Leaders To Work Synergetically

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Newly elected United Democratic Alliance (UDA) Chairman for Ruaraka Constituency Dr. Boaz Kiprop Cheluget, has called upon Nairobi leaders to embrace synergy and unity of purpose so as to achieve a common goal of progress and realization of social transformation goals. Speaking in Ruaraka shortly after he was declared the winner Friday Afternoon, Dr. Boaz said it’s now time to shelve all differences be they tribal, religious, social status, or any other kind of differences, and channel all the energies towards service delivery to the Great People of Nairobi.

A leader by example, Dr. Boaz Cheluget, who vied in 2022 in Ruaraka,

seemingly going against the grain, now that Ruaraka is predominantly an opposition zone, called upon Nairobi Governor Johnson Arthur Saka-ja to lead from the front by setting a good example for all the other leaders to emulate and especially share the National Cake equally.

Dr. Boaz has been mobilizing his resources ever since the inception and birth of the UDA party and he is credited with overseeing the registration of UDA members in Ruaraka in their thousands.



Newly elected UDA Chairman for Ruaraka Constituency the Dr. Boaz Kiprop Cheluget with youths

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Champions Madrid Will Retain Same Winning 'Desire': Ancelotti



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 said his team would be back for more silverware with the same hunger next season after claiming a record-extending 15th Champions League trophy at Wembley on Saturday.

Los Blancos held off Borussia Dortmund and then struck twice through Dani Carvajal and Vinicius Junior to secure a 2-0 victory.

"Here there's no danger of our stomachs being too full... tomorrow this club will enjoy another fantastic day with our fans, then to rest, the players will go to the Euros, the Copa America, then we will return with the same desire and hope as ever," pledged Ancelotti.

The Italian lifted the trophy for a record-extending fifth time as a coach and his players jubilantly

tossed him into the air during the celebrations.

"This competition gave me fantastic happiness, as a player, as a manager," continued Ancelotti, who turns 65 on June 10.

"My target is to try to repeat the same emotion that we (have) the week after this game, this is the target.

"I have the luck to be at the best club in the world."

The coach said he rated the team's performance this season as "10 out of 10" after severe injuries to several key players including David Alaba, Eder Militao and Thibaut Courtois, the latter of whom started the final.

Madrid, who completed a La Liga and Champions League double for the fifth time in their history, are Spain's dominant force.

That advantage may be further increased by the signing of France striker Kylian Mbappe at the end of his Paris Saint-Germain deal, a move expected to be announced in the coming days.

Madrid will lose German midfielder metronome Toni Kroos, retiring from football after Euro 2024.

"What will happen now? Something will happen. We lost an important player, we will have other players to take over," said Ancelotti.

"As we have always done, we adapt to the characteristics of the players that we have, to be competitive."

Ancelotti said coming back to Madrid for a second stint in charge was a "gift" for him, having returned in 2021.

The Italian said he was delight-

ed to be at a "family" club, with his son Davide Ancelotti operating as his assistant.

"We're a family, Real Madrid is a family, a football family," continued the coach.

"There's a healthy, clean environment. Working in a family is a lot better than working in an industry.

"Obviously he helps me a lot because he can tell me things that nobody else can tell me."

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Dortmund Face Tough Challenges After Champions League Defeat

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The German underdogs carved out several chances in the first half and had Real on the back foot, with Niclas Füllkrug hitting the inside of the post and Karim Adeyemi troubling the Madrid defence with his speed.

On another night, with a little more luck and perhaps some more composure in front of goal, Dortmund could have produced one of the most unlikely victories in recent Champions League history.

But Real, as they have done so often in this tournament, waited for their chance and struck, Dani Carvajal heading in after 74 minutes.

The goal cut Dortmund's stubborn resistance and Vinicius Junior added a second eight minutes later to put Madrid on course for a 15th Champions League trophy.

The fight and resilience shown by Dortmund throughout the run to the final will give them plenty to draw from, as will the performances of Julian Brandt, Karim Adeyemi and Gregor Kobel, who are set to stay.

But the effort should not obscure the true nature of the task at hand for a club who have just finished fifth in the Bundesliga, a whopping 27 points behind Bayer Leverkusen, and are in a period of upheaval.

- Terzic to stay -

For a club of Dortmund's resources and history, there should be no shame in losing narrowly to Real Madrid.

Several excellent sides have also fallen at the final hurdle against Madrid, including the best versions of Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool and Diego Simeone's Atletico Madrid.

Tipped to not even make it out of a group featuring Paris Saint-Germain, Newcastle and AC Milan, Dortmund qualified first.

They made it past Dutch cham-



Dortmund's Austrian midfielder #20 Marcel Sabitzer (R) reacts after losing 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 INA FASSBENDER / AFP).

pions PSV Eindhoven, Atletico Madrid and then PSG and Kylian Mbappe again in the semis, before reaching the final for the third time in their history.

Backed by a passionate travelling support, the winners in 1997 had come close to giving stalwarts Marco Reus and Mats Hummels a chance of redemption, 11 years after they were part of the team that lost at the same venue to domestic rivals Bayern Munich.

The deep run means coach Edin Terzic, who narrowly escaped the sack twice after poor showings in the league this season, will be backed to continue, with club CEO Hans-Joachim Watzke a strong advocate.

Reus was playing his final game for the club and along with Hummels' likely exit, Dortmund are losing a wealth of experience and class in key positions.

Both players had also fallen out with Terzic, particularly Hummels who criticised the coach's defensive approach in interviews before Saturday's match.

Only twice during the knockout rounds did Dortmund have more possession than their opponents -- both times against Atletico -- with even PSV seeing more of the ball.

While the approach worked on the European stage against teams used to having more of the ball, its limitations were clear in the Bundesliga, where Dortmund struggled to break down smaller sides who sat deep.

Bundesliga winners Bayer Leverkusen and surprise runners up Stuttgart, the two most impressive teams in Germany this season, each earned 40 points more than their previous campaign thanks to a pass-heavy, possession-based approach.

- Financial challenges -

Dortmund, under sporting director Sebastian Kehl, have also undertaken a marked shift in the way they sign players.

Known as cultivators of future football talents such as Erling Haaland and Jude Bellingham, Dortmund have shifted towards

signing established stars in recent seasons as other clubs have copied their approach.

The change brought stability and a long run in the Champions League, but for the first time in a decade there is no obvious Haaland, Bellingham, Ousmane Dembele or Christian Pulisic waiting in the wings -- which will have financial implications.

Dortmund, a member-run club financially reliant on European competitions, will benefit from their run to the final and have qualified for the FIFA Club World Cup, but are still likely to be deprived of funds to undertake a major rebuilding effort.

Dortmund's financial model has relied on income generated from selling top talents but their two most exciting youngsters -- Sancho and Ian Maatsen -- are on loan and belong to Manchester United and Chelsea respectively.

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The Great Warlord Who Conquered The World



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Worth Noting:

- The territory of our homeland was part of the ulus (state) named after Chingiz Khan's son Chigatai. When Amir Temur came of age, the struggle for power in Chigatoy ulus was extremely intense had increased. Amir Temur's struggle for freedom against the Mongols lasted for eight years. Amir Temur finally expelled the Mongol army from the territory of Movarounnahr. On April 9, 1370, Amir Temur was declared the ruler of Movarounnahr. At that time, he was 34 years old. Samarkand was designated as the capital of the state. Soon, the Golden Horde, established by the Mongols in the state of Amir Temur

Annotation:

In this article, the life and activities of the great master Amir Temur, his travels, etc

His place in the world community, as well as the buildings he built, are generally recognized through the article to what extent they are in the field of science, culture, art, tourism, and military

The great works done in many fields are highlighted. The great masters of Uzbekistan and the world

He is one of the leaders who left a great mark in history.

Key word:

Amir Temur, owner, Uzbekistan, military campaigns, science, Europe, strategy, recognition, world history, tourism, literature. Amir Temur on April 9, 1336 Khoja in the Yakkabog district of the present Kashkadarya region

He was born in Ilgor village. His father, Amir Taragai Bahadir, is a barlos clan of Uzbeks and Kesh was one of the influential emirs of the province. His mother, Takina Mohbegim, was an accomplished scholar of Bukhara.

She was the daughter of one of his household. Amir Temur spent his youth in Shahrisabz. Seven years old when he grew up, his father sent him to study. Amir Temur has been under the supervision of teachers since his youth engaged in activities such as riding, hunting, shooting from a bow.

He mastered the science of his time from the age of 17, he started to independently manage all his father's property. Amir Temur spent his first military career serving the regional emirs with his soldiers started doing. He showed bravery in the battles, and this earned his name in the Kashkadarya oasis made him famous. Amir Temur, who was struggling in the battles, now has the homeland before him

He set the sacred task of liberating us from the Mongols. The reason was during the time when Amir Temur was born

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Chingiz Khan's son Chigatai. When Amir Temur came of age, the struggle for power in Chigatoy ulus was extremely intense had increased. Amir Temur's struggle for freedom against the Mongols lasted for eight years. Amir Temur finally expelled the Mongol army from the territory of Movarounnahr. On April 9, 1370, Amir

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Tokhtamishkhan, the ruler of the state, began to threaten. In 1395, Amir Temur defeated Tokhtamysh Khan's army. This victory made the Golden Horde weakened. Also, the Mongols of Russian troops dependent on the Golden Horde

The great Russian was inspired by this great historical victory historian quoted this sentence, "Amir Temur freed Russia from the oppression of the Golden Horde." and this accelerated the rise of the state." Mikhail Ivanin (Russian historian), the book "Two great generals". and defeated the army of Sultan Bayazid of the Empire (Turkey) in the battle near Ankara in 1402.

European countries that were freed from the threat of the Ottomans to Amir Temur they sent letters of thanks. And the kings of France and Spain are also ambassadors they sent A monument was erected to Sohibirin in Western Europe as early as the 15th century, and it was named "Europe they wrote down the deeply meaningful words "to the deliverer". In the time of Amir Temur, science was also made great progress.

The science of the Timurid era is strong for the development of science in Europe as well had an impact. Therefore, in 1996, by the decision of the UNESCO organization, Amir Temur

The 660th anniversary of his birth was widely celebrated internationally. In 1995, International Amir Temur

Foundation was established. In 1996, in Amir Temur Avenue in

Tashkent, the era of the Timurids museum was established, "Amir Temur" order was established. On June 30, 2017, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Sh.M. Mirziyoyev "Kamolot" youth during his speech at the 4th congress of the social movement, military education for young people put forward the proposal to name the cadet schools "Temurbek School" and this proposal was accepted by the youth. Statues of Amir Temur were installed in Tashkent, Samarkand and Shahrisabz. Tashkent

The State Museum of the History of the Timurids was established in the city. One of the highest awards of our country - the Order of "Amir Temur" was established.

He mainly relied on the army in his foreign policy. That is why he is the commander of the army choosing and educating them, military units and their arrangement, service and he attached great importance to the issues of arming soldiers and internal discipline. Sahibqiran was one of the first in the East to introduce firearms - cannons - to the army.

Mountainous special military units and units conducting combat operations were organized in the regions. Ibn According to Arabshah's testimony, Sahibqiran's army had units consisting of women, who Amir stood on the same line as men and showed examples of heroism and fortitude

Every military campaign of Timur was motivated by a reason. These are the reasons of their country to strengthen the borders, to protect against external enemies, to separate the caravan routes to learn from historical sources that it consisted of cleaning up the people, punishing traitors, deceivers, obeying those who did not obey, and expanding their political influence possible Amir Temur's military art and state management style during his lifetime a special work dedicated to him was created, which became famous under the name "Temur Tuzuklari".

In it who to rely on in managing the state, the order of activity of the crown and throne holders and tasks, the procedures for appointing

ministers and army commanders are defined. Amir Temur's "... nine parts of state affairs are done by the council, events and consultations, and the remaining part by the sword I have done it", his words "Strength is in justice" made the country intelligent and justice testifies that he ruled with.

Thus, Sahibqiran Amir Temur the state created a unique method in the management and military sphere and surprised the world with the state he built on this basis.

We can say that Amir Temur is an inextinguishable light in the history of the world and Uzbekistan, and his memory will forever be imprinted in hearts and tongues.

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