The Emancipation Imperative: Liberating Kenya From The Stranglehold Of Political Elitism - A Legal And Socio-Political Analysis Of The Next Frontier In Democratic Evolution

A new paradigm of liberation is emerging, one that challenges the very foundations of the nation's political structure and demands a fundamental reimagining of power dynamics within the society

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President William Ruto

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No Dialogue, We Want Action! Says Kalonzo Musyoka

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Worth Noting:

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Wiper Leader Kalonzo Musyoka during a press address at the Party’s Headquarters on July 10, 2024..

In a firm stance against the recently announced National Multi-Sectoral Forum, Wiper Party leader Kalonzo Musyoka has declared that dialogue is unnecessary and that the government should focus on action. His statement comes a day after President William Ruto and Azimio leader Raila Odinga announced a six-day dialogue session set to commence on July 15.

Speaking at a press address held at the Wiper Party Headquarters, Musyoka emphasized that the government does not require dialogue to implement critical projects, reflecting sentiments voiced by Generation Z activists who have been at the forefront of recent anti-Finance Bill protests.

“The government knows what needs to be done. We do not need more dialogue; we need action. The youth of this country are tired of endless discussions and want to see tangible results,” Musyoka asserted.

The National Multi-Sectoral Forum is scheduled to run from Monday, July 15 to Saturday, July 20. President Ruto has highlighted the forum’s importance, stating that it will propose a roadmap for the country’s future development. However, Musyoka’s remarks suggest a significant divide among political leaders on the approach to governance and public engagement.

Generation Z activists have been vocal about their disillusionment with the political process. The recent anti-Finance Bill protests saw a large turnout of young people, who have expressed frustration with the current political leadership. These activists have criticized Raila Odinga for endorsing the multi-sectoral forum, arguing that it is a waste of time.

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The tension between dialogue and action is not new in Kenya’s political landscape. Previous attempts at national dialogue have often been met with skepticism, with critics arguing that they are more about political posturing than genuine problem-solving. The upcoming forum, which President Ruto insists will be productive, now faces the challenge of proving its worth to a skeptical public.

In his address, Musyoka outlined several key areas where he believes immediate government action is necessary. These include tackling unemployment, improving infrastructure, and addressing the high cost of living. “Our people are suffering, and we cannot afford to wait any longer. The solutions are clear; what we need now is the will to implement them,” he said.

As the date for the National Multi-Sectoral Forum approaches, it remains to be seen whether the government can bridge the gap between dialogue and action. The pressure from both political leaders like Musyoka and the youthful protesters signals a growing demand for accountability and efficiency in governance.

The response from the government and the outcomes of the forum will likely have significant implications for the future of political engagement in Kenya. Whether the forum can deliver concrete results or if Musyoka’s call for action will resonate more with the public remains an open question.

In the meantime, the message from Kalonzo Musyoka and the Generation Z activists is clear: enough talk, it’s time for action.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi has distributed avocado seedlings, certified maize seeds, and fertiliser to over 5000 farmers in the Nachu area of Kikuyu Sub County. The aim is to increase agricultural productivity and food security in the region. Wamatangi's administration aims to empower locals and support small-scale farmers in the community. He also issued educational bursary cheques and initiated a scholarship program to improve access to education. The governor announced the completion of Gathiru and Gatune model Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centres, as well as the construction of new ECDE centres at Kanyiha, Ndiguine, and Kanyayo. Additionally, water supply projects have been prioritized, with the Kanyayo Water Project designed to solve long-standing water shortages and improve the quality of life for residents in the Kanyayo, Kamangu, and Migumo-ini areas.

c; Pioneer Child Development Programme (Pioneer CDP) is issuing Solvatten kits to enrolled parents to enhance climate resilient and sustainable water purification mechanism in households and communities. This will help cut cost on energy, time and resources used since it is a solar powered vessel. It will also reduce water borne illnesses because the house holds is assured of clean, purified drinking water.

Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) Boys' national football champions, St. Antony Boys from Kitale County, will not defend their national title after being knocked out by long-term rivals St. Joseph Kitale in a contested Trans Nzoia County KSSSA derby. St. Joseph, also known as Jobo, broke the deadlock in the 29th minute through Rickson Wekesa's fierce shot. The Solidarity Boys' tried to equalise before the break, but Jobo defended zealously. In the 70th minute, St. Joseph's goal-hungry winger Instin Simiyu scored the goal to make it 2:0. St. Antony tried to push more bodies forward in the dying minutes, but all was in vain. With one minute of regular time remaining, fans couldn't stomach the outcome, forcing the centre referee to blow the final whistle, handing St. Joseph the title and a ticket to represent the county at the regionals in Bomet later this month. In the girls' category, Wiyeta Girls defended the title after humbling St. Joseph Kitale by a solitary goal in a closely contested affair.

A Murang'a philanthropist Karanja Mburu Wamatangi calls on the government to lower the cost of construction materials to boost the housing sector. Wamatangi observed that many families are unable to afford materials like cement and iron sheets due to their skyrocketing prices. He believes that the government should consider lowering the cost of construction materials to enable families to build standard houses for their families. He noted that people may be forced to revert to building traditional houses, which are not ideal in these climate conditions, if the situation persists. Currently, a 50-kilo bag of cement is retailing at Sh850, up from Sh650 in December last year, marking an approximately 20% increase. Wamatangi is assisting a father of four, Obadiah Kariuki, who has been living under deplorable conditions in a makeshift structure after unsuccessfully building a permanent structure for his family. He plans to use close to Sh700,000 to construct the house within 90 days to improve the living conditions of the poor family.

Atwoli Urges Ruto To Revive Jomo Kenyatta's 1972 Employment Policy

By: Prudence Wanza

The Central Organization of Trade Unions Kenya (COTU-K) has urged President William Ruto to consider implementing an Employment Initiative by the Late First President of Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta.

The policy which was initiated in 1972 required that all government parastatals and ministries employ 10% of their total workforce.

In a statement issued Monday, COTU Secretary General Francis Atwoli asserted that reinstating the policy would provide immediate job opportunities and reduce the number of unemployed Kenyans.

"During the recently concluded International Labour Day celebrations, COTU (K) formally requested President Ruto to consider reinstating this policy with the understanding that such an initiative is crucial in addressing the ongoing challenges of high unemployment rates, which have been a significant factor in the current demonstrations across Kenya," said Atwoli.

"Kenya is currently facing an unemployment crisis, particularly among the youth, and, therefore, the revival of the 10% employment mandate would provide immediate job opportunities and reduce the number of jobless citizens," he added

The COTU SG further stated that the initiative would serve as a pathway to fostering economic stability and growth, which in turn would promote political stability and reduce social unrest.

"It is the view of COTU (K) that, among the many actions to be taken by the President of Kenya, the provision of employment opportunities through this initiative would help mitigate the ongoing demonstrations and promote social cohesion."

COTU (K) Secretary General Francis Atwoli..

Tanzania's Conglomerate, Amsons Group, Launches Bid To Acquire Bamburi Cement

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Worth Noting:

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Amsons Group, Tanzania's leading manufacturing and energy giant, has issued a binding offer to acquire up to a 100 per cent stake in Kenya's Bamburi Cement in what is likely to be a historical record investment ticket in the East African Community Trade relations.

The deal marks a significant milestone as Amsons seeks to invest in one of Kenya's iconic blue-chip companies listed on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

The proposed investment will not only cement a Tanzanian company's place as one of East Africa's largest takeover deals but also promises substantial growth potential for Kenya through the potential foreign direct investment from the proposed US $180 million deal.

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"We have great plans to deepen our investment in Kenya and in Bamburi." said Mr Nahdi, Amsons Group Managing Director,

The cash offer by Amsons Group represents a premium offer above the Bamburi Cement share price as of the closing of trade at the NSE on July 09, 2024.

Amsons Group is a family-owned business founded in 2006 in Tanzania that now has more than US$1 billion in annual turnover. Its main business operations historically involved bulk oil and petroleum products importation under the Camel Oil Tanzania retail brand.

The group has steadily diversified and grown its portfolio in the manufacturing sector with a 6,000MT/day cement manufacturing capability, including through the recently acquired Mbeya Cement facility. In addition, the group has a 500MT/day Wheat Flour Milling Plant, a state-of-the-art premix Concrete plant, Inland Container Depots (ICDs), Fuel and lubricants, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), and Transportation fleet across Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Tanzania.

In the Fuel Sector, Amsons Group has Fuel Depots in several Countries, including Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, and DRC, with over 150 retail stations in those countries.

Last November, Holcim agreed to sell its 65 per cent participation in Mbeya Cement Company Ltd in Tanzania to Amsons Group and has recently completed the acquisition following regulatory approvals.

Holcim's Regional Head of Asia, Middle East & Africa, Mr Martin Kriegner, said: "This agreement to sell our stake in Bamburi Cement advances Holcim's strategy of extending our leadership in our core markets as the global leader in innovative and sustainable building solutions. With Amsons Group, we are pleased to have found a strategic and trusted partner best positioned to develop Bamburi Cement PLC's business in the long term."

"Amsons Industries (T) Ltd is a quality cement products manufacturer in Tanzania under the brand names "Camel Cement" and "Tembo Cement," two household brands in the Tanzanian construction market. Our offer to acquire shares in Bamburi is part of our corporate market expansion plan and will mark the formal entry of Amsons Group into the Kenyan market, where we plan to make investments in other industries in the coming months," Mr Nahdi said.

He added, "To produce our Cement, we deploy world-class cement manufacturing technology that has afforded us sustained market growth and partnerships as the preferred supplier of choice to leading building and construction sector players. We intend to replicate our success in Kenya by building on the solid foundation already set by Holcim at Bamburi Cement."

Agriculture Ministry Launches Policies To Enhance Extension Services

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Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi

The Ministry of Agriculture has launched four agricultural sub-sector policies that are intended to address critical constraints to the agriculture sector's performance.

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi said that four subsector policies—the Kenya Agricultural Extension Policy (KASEP) 2023; the National Agricultural Insurance Policy 2023; the Phytosanitary Policy 2023; and the National Agricultural Mechanisation Policy 2024—have made significant progress in establishing the macro-economic foundations necessary for agricultural transformation and growth.

Speaking at a Nairobi hotel yesterday during the launch of the policies, Linturi said that transforming and growing the agricultural sector requires the development and implementation of sound policies and strategies targeted at solidifying these economic foundations.

Linturi said that these policies and strategies should focus on approaches that reduce the country's reliance on food imports through enhancing farm productivity, creating a better environment for private investment, promoting value-added agro-based products, and improving markets for Kenya's produce both in the domestic and external markets.

The CS said that the Kenya Agricultural Extension Policy (KASEP) 2023) will play a pivotal role in revitalizing the provision of extension and advisory services across the county, which are critical for improved agricultural productivity and the overall development of the sector.

"A well-functioning agricultural extension service operated by the public and private sectors is one of the critical inputs required for increased agricultural productivity to transform subsistence farming into vibrant, commercial, and modern farming, attain food security, improve incomes, create wealth, and create employment opportunities," said Linturi.

The CS highlighted that adequate and efficient delivery of extension and advisory services remains challenging. This has been primarily a result of the limited allocation of resources and funding for personnel, training, transportation, and physical and soft infrastructure, including ICT.

"As a result, many farmers and other value chain actors do not receive the support and information they need to guide investments in agriculture and enhance their agricultural practices and productivity," said Linturi.

He explained that this policy intends to address effectiveness and efficiency in extension service delivery through measures that include: enhancing capacity for extension through human resource management and development; establishing infrastructure for extension and funding; establishing an integrated knowledge management system; improving research-extension and clientele linkages; improving coordination and enhancing partnerships and collaboration in extension service provision;

"In addition, the policy establishes frameworks for quality assurance for extension and advisory service providers and provides guidelines on extension approaches and methods to be used," said Linturi.

The CS stated that the National Agricultural Mechanisation Policy, 2024, will address bottlenecks in mechanisation, which is one of the major agricultural production inputs and a catalyst for rural development.

Linturi said that the application of mechanised systems increases power in agriculture and enhances the productivity of human labour.

"Despite mechanisation being vital for agricultural production, most farming communities lack machines to undertake their operations efficiently and effectively. Currently, the use of motorised power stands at 30 per cent, with hand and animal draught power (ADP) at 50 per cent and 20 per cent respectively," explained the CS.

He explained that the Agricultural Mechanisation Policy sets out goals and directions for the present and future development and management of mechanisation in the country.

"The policy intends to create an enabling environment for mechanisation development; build capacity for training, research, and technology development; and promote the adoption of mechanisation for increased productivity and quality assurance," said Linturi.

He added that the policy aims at giving a clear direction for sustainable growth and development in the agricultural mechanisation sub-sector.

"It is expected that the implementation of this policy will result in an enabling environment for a vibrant agricultural mechanisation industry able to support the realisation of increased productivity, food security, income, and environmental sustainability," said Linturi.

Government Aims To Double Milk Earnings By 2027

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Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke has announced plans to double milk earnings to over Sh80 billion by 2027 through enhanced feeding programs, disease control, and extension services.

The Kenya Dairy Board (KDB) aims to increase milk production from 5.2 billion litres annually to 11 billion litres by 2027, focusing on increasing both volume and value while strengthening farmers' financial bases.

The government has made significant policy changes, such as moving from quantity-based payments to quality-based payments, which will pay farmers based on the quality of milk they produce.

Mueke also aims to expand production into the rest of the country, targeting Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs), youth, and women to help reach the target of 10.5 billion litres by 2027.

The government is also investing in dairy production to ensure safety and promote bio-safety, with Bio Foods, funded by USAID, running safe milk campaigns.

Margaret Kibogy, Managing Director of KDB, stated that compliance with milk has improved from 80 per cent in 2017 to 96 per cent by 2022.

The government plans to spend Sh4 billion in the next five years on interventions enhancing feeding, breeding, disease control, and farmer extension services, aiming to increase productivity per cow from five to 10 litres per day.

PS Jonathan Mueke

The Kenya dairy sector provides livelihood to an estimated 1.8 million smallholder households, employing 750,000 people directly and 500,000 indirectly.

Kiambu County has been the highest milk producer in the country for the last five years, with an annual production of 430 million liters.

Ruto Warns Politicians Against Using Shortcuts To Ascend To Power

By: PCS

President William Ruto has urged politicians to refrain from using shortcuts to ascend to power.

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"There is no need for disrupting peace, causing violence or using shortcuts. Kenyans are clever and they will decide how Kenya will move forward," he said.

President Ruto warned of "forces operating abroad", who were focused on dividing the nation, that their schemes would not succeed.

He reminded leaders that they should execute their mandate diligently, knowing that they will face the electorate in 2027 to account for their time in office.

"There is no need to fight each other now; let us wait for the 2027 test and see who will win and who will lose," he said.

The President made these remarks at Kimuka, Kajiado County, where he commissioned the Kimuka Sub-Station that will serve over 600,000 residents in Karen, Dagoretti, Kikuyu, Kabete, Ngong, Matasia, Magadi and Ngemwa.

The 220/66KV sub-station will strengthen the existing distribution network and help offload 80 megawatts from the Nairobi North Sub-Station.

This, he explained, will reduce system instability, ensuring an adequate and reliable power supply in the Nairobi Metropolitan area and Kajiado County.

President Ruto assured teachers in Junior Secondary School that despite the withdrawal of the Finance Bill, they would be confirmed under permanent and pensionable terms.

"I had plans to employ 20,000 more teachers, but I will pause that plan until next year," he added.

The President said the government is keen on building a country that is inclusive, leaves no one behind and one that every Kenyan will be proud of.

He said the government is rolling out Universal Health Coverage to ensure Kenyans are able to access treatment whenever they fall ill.

President William Ruto commissioning the Kimuka Sub-Station

Present were Energy Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir, Kajiado Governor Joseph ole Lenku, MPs Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu), George Sunkuyia (Kajiado West), Onesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North), Memusi Kanchory (Kajiado Central) and Senator Said Chute (Marsabit County).

Governor Lenku committed to continue supporting the government to achieve the country's development agenda.

"The responsibility of building our nation is a joint venture that calls for concerted efforts," he said.

Mr Ichung'wah claimed that there were deliberate plans by individuals he termed political scavengers hell-bent on distracting the government from implementing its agenda and dividing Kenyans along ethnic lines.

He said they have been inciting Kenyans against MPs.

"We want to tell them to wait for the elections in 2027. Let them sell their agenda to the people of Kenya," he said.

Meru Residents Want County To Prioritise Healthcare

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Healthcare took center stage during the Meru County Assembly's public participation in budget estimates for FY 2024-2025 held in Kamunde Hall, Meru town, where the attendants, including health professionals, raised various concerns.

The forum, led by Jacob Mwirigi, the Chairperson of the Assembly's Budget Committee, aims to gather public views on Meru County's budget allocation as required by the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Medical professionals, members of the county assembly, community leaders, and concerned citizens all said the healthcare in Meru County needs serious interventions to be impactful to the residents.

Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (KUCO) Meru Branch Secretary Moses Baiyena criticised the reduction in funding for laboratory reagents from Sh8, 371, 167. 96 to Sh8, 000, 000 in the proposed budget.

Meru County Assembly

He said the reduction means fewer people will be attended to in laboratories this year compared to the previous financial year, which is unfortunate for the residents.

He also said there is inadequate medicine in hospitals, no promotion of health workers, and additional health workers, therefore overwhelming the ones at work without motivation.

He said that in the proposed budget, there were funds to build and complete dispensaries and hospitals, as well as buy hospital equipment at Sh56 million, but there was nothing put in place for hiring or paying interns.

"The County government is building dispensaries all over without providing medicines or employing health professionals, therefore making those health facilities remain dormant, like in Githongo, Timau, Muthaara, and Kinoru maternity wards, which are not functional at all," said Mr. Baiyena.

Mr. Baiyena further put the county government in the spotlight, adding that they had set aside Sh80 million to buy two CT scans for Meru Teaching and Referral and Nyambene Sub County hospitals, saying that the allocation for a CT scan for the referral hospital was in good condition.

"This seems to be an ambiguous allocation since the CT scan at the referral hospital is in good condition. They should have therefore specified whether the machines were meant for Nyambene Hospital, which might require them," said Mr. Baiyena.

Elias Mutuma, Secretary General of the Kenya Union of Pharmaceuticals Technologists (KNUPT), echoed Baiyena's concerns, adding that the proposed budget estimates did not show any allocation for equipping the cancer center for the financial year 2024-2025, while in the previous year, there was an allocation of Sh10 million.

"It is common knowledge that Meru is one of the leading counties in cancer cases. Given these, we would have expected more funds to be allocated this financial year to boost the fight against the menace," said Mr. Mutuma.

He also said that the Sh450, 000 allocated for emergency and ambulance services never reaches them and that it forces patients to pay for ambulance fuel.

Kenya National Union of Nurses (KNUN) Meru County Branch Secretary General, Mr. Nesbit Mugendi, emphasized the need to hire more health providers, saying that most health facilities are understaffed.

Former Municipality MCA Elias Murega wondered why the county government had allocated Sh400, 000 and Sh1.5 million for malaria and dewormers, respectively, whereas these have been non-existent cases in Meru over the years, thus terming the allocation as a misstep.

Understanding Your No.1 Enemy Pt 1

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The most important subject in the world is Jesus, and after that, the next most important is your enemy. You need to know where the devil comes from, where demons come from, how they operate, and who they attack. You need to know that demons operate through generations of the same family. Some people reading this book have demonic problems that have "run" (or shown up in person after person) in their families for generations. Demons are personalities without bodies.

A demon is desperate for a body, and the number one target is a human body. They will operate through animals to a certain degree, but they prefer to use the bodies of men and women. Mankind is God's number-one prize creation, and demons hate God. Satan and thousands times thousands of demons are moving through the air. Many thousands of them do not have bodies in which to live. A third of the angels in heaven were thrown out when Satan fell. (Rev. 12:4,7-9.).

We do not know how many that was, but we do know it was a multitude. Briefly in this sermon and others to follow, I want to deal with the particular kind of demon—or the particular assignment of many demons—which is the primary way Satan deceives the Church. It has been taught in many churches around the country—and this may surprise many people—but there is more room for demons in full-gospel churches than in denominational churches!

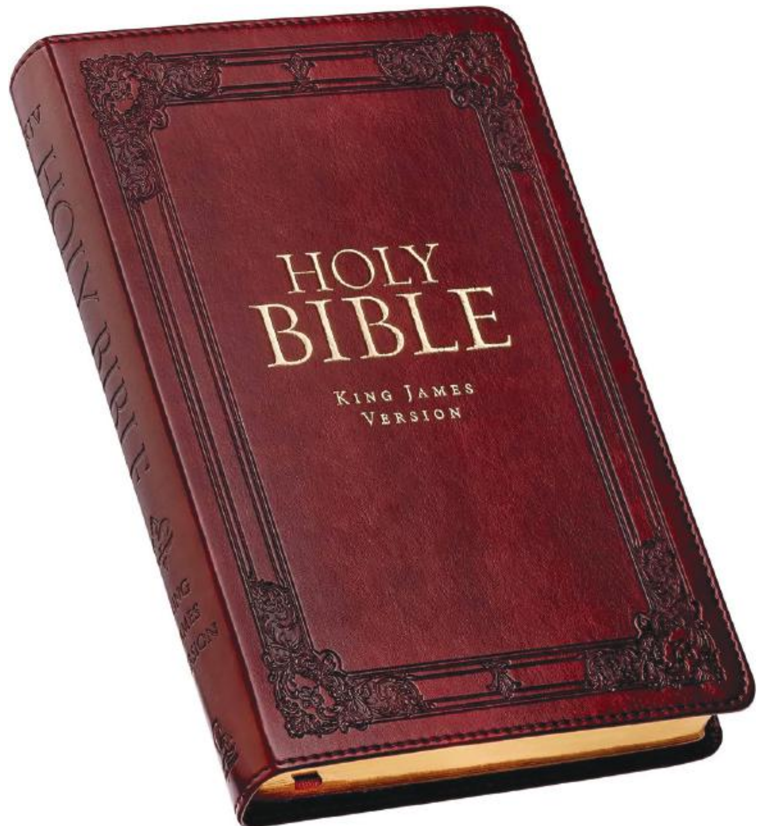
Most churches do not know very much about the devil at all. All they know is that he is mean. Satan has so many ministers and so many Christians deceived! He is the number one deceiver on earth. He does NOT want you to see him as the devil. He wants you to think that whatever happens to you or whatever way you are is God's fault or your own fault. He does not want to be recognized. He wants to stay in the background and have you not talk about him or know that he is anywhere around. Have you ever heard someone get behind the pulpit and say, "I just want to talk about Jesus all the time. I don't want to talk about the devil."

That is exactly what the devil wants to hear you say. He does not ever want you to know he is operating in you or in your church. If you do not expose him from the Word of God and do not know what God says about him, you will never know your enemy.

GOD HELP US! GOD DELIVER US IN JESUS CHRIST MIGHTY NAME.

Evangelist Eric Musa:

(My message continuously: The best decision in this earthly life is to receive Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour: Believe and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit: AMEN). As it is written; "NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2". For prayers, devotion; to support Evangelism contact Ev. Eric Musa on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA. ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God Loves you unconditionally, perfectly and forever.



NADCO Report: President Ruto Signs A Bill To Reconstitute The IEBC

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Worth Noting:

- As President Ruto signed the Bill to reform the IEBC, he also announced a 6-day national dialogue period starting Monday next week.
- This demonstrated he was walking the talk. He had assured Gen-Z protestors that he was ready to listen to their grievances and address them.
- We cannot however sort out these matters in the streets. We need to engage in a structured and constructive dialogue. I,m going to provide that leadership.
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- President Ruto was flanked by opposition leaders led by Raila Odinga when he made this announcement.

The reconstitution of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) was one of key highlights of the final report of the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) that was co-chaired by national assembly majority leader Kimani Ichungwah and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

When President William received the report, he assured Kenyans that he was committed to ensure the resolutions were implemented fully.

Kenyans got an opportunity to present their views on 'Kenya We Want'.

This reaffirms my commitment to adhere to the tent of democracy and constitutionalism.

Azimio leader Raila Odinga took a cue and a few days later he also threw his full weight behind the report.

Besides reconstitution of the IEBC, the NADCO report recommended the creation of more executive offices.

Kenyans immediately faulted the latter proposal stating it was designed to create positions for the election losers.

This would lead to a bloated and duplicative government that Kenya economy cannot sustain.

This matter also stood out as a core concern that triggered recent street protests led by Generation-Z.

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Sometimes back, a section of the leaders drawn from opposition Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Coalition had alleged a plot to mutilate the NADCO report.

Many would interpret this as a cheap political gimmick.

This is because the same members had passed a Bill that created the dialogue committee.

One of the key highlights of the Bill was a clause that the report shall be subjected to debate and approval by members of parliament.

It is worth noting Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka and his DAP-K counterpart Eugene Wamalwa, who had alleged a plot to mutilate the report, were members of that committee.

As it turned out, there were no major changes that were introduced in the report.

To me, the two Azimio leaders were behaving like jilted lovers after realizing that their popularity was dropping very fast. This started after their defacto leader Raila Odinga adopted a low political profile to concentrate on campaign for Africa Union (AU) top job.

As a lawyer and senior counsel, Kalonzo knows that the President have no power to interfere with matters before the courts.

For starters, the orders suspending the implementation of the two chapters of NADCO report had been issued by a Judge based at Kiambu law court. This is until the cases filed are heard and determined.

Taking cognizant of the fact that Kenya is a country governed by rule of law and the constitution, one would expect Azimio leaders to file appeals to counter orders issued by the court.

As required by the law enacted to spearhead the process, the report was submitted to the Senate for concurrence.

This means new Bills capturing the proposals presented during the public hearings held at the Bomas of Kenya were being drafted. The court has however stopped parliament from subjecting the clauses being contested to debate or any vote.

If non-contested clauses sailed through, the law requires the Speakers of the two houses to submit the Bills to the President for assent.

Dr Ruto had rightly noted that we are a country governed by the constitution and so we welcome the NADCO report.

Speaking after attending a Sunday service at Priesthood church in Kahawa West Nairobi, the president noted. A 10-member committee set up to address the issues raised by the other side came up with a raft of the proposals. For now, we are now reading from the same page with our opponents. We are committed to ensure they are implemented in full.

So, having this report is a key milestone in fostering peace and unity of our country. His main competitor Raila Odinga also endorsed the report.

But as it turns out, the opinion is divided. I have been following with keen interest mixed reactions that the final report continues to elicit. This is good and healthy for our democracy. It shows that our democracy is maturing.

I did not expect Parliament to let down the President whose vision and mission is clear. My prayers were answered.

For President William Ruto, his main focus is to build a united and peace full Kenya and rid the country burden of foreign debts.

Addressing congregants at Priesthood Church in Kahawa West, Dr Ruto had said that he was happy to note that one of the recommendations in NADCO final report stated. The monies allocated for the local and foreign travels of the government officials should be cut by 50 percent and 30 percent respectively. For 50 pc cut, i have already done that.

For 30pc, I have no problem. I wish they could have pegged it at 50pc.

Notably, the recommendations had been informed by the views and memoranda submitted by the people of Kenya during the public hearings.

One of the issues agreed upon is the creation of the Office of Leader of Opposition. This is another key recommendation.

The bipartisan talks were being held at Bomas of Kenya. The opinion of the polls conducted by Trends and Insights for Africa (Tifa) had shown that majority of Kenyans supported the proposal by President William Ruto on creation of this Office.

Constitutionally speaking, parliament is a law making body.

If Raila won the elections, I'm sure sure he could have lured members of Dr Ruto's United Democratic Alliance (UDA) to support his development agenda inside and outside parliament.

It is worth noting Dr Ruto started rooting for a system of governance anchored on tenets of democracy and constitutionalism long before he become the President.

This is the first time in Kenya's history that the sitting head of state is rooting for the creation of the Office of Opposition Leader.

President Ruto is rooting for the opposition that engages the government in a structured constructive and honest dialogue.

I remember a powerful speech he made at Chatham House in the United Kingdom (UK) in the countdown to the 2022 General Election.

He told his attentive audience who comprised political leaders, diplomats, scholars and professionals drawn from all parts of the world that he totally detested the system that was being embraced back home in Kenya.

As you are aware, the 'handshake' government of President Uhuru Kenyatta and his partner Raila Odinga was at the helm of power.

He described it as a mongrel kind of thing. This system lacked consistent, direction and focus. It is an animal that one cannot understand.

This system has caused a lot confusion and stagnated the progress and wellbeing of our people.

In a functioning democracy, the government and opposition are supposed to operate as distinct entities.

If I win the elections and become the President, I want to assure Kenyans that I will strive to provide leadership on this matter.

Initially Raila and his brigade had resorted to throwing the spanners in the work by holding bloody and destructive demonstrations. He never wanted Ruto to succeed. He had previously used the same card to intimidate and blackmail presidents Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta.

He hoped this card will work even this time. The strategy flopped because Dr Ruto stood his ground.

Besides, majority of Kenyans also realized that Raila was taking them for a ride. He did not believe in thier course. He was just using them in pursuit of his selfish and personal gains.

Raila's endgame was to force President Ruto to share the rulling Kenya Kwanza government with him.

Many Kenyans believe Raila was yet to accept the outcome of 2022 presidential election results because of one main reason.

He never thought he can lose because for the first time the outgoing President, the deep state and system was fully backing his candidature.

He however forgot this. Dr Ruto, his main competitor was on the other hand enjoying God's favor and support of the majority of Kenyans.

We know that Kenyatta's victories in both 2013 and 2017 was attributed to the popular support he had received from his strongholds of the Mount Kenya and Rift Valley regions.

He had already lost the two blocs and the voters were now rallying behind Ruto.

Dr Ruto had also raided and penetrated Raila Odinga's strongholds and he had managed to sway a huge chunk of votes to his side.

With this, where did Raila expect to get votes?

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Over 40 Entries Already Received For The Africa Concours D'Elegance

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The Africa Concours d'Elegance office has already received over forty car and motorcycle entries for the Africa Concours d'Elegance.

The event is scheduled for September 29th at the Nairobi Racecourse and will celebrate the 52nd anniversary of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club.

The Concours has full Africa continental status for cars and motorcycles and has been recognised and sanctioned by the FIM-Africa since 2006. The regulations are available from the website www.concourskenya.com or from the Concours office.

Entries already received include the Alfa Romeo cars of Rishi Chandaria and Gurvin Bassi. Hamed Ehsani will be driving a Morris Minor made in 1976 on the Quartz inspection ramp and then proceed along the judging line in front of the main grandstand of the Nairobi Racecourse.

Newcomer Pablo Kengara will be competing with a 1970 Fiat 500F and a 1985 Mercedes-Benz 230E. He will be up against seasoned Concours competitor Dr. Joseph Aluoch in his large 1991 Mercedes-Benz 300 SE.

The Africa Concours d'Elegance Secretary Lucy Mungai commented, "This early rush by competitors to submit entries for the classiest event on the Kenya motorsport calendar indicates that there will be full field before the deadline. I suggest that those competitors who have not already yet entered should do so soon. This will ensure their inclusion in the event and leave them free to concentrate on preparing their machines."

Motorcycles entries already received include Captain David Mwaura and Lawrence Muchilwa who will both be riding Suzuki bikes around the Racecourse parade ring. Among the strong contingent of motorcycles from Uganda who will be riding their machines from Kampala to Nairobi are Gianfranco Masetto with a BMW R1200 GSA and Enzo Amato with a 2002 Honda Gold Wing resembling a car on wheels.

In answer to a frequently asked question on the method of judging of cars and motorcycles Peter Wanday the Chairman of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club and the Event Director of the Concours replied, "We do not judge originality. Our judging is based on the level of preparation, the fit and finish and the cleanliness and quality of chrome and paintwork."

"If a car, or a motorcycle develops an engine problem during the event and has to be pushed along the judging line the competitor will lose 10 points. Such a loss will greatly reduce the chances of a podium position."

This sparkling 1966 MGB entered by Vitafoam Products Limited came third overall during last year's Africa Concours d'Elegance..

The assessment of cars commences with the underside on the TotalEnergies Quartz ramp. This is followed by the exterior by a pair of judges who check the interior and boot. Sitting inside the car they look at the dashboard, glove box, door panels, the roof lining and the seats.

Next comes the engine check with the focus on any sign of oil, or petrol leaks, dirt underneath components like the carburettor, the condition of wiring and the inlet and exhaust manifolds. Finally there is a road safety check on the condition of tyres, the functioning of lights and the hooter.

Before cars return to the competitor's parking bay, competitors wearing costumes are marked for their fancy dress by a panel of personalities and individuals with theatrical backgrounds.

The costume awards are sponsored by the Wine Gallery and are separate from the Concours without having any connection with the car and motorcycle judging.

Among the past overall car winners are a 1928 Chevrolet, a 1934 Alvis Firefly and a Railton made in the same year. Veronica Wroe with her 1934 Rolls Royce Boatail has also previously taken home the top trophy. Motorcycle overall winners include a 1941 Indian Scout, a 1937 Moto Guzzi, a 1922 Douglas 4HP and a 1925 DKW.

Othaya MP Sponsors Football Team For A Coastal Tour After Emerging Tops In Mountain Region Tournament

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Othaya Member of Parliament Michael Wambugu Wainaina alias MountKenya has sponsored a football team from his constituency for a week long tour of the coast region.

This comes days after the team; Othaya All Stars emerged third among more than 60 teams that have beeb competing in a tournament sponsored by Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria.

The team emerged third in the semi finals after beating Ol-Karou.

With the win, the team is expected to pocket KSh1.2 million.

The winner will take home KSh5 million with the second getting KSh3 million. The finals will be played on August 4 and Kirigiti stadium, Kiambu between Ruiru Football club and Isiolo North Football club.

Yesterday, Othaya All Stars led by Waithaka Kinyua embarked on the full paid trip.

Kinyua, the team coach said they will be visiting several places in the Coastal region and were hoping to be joined by the philanthropic MP at the weekend.

"We are very happy our MP kept his word. He promised to sponsor a tour to coast if we made it to semifinals. We are very grateful," Kinyua told this publication while enroute to Mombasa.

On his part, tha law maker noted," I remain committed to supporting all talents across our Constituency. Wishing you all the very best."

Othaya All Stars players and officials led by Waithaka Kinyua (left) at the constituency offices in Othaya town before embarking on the journey..

Nyeri CECMs And COs Sign Performance Contracts

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The Nyeri County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) and Chief Officers (COs) have signed their performance contracts as a sign of their commitment to achieving specific service delivery targets that are verifiable and auditable.

This is in line with the County Government Act. 2012 requirements that the County Government establishes a system of managing and tracking performance.

Governor Mutahi Kahiga and his Deputy David Kinaniri presided over the exercise.

Performance contracting aims to improve efficiency and effectiveness in public service management.

The contracts are also essential in providing a framework for accountability and establishing clear goals and objectives. They are crucial in actualizing development plans and defining the scope of work, and deliverables, while specifying measurable performance indicators and key performance indicators.

Nyeri County governor Mutahi Kahiga, his deputy David Kinaniri and other senior officials after signing the Performance Contracts.

The exercise is conducted annually and enables executives track progress on the CIDPs and the ADPs.

Chief Officers besides witnessing the CECMs sign the contracts also signed them in a bid to enhance synergy and stellar performance in the departments.

Directors and other accompanying officers including sub-county administrators, ward administrators, inspectorate in-charges and representatives of the various water companies in Nyeri among others also witnessed the signing

The exercise is conducted yearly to aid in the actualization of development plans, link departmental priorities with the annual budget, track performance effectively, and take action to improve performance. The process involves negotiating, vetting and drafting the annual targets that are guided by County Integrated Development Plans, Vision 2030, SDGs, Annual Development Plans and the allocated budgets.

The Performance Management Unit led by Dr. Nyoike Wamwea spearheaded the exercise.

This year's theme was, 'That which is measured, improves, that which is measured and reported with data, improves exponentially.'

The event was also graced by Nyeri County Assembly Speaker Gichuhi Mwangi, a host of MCAs led by the Majority Leader James Kanyugo.

Others were Clement Warutere (Chair Legal & Public Service), Agnes Wachira and Janet Kamiru.

NCIC Summons MP Farah Maalim Over His Remarks On Protesting Gen Zs, Says It Is Inciting

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The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) has summoned Daadab Member of Parliament, Hon. Farah Maalim to appear before the Commission.

In a statement released in June, Wednesday 10, the Lawmaker is scheduled to appear the commission on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 11.00 a.m on its official headquarters in Nairobi.

According to the commission, Maalim remarks on the demonstrating youths Gen Zs in the country made in his local Somali dialect contravenes Section 13 (1) (a) of the NCIC Act.

Dadaab MP Farah Maaalim at a past press conference, Otieno and Ogola advocates have filed a petition against his sentiments to the DCI. Photo: Farah M

"Pursuant to Section 27 of the National Cohesion and Integration Act No. 12 of 2008, the Commission is investigating utterances made by the MP in Somali language, on the Gen Z demonstrations against the Finance Bill 2024. The utterances are likely to incite feelings of contempt, hatred, hostility, violence or discrimination, and affect harmonious coexistence between groups of different political affiliations in Kenya, contrary to Section 13 (1) (a) of the NCI Act," read the statement.

NCIC further stated that the MP appearance will aid with the investigation following the remarks he made over the weekend. The commission further urged the Lawmaker to appear without failure, as missing the summon, is an offence under the commission's Act Section 63 (c).

"Hon. Farah Maalim is required to appear before the Commission to assist with the aforementioned ongoing investigations. Failure to appear in person at the said place, date, and time, is an offense as provided under Section 63 (c) as read with Section 63 (e) of the NCI Act," concluded the statement.

Kenyans online had demanded the arrest of if Maalim through a hashtag #ArrestMaalim, since Tuesday evening, as his remarks were a threat to the protesting youths.

The summon by NCIC comes barely a day after Otieno Ogola and Company Advocates filed a petition to the Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to legal action including criminal charges against Maalim.

They added that the statement has send panic among the young protesters, who fear for their lives, while exercising their constitutional right to peaceful and unarmed demonstrations.

However, during an interview with KTN News on Tuesday, July 9, Maalim denied the claims, saying his sentiments were misinterpreted and misquoted. With the stations senor political journalist Ken Mijungu banning the Lawmaker from his show.

Maalim is among leaders who harshly criticised the youths taking part on the reject Finance Bill 2024 across the country.

Majority leader Kimani Ichungwah had said the protests are children of wealthy Kenyans arriving stylishly during protests, sentiments further echoed by David Ndii, Kenya Kwanza's economic advisor.

Constitution At The Service Of Man

Laying the foundation stone of justice,
The leader raised the heads of the people.
He worked tirelessly.
He gave his life to the Constitution,
Putting people first,
The soul gave honor to man,
Laws do not serve people,
Laws are not enough for a person.
Not the law, said the law,
Humayun is a man in law.
The honor of the state is the person.
Body, heart and soul are human.

Shodiya Otanazarova

My Children Are My Happiness!

Man is born, children are his eyes, the successor of tomorrow, and the meaning and content of life are actually our children, our children!

Our Sayyid advised the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, to "give your children good manners and make their manners beautiful." It is the most important duty of a parent to bring up a child in the family with good behavior from a young age!

A child is one of the highest goals in the heart of a person, and parents continue their lives through them. In this regard, the Prophet, may God's prayers and peace be upon him, raised the value of children and said: "Babies are the blessings of God." When our mother Hazrat Fatima was born, the Messenger of God, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "Allah gave this basil as sustenance for me to smell."

Indeed, a child is the joy of life. Eyes are happy to see him when he is young, he will enjoy his support when he grows up, and after we pass away, he will stay behind and pray for us.

As a pedagogic teacher and mother, I can say that in the development of my children, from a young age, I engaged in various games, puzzles and everything that was interesting for them. Because if a child is interested in a profession from a young age and has talent in it, one should never extinguish the child's talent. On the contrary, it should be supported and praised. A child is one of the greatest blessings of Allah, the Most High, to His servants, and gratitude for this blessing is one of the most important duties of each of us. It is the highest gratitude for this blessing to take care of it and raise it to perfection. is one of the duties. Our Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "A parent cannot give his child anything better than good manners." Because a child with a healthy faith and worldview will serve his parents and grow up to be a perfect person, loyal to his country. The service of science together with education is incomparable in helping a child become a good, perfect person and find his place in society. After all, a well-educated person with a good upbringing is the prosperity and future of our country. Of course, it is difficult to describe in short lines the necessity of knowledge in the growth and development of a person.

Mohichekhra Takhirovna Normamatova,
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The Answer

Each winged heart has its own world full of questions! The heart and the mind are always looking for answers to these questions hand in hand. In fact, sometimes I am surprised by the questions that my heart sends to my mind. I can't wait to find answers to them. A few years ago, I faced one of these questions - it was as if I wandered around the world in my imagination. How happy a person lived in life?

Of course, this question, which many people could not answer, was difficult for me. I searched, thought and read a lot. But I couldn't find the answer I was looking for. There are various thoughts and wise words of scientists, writers, and poets about life in the right books and works of art. But they were not the best answer in my opinion.

One day, while reading the poems of Zulfiyakhanim Israilova, the beloved poetess of our people, I came across the answer I was looking for.

This is life. It is a habit of man to wait,
Tomorrow is better than today.
Bliss as expected in the hole
The future is visible to everyone.

Don't fall in love, I'm already at peace,
Your happiness and greatness is in your peace.
Than a life spent carelessly
The pain of hatred is more sweet.

After all, life is an opportunity. It is a great gift given to us to take a bold step towards goodness, to be a good person and to do meritorious deeds. Those who can understand this happiness are the happiest people!

However, people use this opportunity in different ways. As it is said in Zulfiya Khanim's poem, the days full of hard work, full of sweet pains, and awake nights are happiness and greatness for them. They are happy. Because such people, after their hard work, one day they will be happy. There are also such people for whom fleeting pleasures and pleasures are their happiness. They prefer carelessness in the guise of pleasure over hard work and patience. But this kind of life is regrettable and regrettable in my opinion. Moreover, it is a waste of precious life. When I come across such people wrapped in ignorance, I thank God who decorates my every day with hardships and changes.

Also, I wish every person who wants a happy life and a good luck always sweet pains of life!

Ochildiyeva Shahnoza
Uzbekistan

You Sold My Secrets Without Thinking

You sold my secrets without thinking.
I was patient; I didn't say a word,
Let's take a look at your conversation today.
Tin is now my enemy's friend.

You walked next to me and made a plan.
Your eyes swim after me,
You wanted to bend my step
Tin is now my enemy's friend.

I'll see how you are doing today.
I ask you how you are with a smile,
I stand proud before your eyes,
Tin is now my enemy's friend.

What do you mean? Dreams filled without knowing.
You tried, but it didn't work.
From these you can conclude,
Tin is now my enemy's friend.

It's been a while since I touched you.
Now it's my turn to tease
I have nothing else to say to you.
Tin is now my enemy's friend.

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ILAM Real Estate and NSE Investment Admitted To Nairobi Securities Exchange Unquoted Securities Platform

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(L-R) ILAM Fahari I-REIT CEO Raphael Mwito, ICEA Lion Group CEO Philip Lopokoyoit, ICEA Lion Asset Management CEO Einstein Kihanda, FSD Africa Director, Capital Markets Development Dr. Evans Osano, Capital Markets Authority CEO Wycliffe Shamiah and Nairobi Securities Exchange CEO Frank Mwiti during a bell ring event to mark Admission of ILAM Fahari I-REIT to the Unquoted Securities Platform (USP) of The Nairobi Securities Exchange.

Worth Noting:

- **"We are upbeat about the potential of the REIT following its listing at the USP. This move provides us with increased flexibility and potential for growth. The new structure aligns with ILAM Fahari's strategic vision to optimize its investments and provide investors with innovative avenues to diversify their portfolio." Mr. Kihanda said.**
- **The decision to convert and restructure stems from the ILAM Fahari I-REIT's comprehensive strategic review in 2021, which sought to understand the challenges the I-REIT faced and develop potential strategies to improve the returns and market performance. The long-term plan will elevate returns and market performance through asset optimization and the growth of Assets Under Management (AUM).**

The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) today welcomed the admission of ILAM's Real Estate and NSE Investment to its Unquoted Securities Platform (USP). This strategic move aims to enhance the liquidity and visibility of these investments, offering investors new opportunities within the real estate and financial sectors.

ILAM, a prominent investment firm known for its robust portfolio in real estate and financial markets, has taken a significant step by listing its Real Estate and NSE Investment on the USP. This platform, designed to cater to firms that are not publicly listed, provides a regulated environment for trading unquoted securities, thus broadening access for investors.

During the admission ceremony , to commemorate the REIT's admission to the USP, ILAM CEO Einstein Kihanda expressed confidence in the REIT's ability to thrive noting that the move will enable the company to unlock the REIT's full growth potential, reduce costs, attract new investment, and acquire additional properties to reach a sustainable asset base size.

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Upon successful implementation of the strategy, the REIT will consider relisting on the NSE after 3 years. Under this new segment, ILAM Fahari I-REIT will remain regulated by the Capital Markets Authority.

"The unquoted securities platform plays a crucial role in our capital markets ecosystem by providing a gateway for innovative financial instruments. It promotes inclusivity, allowing a diverse range of issuers to access capital and enabling investors to participate in emerging sectors of our economy. ILAM Fahari I-REIT's presence on this platform exemplifies the platform's role in fostering growth and unlocking value in Kenya's real estate market." Capital Markets Authority CEO Wycliffe Shamiah remarked.

Reiterating his remarks, the NSE Chief Executive Officer Mr. Frank Mwiti noted that The admission of the ILAM Fahari I-REIT is a testament of the commitment by the leadership of the REIT to put the needs of their unit holders at the core of their operations and a demonstration of their dedication to ensuring unit holders enjoy maximum value from their investment in the form of capital protection, appreciation and dividends.

"The admission is also a strategic move aimed at ensuring that the REIT is well positioned to take advantage of future growth opportunities." Mr. Mwiti stated.

ILAM will seek high-quality assets in prime locations with strong tenants and aims to double its portfolio value from Kshs 3.5 billion to Kshs 7 billion within the next three years.

The USP has been instrumental in providing a platform for companies that may not meet the stringent requirements of the main NSE board but still seek to offer their securities to a wider pool of investors. By facilitating the trading of these unquoted securities, the USP helps bridge the gap between private companies and the public market.

As ILAM's Real Estate and NSE Investment begin trading on the USP, investors are encouraged to take advantage of the new opportunities presented. The admission not only enhances ILAM's market presence but also reaffirms the NSE's role in fostering a dynamic and inclusive investment environment.


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The Emancipation Imperative: Liberating Kenya From The Stranglehold Of Political Elitism - A Legal And Socio-Political Analysis Of The Next Frontier In Democratic Evolution

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Worth Noting:

- **The transition from colonial rule to self-governance, while momentous, failed to fundamentally alter the power structures that had been established during the colonial era, instead often resulting in the mere transfer of authority from foreign administrators to a local elite that quickly entrenched itself in positions of power and privilege.**
- **This neo-patrimonial system, characterized by patronage networks, ethnic-based politics, and the personalization of state power, has proven remarkably resilient, adapting to various political reforms and weathering periods of autocratic rule, multi-party democracy, and constitutional overhauls.**

A new paradigm of liberation is emerging, one that challenges the very foundations of the nation's political structure and demands a fundamental reimagining of power dynamics within the society in the annals of Kenya's tumultuous journey towards democratic maturity and socio-economic progress.

This nascent movement, born out of the collective frustration with the entrenched political class that has dominated Kenya's governance landscape since independence, seeks to dismantle the often parasitic relationship between the ruling elite and the citizenry, advocating for a more direct and participatory form of democracy that transcends the limitations of the current representative system.

The clarion call for freedom from the political class resonates with increasing urgency across Kenya's diverse demographic spectrum, from the bustling urban centers to the far-flung rural hamlets, as citizens grapple with the stark realities of economic disparity, systemic corruption, and the perpetuation of ethnic-based politics that have long plagued the nation.

This paper posits that the liberation from the political class represents the next critical frontier in Kenya's ongoing struggle for true democratic representation and effective governance, a struggle that is inextricably linked to the broader issues of economic empowerment, social justice, and the realization of the constitutional promise of equality and dignity for all Kenyans.

As we delve into this complex and multifaceted issue, we will examine the historical context that has given rise to the current political landscape, analyze the legal and institutional frameworks that both enable and constrain political power, and explore innovative approaches to civic engagement and governance that could pave the way for a more equitable and responsive democratic system.

The historical trajectory of Kenya's political evolution provides a crucial backdrop for understanding the current clamor for liberation from the political class, tracing a path from colonial subjugation through the euphoria of independence to the disillusionment of post-colonial governance.

The transition from colonial rule to self-governance, while momentous, failed to fundamentally alter the power structures that had been established during the colonial era, instead often resulting in the mere transfer of authority from foreign administrators to a local elite that quickly entrenched itself in positions of power and privilege.

This neo-patrimonial system, characterized by patronage networks, ethnic-based politics, and the personalization of state power, has proven remarkably resilient, adapting to various political reforms and weathering periods of autocratic rule, multi-party democracy, and constitutional overhauls.

The persistence of this political paradigm has fostered a deeply ingrained culture of impunity among the ruling class, enabling successive generations of politicians to prioritize personal and factional interests over the broader national good, often with devastating consequences for the country's development trajectory and social cohesion.

The cyclical nature of Kenya's political crises, from post-election violence to corruption scandals, serves as a stark reminder of the limitations of a system that remains fundamentally beholden to the interests of a narrow political elite, underscoring the urgent need for a radical reimagining of the relationship between the governors and the governed.

The legal and institutional framework that underpins Kenya's current political system presents a complex tapestry of progressive aspirations and practical limitations, embodying both the potential for transformative change and the entrenched interests that resist such evolution.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010, hailed as one of the most progressive in Africa, enshrines principles of popular sovereignty, public participation, and devolved governance that, in theory, provide a solid foundation for a more inclusive and responsive political system.

However, the implementation of these constitutional provisions has often fallen short of their transformative potential, hampered by a political class adept at manipulating legal loopholes, co-opting reform processes, and leveraging institutional weaknesses to maintain their grip on power.

The judiciary, while occasionally asserting its independence in landmark rulings that challenge political overreach, remains vulnerable to political pressure and resource constraints that limit its ability to serve as an effective check on executive and legislative excesses. Similarly, independent commissions and oversight bodies, such as the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission, struggle to fulfill their mandates in the face of political interference, inadequate resourcing, and the sheer scale of the challenges they are tasked with addressing.

This dichotomy between progressive legal frameworks and their flawed implementation underscores the limitations of purely institutional solutions to Kenya's governance challenges, highlighting the need for a more fundamental shift in political culture and citizen engagement.

The economic ramifications of Kenya's entrenched political class system extend far beyond the realm of governance, permeating every aspect of the nation's socio-economic fabric and perpetuating cycles of poverty, inequality, and underdevelopment.

The concentration of political power in the hands of a small elite has fostered an environment where economic opportunities are often tied to political connections, creating a symbiotic relationship between political influence and economic success that further entrenches existing power structures.

This nexus between political and economic power manifests in various forms, from the preferential awarding of government contracts to the manipulation of regulatory frameworks to benefit vested interests, ultimately distorting market dynamics and stifling genuine economic innovation and growth.

The resultant economic landscape is characterized by stark disparities, with a small segment of the population enjoying unprecedented wealth while the majority struggle with rising living costs, limited job opportunities, and inadequate access to basic services.

The brain drain phenomenon, where Kenya's brightest minds seek opportunities abroad due to limited prospects at home, further exacerbates the economic challenges, depriving the nation of critical human capital necessary for sustainable development.

Moreover, the political class's short-term focus on electoral cycles often leads to populist economic policies that prioritize immediate political gains over long-term economic stability and growth, further undermining Kenya's potential for sustainable development and equitable prosperity.

The interplay between ethnicity, politics, and governance in Kenya presents one of the most complex and persistent challenges to the nation's quest for liberation from the stranglehold of the political class.

The instrumentalization of ethnic identities for political mobilization has been a hallmark of Kenyan politics since independence, with political leaders often positioning themselves as the champions of their respective ethnic communities rather than as national figures representing the interests of all Kenyans.

This ethnic calculus in political organization and resource allocation has not only perpetuated a cycle of ethnic-based marginalization and conflict but has also served as a powerful tool for the political class to maintain their relevance and power base.

The result is a fragmented national identity, where loyalty to ethnic king-

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Okoa Uchumi Campaign Responds To Executive's Actions Post Finance Bill 2024 Rejection

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The Okoa Uchumi Campaign has issued a statement , addressing the People's Budget and responding to the Executive's actions following the public rejection of the Finance Bill 2024. The campaign, which has been at the forefront of advocating for economic justice and fiscal accountability, expressed its concerns and outlined its stance on the recent developments.

In their statement,The Okoa Uchumi Campaign representatives highlighted the People's Budget as a framework is designed to promote inclusive growth and ensure equitable distribution of resources. The campaign emphasized that the People's Budget prioritizes social services, education, healthcare, and infrastructure development, aiming to uplift the standard of living for all Kenyans.

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They added that continued statement on using the supplementary budget to amend the Appropriation Act must cease and allow redress of measures for grave budgetary expenditure violations. That the government in seeking to address the demands of Kenyans led by Gen Zs, must come with clean hands through strict adherence to the rule of law, stating that in recent developments, the President has outrightly violated and annihilated the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, in issuing Gazette Notice No. 5261 of 2024, establishing a Presidential Task Force on Forensic Audit of Public Debt.

" We wish to emphasize that we have called for a forensic audit of public debt that covers a longer term so as to give an end-to-end state of our public debt. The Terms of Reference of the Taskforce are what Kenyans need. We are, however, concerned that the establishment of the taskforce is in contravention of aspects of Article 229 of the Constitution, which establishes the Office of the Auditor General and vests the responsibility of auditing public debt exclusively on this Office." They stated.

The Okoa Uchumi Campaign representatives reading a joint statement during a press briefing in Nairobi.

Moving forward, the citizen and civil society platform Okoa Uchumi demands that :

Parliament should enact a new appropriation law per the people's wishes and in strict compliance with the Constitution and the law, preferably one based on zero-based budgeting, to disrupt the entrenched templates that have continued to perpetuate fiscal imprudence.

Parliament exercises its powers under Article 95(4)(c) and Article 211 of the Constitution as read with Section 37 of the Public Audit Act, to adopt a resolution requesting the Auditor General to undertake both a forensic and performance audit of all public debt acquired by Kenya since the promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Parliament should provide clear terms of reference for the audit and put all its resources at the disposal of the Auditor General in undertaking this task. Parliament should also give the Auditor General a limited timeline within which to conclude the audit and report back to Parliament.

Upon receipt of the request from Parliament, the Auditor General submits to Parliament through a public memorandum everything the Office would require to conduct a comprehensive forensic and performance audit of Kenya's public debt.

The findings should inform the restructuring of Kenya's debt with necessary institutional and legislative reforms accompanied by firm corrective action against all government officials who may be found to have violated the Constitution and thereby subjected Kenyans to more than a decade of economic violence.

The budget allocations are reduced further by Ksh. 119,491,636,547 in addition to the Ksh. 177,000,000,000 cuts proposed by the President, which now totals Ksh296,491,636,547. All unconstitutional expenditures, including NGCDF, NGAAF, payment of advisors in place of established institutions, and payment of Chief Administrative Secretaries and offices of spouses of constitutional office holders, be struck off and not expended in any form or manner during this redress period as we await a new appropriation act for the year 2024/25.

The president rescinds and retracts the appointed forensic debt audit task force and allows the Auditor General to undertake the audit as part of the Office's mandate under the Constitution

That the consolidation and austerity measures respect and recognize that we are a devolved system of government. Therefore, accord county governments adequate revenue and equal treatment.

The ODPP, EACC, Judiciary & ARA to fast-track the prosecution corruption cases, and review of charge sheets to include criminal proceedings to the accused persons implicated in the prosecutions, and in the same vein, sanction and debar public prosecutors who bangle public interest cases

The Okoa Uchumi Campaign applauded the public's stance, viewing the rejection as a victory for democracy and public participation in fiscal matters citing that the rejection of the Finance Bill 2024 by the people was a clear message to the Executive that Kenyans will not accept policies that undermine their economic well-being,

In the wake of the Finance Bill's rejection, the Executive has taken several steps that have drawn criticism from the Okoa Uchumi Campaign. They accused the Executive of attempting to push through unpopular measures without adequate public consultation. They pointed to recent decrees and administrative orders as evidence of a top-down approach that disregards the will of the people.

They concluded their statement with a call to action, urging Kenyans to remain vigilant and to continue advocating for policies that reflect their needs and aspirations. The campaign also announced plans to organize public forums and discussions to further engage citizens in the budgeting process.

The Okoa Uchumi Campaign's statement underscores the growing demand for accountability and participatory governance in Kenya's fiscal policy-making. As the debate over the People's Budget and the Finance Bill 2024 continues, the campaign's advocacy is expected to play a pivotal role in shaping the country's economic future.

The Emancipation Imperative: Liberating Kenya From The Stranglehold Of Political Elitism - A Legal And Socio-Political Analysis Of The Next Frontier In Democratic Evolution

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- **This paper has explored the historical roots of political elitism in Kenya, the legal and institutional frameworks that both enable and constrain political power, the economic ramifications of the current system, the complex interplay of ethnicity and politics, the role of civil society and digital technologies in fostering change, the critical importance of youth empowerment and education, and the international dimensions of Kenya's political evolution.**

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pins often supersedes commitment to national ideals or policy-based politics. The devolution system, while aimed at addressing historical inequities in resource allocation and bringing governance closer to the people, has in some instances inadvertently reinforced ethnic enclaves, with county governments sometimes becoming fiefdoms of local political elites.

Breaking this nexus between ethnicity and politics represents a critical challenge in Kenya's journey towards a more inclusive and merit-based political system, requiring not only institutional reforms but a fundamental shift in political culture and civic education.

The role of civil society organizations (CSOs) and grassroots movements in challenging the dominance of the political class and advocating for a more participatory form of democracy has emerged as a critical factor in Kenya's evolving political landscape. These non-state actors have increasingly positioned themselves as the vanguard of democratic accountability, leveraging social media, public interest litigation, and community mobilization to expose corruption, demand transparency, and push for policy reforms.

The vibrancy of Kenya's civil society sector, ranging from human rights organizations to professional associations and community-based groups, provides a crucial counterbalance to political power, often stepping in to fill governance gaps and advocate for marginalized communities. However, the effectiveness of these efforts is frequently hampered by resource constraints, regulatory hurdles, and sometimes violent repression from state actors threatened by increased civic scrutiny.

The recent trend of politicization of some CSOs, where they are co-opted by political interests or used as launching pads for political careers, further complicates the role of civil society in Kenya's democratic journey. Nonetheless, the persistent efforts of dedicated activists and organizations continue to play a crucial role in expanding the space for civic engagement, challenging the status quo, and nurturing a more informed and active citizenry capable of holding the political class accountable.

The digital revolution and its impact on political discourse, civic engagement, and governance in Kenya present both unprecedented opportunities and novel challenges in the quest for liberation from the political class. Social media platforms and digital communication tools have democratized access to information and provided new avenues for citizens to engage in political discussions, organize grassroots movements, and directly challenge political narratives.

The viral nature of digital content has enabled rapid dissemination of information about political malfeasance, corruption scandals, and governance failures, often outpacing traditional media and official communication channels. This digital empowerment of the citizenry has the potential to reshape power dynamics, enabling more direct forms of accountability and pressuring the political class to be more responsive to public concerns. However, the digital realm also presents new avenues for manipulation and misinformation, with political actors increasingly adept at leveraging social media to spread propaganda, incite ethnic tensions, and manipulate public opinion. The phenomenon of "keyboard warriors" and paid digital influencers further complicates the online political landscape, blurring the lines between genuine civic engagement and orchestrated political messaging.

Moreover, the digital divide between urban and rural areas, and across socio-economic strata, raises concerns about the inclusivity and representativeness of digital political discourse. As Kenya grapples with these digital dynamics, finding ways to harness the democratizing potential of technology while mitigating its divisive and manipulative aspects will be crucial in the ongoing struggle against entrenched political interests.

The intersection of education, youth empowerment, and political consciousness emerges as a critical battleground in Kenya's efforts to break free from the cycle of political elitism and foster a more engaged and discerning citizenry. The demographic reality of Kenya's youth bulge, with a significant portion of the population under the age of 35, presents both a challenge and an opportunity for transformative political change.

The current education system, while expanding in reach, often falls short in cultivating critical thinking skills, civic awareness, and the kind of political literacy necessary for meaningful engagement in democratic processes. This gap in civic education leaves many young Kenyans vulnerable to political manipulation and limits their ability to effectively advocate for their interests within the existing political framework.

However, initiatives aimed at youth empowerment, ranging from leadership programs to entrepreneurship incubators, are slowly nurturing a new generation of Kenyans who are more politically aware, economically independent, and less beholden to traditional political patronage networks. The rise of youth-led social movements and the increasing visibility of young voices in political discourse signal a growing desire for change among Kenya's youth demographic.

Harnessing this potential through targeted educational reforms, expanded economic opportunities, and meaningful inclusion in decision-making processes could be key to breaking the stranglehold of the current political class and ushering in a new era of more responsive and accountable governance.

The international dimension of Kenya's struggle for political emancipation introduces complex dynamics of global governance, diplomatic pressures, and economic interdependencies that both influence and constrain the nation's journey towards a more equitable political system. Kenya's strategic position in East Africa and its role as a regional economic hub make it a focus of international attention, with foreign governments, multinational corporations, and international organizations all having vested interests in the country's political stability and economic trajectory. This international scrutiny can serve as a catalyst for positive change, with diplomatic pressures and aid conditionalities sometimes pushing for governance reforms and anti-corruption measures.

However, the same international dynamics can also work to entrench existing power structures, with foreign actors often prioritizing stability and economic interests over democratic ideals, thereby indirectly supporting the status quo. The phenomenon of "elite capture" of development aid and international investments further complicates this picture, with well-connected political elites often positioning themselves as gatekeepers to foreign resources, reinforcing their domestic power bases.

Moreover, the global financial system's role in facilitating illicit financial flows and providing safe havens for corruptly acquired wealth poses significant challenges to efforts to hold the political class accountable. As Kenya navigates these complex international waters, finding ways to leverage global partnerships and resources to support genuine democratic reforms while maintaining sovereignty and pursuing national interests will be crucial in the ongoing struggle against political elitism.

In conclusion, the liberation of Kenya from the entrenched political class represents a multifaceted challenge that touches on every aspect of the nation's social, economic, and political fabric.

This paper has explored the historical roots of political elitism in Kenya, the legal and institutional frameworks that both enable and constrain political power, the economic ramifications of the current system, the complex interplay of ethnicity and politics, the role of civil society and digital technologies in fostering change, the critical importance of youth empowerment and education, and the international dimensions of Kenya's political evolution.

The path forward requires a holistic approach that addresses not only institutional reforms but also tackles the deeper cultural and social dynamics that have allowed the political class to maintain its grip on power. Innovative approaches to civic engagement, leveraging technology to enhance transparency and accountability, investing in education and youth empowerment, and fostering a new political culture that prioritizes national interests over ethnic or personal gain will be crucial in this journey.

As Kenya stands at this critical juncture in its democratic evolution, the collective will of its citizens to demand and work towards a more equitable, responsive, and accountable political system will ultimately determine whether the nation can break free from the cycles of political elitism and realize its full potential as a beacon of democracy and prosperity in Africa.

The road ahead is undoubtedly challenging, but the stakes could not be higher – nothing less than the future of Kenya's democracy and the well-being of generations to come hangs in the balance.

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Jeremiah Kioni Blasts National Dialogue, Calls For Implementation Of Constitution

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Jubilee Party Secretary General Jeremiah Kioni has dismissed the latest call for national dialogue by President William Ruto and opposition leader Raila Odinga.

In a statement on his social media account on Tuesday, July 8, called for the implementation of the constitution, as previous reports on dialogue have failed to solve partinent issues raised by Kenyans, including the National Dialogue Committee Report (NACDO).

“The Waki, Ndungu, TJRC, Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), NADCO reports. All these reports were done under ‘dialogues’, how many more? The writing is on the wall. Implement the constitution,” Kioni said.

Jubilee secretary Jeremiah Kioni has dismissed the calls by President William Ruto and opposition leader Raila Odinga as pointless. Photo: Jeremiah Kioni.

According to him, the meeting held at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC), was strategic and for the political class to work against the Gen Z protests that have shaken the Kenya Kwanza government.

“Fellow Kenyans, if you’re wondering what just happened at the KICC, it is all by design. The guardians of the Kenyan state wield their power relentlessly to ensure its survival against any violent threat that could undermine its very foundation ,” he added.

He further added that the strategy was to position the political class as fully being involved in the issues affecting the country, this calling for a national dialogue, that could form a way for the discourse of the country, while deviating attention and shunning from the reality in the country, which he said is further leading the country into a recurring political crisis.

“They strategically deploy the political class like pawns, engaging them in different actions disguised as necessary measures in the name dialogues and reports that push the boundaries of acceptable violence and political grandstanding. When these actions push too far, the political class is compelled to intervene, ostensibly rescuing the state from its own people and thereby avoiding what appears to be a precipice but is in reality a recurring political crisis,” he further stated.

Earlier in Tuesday, Ruto in company of both top leaders from Kenya Kwanza and Azimioa One Kenya Coalition, assented on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Bill into law.

He said the signing marked the beginning of the reconstruction of the IEBC, which was among the nine proposals made by the NADCO report. He further expressed his confident on the reconstruction will solve issues raised by the protesting youths.

However, Kenyans have expressed their displeasure from the move, terming it as a form of betrayal from the political class.

Enraged villagers Overrun a Police Patrol Base in Murang’a

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Yesterday was a rowdy day in Gachocho, Kigumo Sub County. Gen Z and millennials overpowered the police, broke into Gachocho Police Patrol Base and mauled a murder suspect in custody and stoned him to death.

The deceased killed their firstborn sibling on Monday night over land. They committed the gruesome act together with his brother who managed to escape and took himself to Kahuro Police Station where he was arrested.

The fracas started early yesterday morning after the neighbours alerted the villagers. A rowdy mob attacked the duo but the youngest of the three managed to escape.

“The escaped brother-in-law hit and cut my husband with a jembe on the head and the killed man here beat him up with a big stick. I tried to save him but this man cut my forehead,” Mrs Kibugu, wife of the murdered man said. Mr Kibugu was a pastor.

The suspect ran into Gachocho Police Post where the furious mob followed in hot pursuit.

The mob, baying for his blood requested the police to release the suspect. They blocked Nyokanyoka Road as more police reinforcement were sent from Muthithi, Kigumo and Kahuro Police Stations.

“These police officers in Gachocho have been doing nothing to protect the citizens here, we’re very angry at them,” a correspondent who wanted to remain anonymous said.

The police shot teargas and bullets into the air, trying to disperse the mob until they were out. Stones then started flying into the police post until the police were overpowered.

The mob then broke into the post and took the man from the police cell and stoned him to death.

“Gen Z we’re very happy and now feel that justice has been done. He has been terrorising us for long, even beating his father. He shall be buried in our family land over my dead body,” said the mother of the killed man.

The lynched man was a giant in figure and strength and allegedly used to fight other people when he got drunk. They killed him over a dispute on a piece of land.

“We’re very sad that this has happened. We ask the citizens to stop taking justice into their own hands and let the government handle insecurity matters,” Mr. Benson Kimata, Kigumo ACC 1 said.

He said that the police were overpowered because hundreds of people surrounded the police post, which sits on a hill in KENHA land. There’s a pending court case already seeking to stop the relocation of the police post to a more strategic position.

Kigumo MCA Hon Caroline Njoroge also rushed to the site. She fought hard trying to convince the rowdy youth from committing the act to no avail.

“We’re shocked. People should stop resolving to murder to solve problems, instead, they should seek other peaceful means. Let us let the police to handle such cases as this when such atrocities happen.” Hon Caroline Njoroge said.

Photo courtesy.

The mob wanted to take the body and bury it immediately but Kigumo ACC1, Kigumo OCPD Mr Kiprono, Hon Caroline Njoroge, Kigumo Chief and Gachocho Assistant Chief managed to convince the mob to let the police handle the rest.

The mob also destroyed two police vehicles during the fracas.

“Now that the suspect is dead, please allow the police to take over the matter from there and take the body to the morgue,” Hon Caroline added.

Both left their wives widowed and children without a father.

The bodies were taken to Muriranjas Hospital Mortuary.

Sports >> *Being his first time in the Southern City of France, Africa javelin champion Julius Yego is already loving the vibe that Miramas is offering.

Inspired Yego Loves Miramas As Second Batch Arrive For Team Kenya Boot Camp Ahead Of Paris Olympics

Kenya's javelin star Julius Yego alongside Team Kenya sprinters jetting in at the Marseille International Airport in France for a Two-Week Boot Camp in Miramas ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Photo/ALEX ISABOKE

Being his first time in the Southern City of France, Africa javelin champion Julius Yego is already loving the vibe that Miramas is offering.

Yego, who qualified for his fourth successive Olympic Games, led a group of 23 athletes comprising of sprinters and few rugby players, who arrived Wednesday at the Marseille International Airport for a two-week Pre-Olympic Games in Miramas.

This is the second batch of Team Kenya to touch down in France, the host country of the 2024 Summer Games, after the national sevens team set the pace on Tuesday.

Speaking to Capital Sport upon arrival in Marseille, Yego, the 2016 Olympics silver medalist, said he is enjoying the hot weather conditions that he will face in Paris during the games that are slated to officially start July 26.

The heat in Miramas is ranging from 30 degrees Celsius and is projected to increase as the days nears to the Games.

"I am delighted to be here in Miramas, it's my first time, the weather is good for training especially for sprinters, we thank God we are here because the preparations are one of a kind, this is what we asked for as athletes and has been provided, now what is left is us to work hard in training and focus on the Olympics," Yego, who threw his season's best of 80.24m at this year's Africa Athletics Championships, disclosed.

Yego will be throwing all his focus on the final phase of training in Miramas, and hope it will propel him better his 2016 Olympics performance in Rio, a result that will make him become the first Kenyan to win an Olympic gold in Javelin.

"This will be my fourth appearance at the Olympics, my advice to the other athletes especially those who are making a debut, this is another competition, although it is a bigger one, just focus doing the right thing, there is no magic, don't compete with anyone else but compete against your time or the distance because what matters is the best to come out of you," Yego, the 2015 world champion advised.

Yego will start his competition at Paris Olympics August 6.

Other athletes who jetted in with Yego are majorly sprinters led by 400m national champion Zablon Ekwam accompanied by National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOC-K) Executive Member, Paul Otula.

Otula acknowledged that this is the best prepared team to the Olympics and is confident Kenya will deliver at the Games that begins in 16 days.

"The journey to Miramas has been smooth, it is quite important for the team to have a Pre-Olympics camp because other than acclimatization, it is important for the youngsters to gel with the environment so that by the time we are getting to the games it is an environment that they are used to, so this is a good support from NOC-K," Otula, the Kenya Basketball Federation boss said.

"This is the best prepared team to the best of my memory, you leave the rest to God, I am sure these youngsters will surprise the world," he added.

Africa 100m champion Ferdinand Omanyala, fresh from winning the Hengelo Continental Tour race, joined the camp Wednesday evening from Netherlands alongside his coach, Geoffrey Kimani.

The National Volleyball Team Malkia Strikers are set to arrive on Thursday morning well in time ahead of the official pre-camp opening ceremony party slated for the evening.

Already in camp are the National Men's Sevens Team who were the first batch to arrive on Tuesday.

-Alex Isaboke is reporting from Miramas, France-

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Sports >> *In 2007, a young Lionel Messi posed for photos with a baby in the dressing room of the Camp Nou in Barcelona for a charity calendar photoshoot.

'Beginning Of Two Legends': Photos Of Messi And Baby Lamine Yamal Resurface

Lionel Messi with Yamine Lamal as an infant. PHOTO/OPTUS SPORT.

In 2007, a young Lionel Messi posed for photos with a baby in the dressing room of the Camp Nou in Barcelona for a charity calendar photoshoot.

Messi, who was 20, was already making a name for himself and would go on to become arguably the greatest of all time.

But little did the photographer know that the baby would also make waves in international football less than 17 years later.

Messi was bathing Lamine Yamal – the 16-year-old who is taking the European Championships by storm.

His goal against France in the semi-final on Tuesday is one that will be talked about for decades.

At 16 years and 362 days, the strike also made him the youngest man to score in the tournament's history.

The long-forgotten photo of Messi and Yamal resurfaced after Yamal's father posted it on Instagram last week with the text: "The beginning of two legends."

The photos were taken by Joan Monfort, who works as a freelance photographer for the Associated Press.

The shoot came about after Unicef did a raffle in the town of Mataró where Lamine's family lived, he said.

"They signed up for the raffle to have their picture taken at the Camp Nou with a Barça player. And they won the raffle," Mr Monfort told the Associated Press.

The assignment wasn't a straightforward one, the photographer said.

"Messi is a pretty introverted guy, he's shy," he said.

"He was coming out of the locker room and suddenly he finds himself in another locker room with a plastic tub full of water and a baby in it. It was complicated. He didn't even know how to hold him at first."

Like Messi, Yamal went on to play for Barcelona, where he became the club's youngest ever starter and goalscorer, as well as the youngest scorer in the Spanish league.

Mr Monfort said it was only when the photo started going viral online last week that he realised that the baby was Yamal.

"It's very exciting to be associated with something that has caused such a sensation," he said.

"To tell you the truth it's a very nice feeling."

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Through The Implementation Of Digital Cash In The Bank Plastic Cards Settlements On The Role Of Information Technology

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Mikroprotsessor Bank plastic cards, payment terminals manufacturers, retail of imported raw materials processing center payment system, spending materials and components, software, media, and plastic cards, terminals, bankamatlar the kiosks and other equipment for the production of effective and targeted use of all those calculations by means of the license and ensure the implementation of absolutely them in the future may be the localization of production.

In the republic of uzbekistan, as well as non-cash payment of the regulations on the civil code of the republic of uzbekistan, “on the central bank of the republic of uzbekistan”, “on banks and banking activity”on and on “on payments and payment systems”, the law of the republic of uzbekistan in accordance with legal and physical persons in the payment documents using non-cash settlements for the implementation of the procedure prescribed. Today's day in retail banking services most ko'p used in the type of one of these plastic card services. Plastic card to my bank and to the population o'z advantages there are. Also, today's the day the internet and electronic systems through various products and services for the'lov of out increase increasingly improving has been. Plastic cards and mobile communication from extensive use of the area of the development for the ground has created. In particular, consumer credit, money jo'natmalari, deposit operations , such as in the areas of information and communication technologies, the use of the initial stage is. Plastic card services to further expansion abroad experience o'to rga too is important. Plastic card services to the toe,'citizens of foreign experience , regardless of the remove that we have. Australian banking andfinance system in the 'tolov type, from twenty years more time for being used. O'after moving the years over this in regard to the great experience gained. The industry with innovative g'oya the introduction was. Today's the day come, in the circulation of plastic cards , the number of 1 - person to 6 than to'g'ri that is coming also it proves. Into the circulation issued plastic cards to work capable of the population at any one of 6 than to'g'ri comes. Credit card specified limits within use, plastic card through they come borrowing to the customer convenient time for back. In australia, mainly international “Visa”, ”MasterCard” and “american express” bank credit cards use. 'Songgi years of cash money the demand decrease and in cash are paid settlements of expansion as a result of the country's trade and services show points installed payment terminals , the number of significant at a level that is increased has been. Our country, as well as plastic cards through payment system development as a result of cash money to toe'present demand of the year as reduced has been. In particular, 2018-2019-the year in relation to the following day , the population among the bank plastikkartalari through operations and sales grated works out oishirish works ko'payib has been.

Conclusion. Bank card of the circulation of the development, scoring credit system current with the options, “internet-banking”, “mobilebanking”, “SMS-banking” like services gradually slowly with advancing the go, money o'tkazmalari, electronic payment such as services to improve push republic retail banking services development prospects determines.

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