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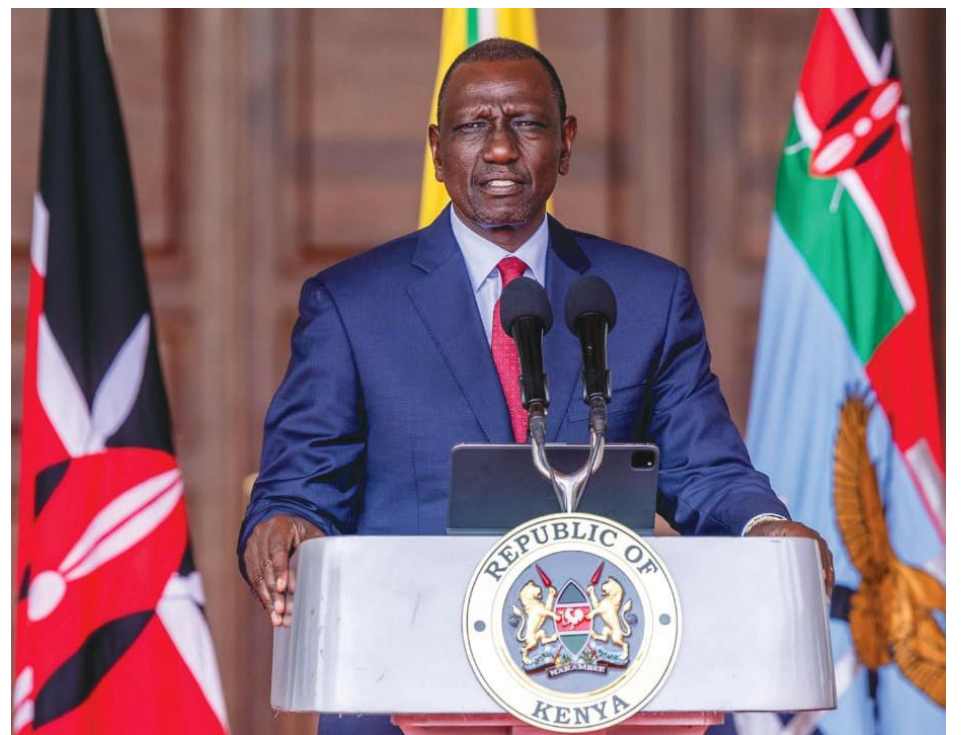


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Cabinet Sacked

In a move that has sent shockwaves through the political landscape, President William Ruto has dissolved the Cabinet, marking a significant shift in the administration. This decision, announced during a nationally televised address from State House, sees all cabinet members relieved of their duties with immediate effect, except for Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi, who have been retained in their positions.



President William Ruto addressing the Nation at State House

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Tharaka-Nithi County, A Benchmark For Pre-School Education

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Tharaka-Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki addressing media at county headquarters Kathwana. Photo/Mwenda Njeru

Worth Noting:

- According to Njuki, 120 schools in the county were selected for the program, 60 being control and the other 60 as part of the sample which were given materials to learn and teachers who were qualified to teach them.
- “We have taken children who are 3 years of age to school as an experiment to find out if they can be able to learn like the others which is going to relieve mothers to carry out their businesses and be productive. This assessment is going to brief us on whether we are succeeding or not and so far, we are happy to report that the program is going on well”, he remarked.

The County Government of Tharaka Nithi has collaborated with Kenyatta University and other education stakeholders to promote pre-school education and women empowerment.

Through a Randomized Controlled Trial of the Effects of Pre-School Intervention on Child Learning and Women’s Economic Empowerment, the partners have recruited 60 Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers in 60 schools in the adoption of 3-year-old children into pre-school study in an effort to enhance early childhood education research and policy.

While hosting a delegation from Kenyatta University at the County Headquarters in Kathwana that has visited the county for a review and assessment of the program, Governor Muthomi Njuki noted that the county was identified as a conducive ground to carry out the experiment brought about by the construction of a Creche at Chuka market meant to address the issue of mothers who leave

their businesses to take care of their young ones.

“Kenyatta University in collaboration with University of West Indies and Yale University with support from the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation decided to conduct an experiment on exactly what would work best after realizing mothers with children who are less than 3 years of age could not afford child care in terms of hiring house helps and they have to take care of the children since they are not yet of school-going age”, he said.

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Kenyatta University Women Economic Empowerment Hub Lead Prof. Judith Waudo said the program had two types of interventions, mainly comprised of curriculum and measurements where the team had to develop a special curriculum and lesson plan as well as develop a child protection policy.

In addition, the program had to work on production of material where all materials produced for the 60 schools were produced by Jua Kali enterprises within Tharaka Nithi County. The experiment also incorporates 15 mentors, 4 research assistants in charge of measurements and an observation lead.

“We are hoping to recruit another cohort in December to compare performance and see the progress of the program. Our overall outcome is women economic empowerment and that the project is scaled up in the county and other countries

where we have already developed interests”, she said.

Prof. James Biu Kung’u who is the Deputy Vice Chancellor in charge of Academics at Kenyatta University reiterated the high commitment by the County Government of Tharaka Nithi in ensuring the success of the project through making resources available.

“We have a lot of positive feedback from the participating schools and we appreciate the support and hard work that the field team has put in place to implement the program and we hope to continue this path to see that the project works and is scaled up across Africa”, Dr Tarja Francis, representing the University of West Indies noted.

The County Government is working to achieve transition of the children from PP1 to PP2.

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Homa Bay County Woman Rep. Dr. Joyce Osogo has cautioned the public against falling prey to a syndicate purporting to link job seekers to employment for a fee.

She said the fraudsters were moving around using her name and other public figures to con job seekers, targeting graduates seeking government jobs.

She said some of the people who have fallen victim were those seeking employment at the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and Public Service Commission (PSC).

Dr. Osogo said the criminals were most active whenever her office was rolling out economic empowerment programmes.

She said most victims were being asked to pay in order to be beneficiaries of the programmes she rolls out. "Some people have been identified and are being traced. We have reported the cases to DCI in different regions," she said.



Narok County has launched the Animal Feeds Strategy 2024-2034 to improve livestock production and boost pastoralist livelihoods. The county is partnering with the SNV Netherlands organisation to support farmers in adapting to climate-resilient agricultural practices. The initiative has already had a positive impact on livelihoods, with women reporting positive impacts. The county has discovered 21 suitable forage varieties for livestock and is training organised groups on how to grow and benefit from them. However, farmers are still not getting value for their efforts due to middlemen buying milk at a throwaway price. To address this issue, farmers' groups are being trained on the value addition of their products.



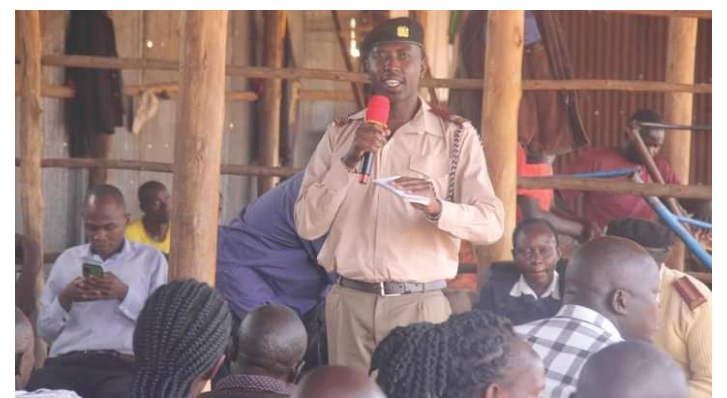
Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) Executive Director Mithika Mwendu called on journalists to connect with global discourse and advance an awakening that compels African leaders to act in unison to demand accountability for climate financing. "The power of journalism lies in its ability to shape narratives and transform society. Through the African Climate Change and Environmental Reporting (ACCER) Awards, we celebrate journalists who dare to ask hard questions and seek out hidden answers. By challenging journalists to explore these narratives, we aim to illuminate the realities that define what effective financing mechanisms should look like," he said.



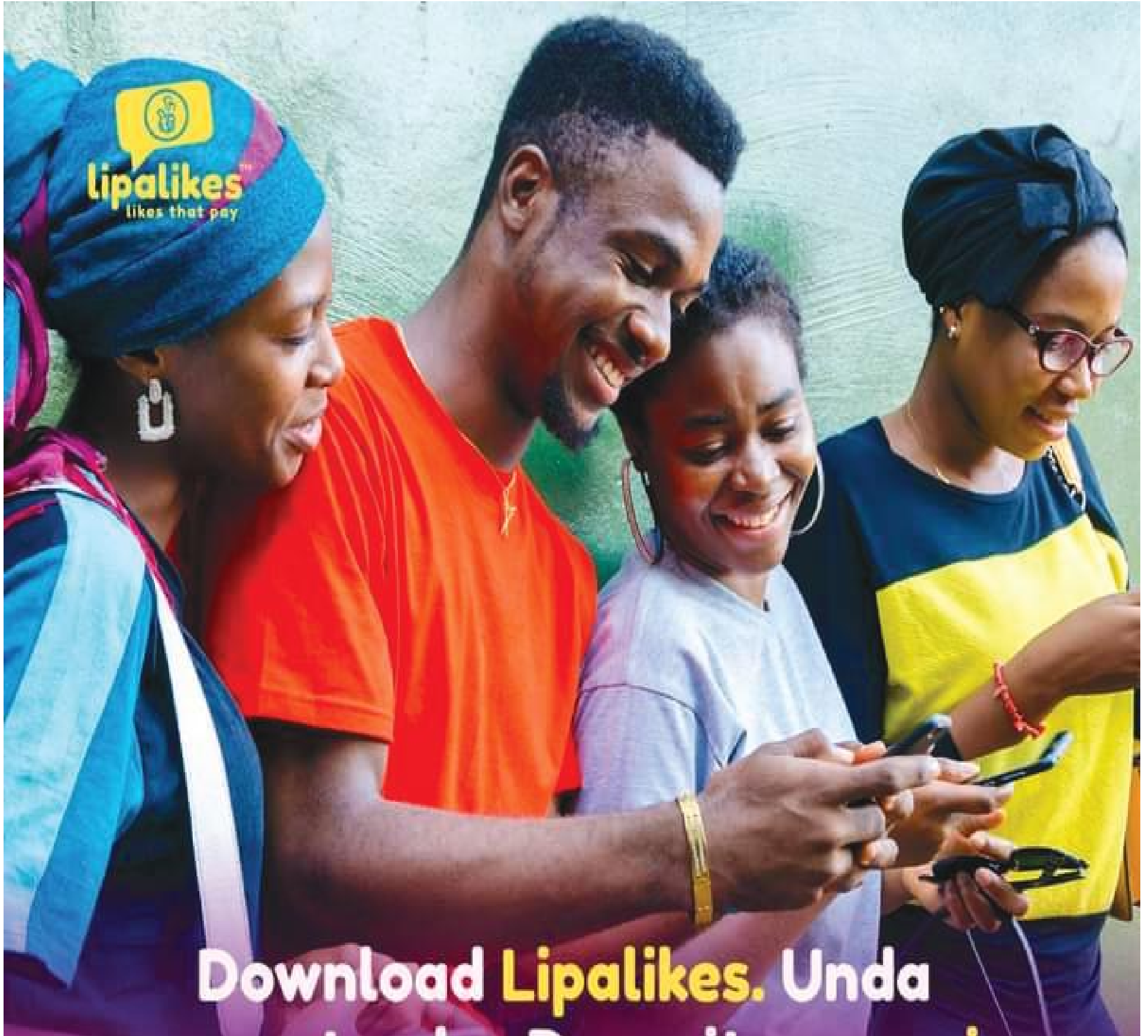
West Pokot County Commissioner Abdullahi Khalif has held an inter-governmental peace and security baraza in Kapushen Tapach ward to discuss insecurity issues. The team visited schools, ascertained the impact of insecurity on education, and checked responses from administrative units. "We visited Storm Amani Primary, Kamelei Milk Cooler, Kamelei Primary and Secondary, and thereafter we addressed the Baraza at Katungoi within the Kapushen area," said Khalif. The county security committee has decided to fast-track the vetting of the National Police Service (NPR) and deploy security officers to Kapushen camps. They will also enhance security patrols, provide relief food to vulnerable community members, and call upon Safaricom Company to improve network coverage.



The Managing Director of the Kenya Dairy Board, Margaret Kibogy, has reported an increase in milk compliance from 80% in 2017 to 96% by 2022. However, she said more work is needed in areas such as hygiene, milk handling, antibiotics, and aflatoxins to ensure 100% compliance and safety of milk and milk products. The government plans to spend Sh4 billion in the next five years to finance interventions enhancing feeding, breeding, disease control, and farmer extension services. "We will be spending Sh4 billion in the next five years to finance interventions enhancing feeding, breeding, disease control, and farmer extension services," she said, adding that this will help in increasing productivity per cow from five to 10 litres per day.



Security agencies in Busia County have held peace engagement with fish traders at the Busia Trans-shipment Fish Market, following reports of insecurity and leadership wrangles. The meeting, chaired by Busia Municipality Division Assistant County Commissioner Calvin Monari, resolved to ensure continuous engagement between the administration and the traders. Monari advised traders to report any breaches of peace and disorderly conduct instead of taking the law into their own hands. Busia OCS Maximilian Onyango urged traders to maintain peace and work together to improve business operations. Bonface Osogo, chairman of the market, urged traders to work with elected leaders and have dialogue to improve operations.



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Government To Empower Women Through MSMEs For Future Development Of The Country

By: MKT Correspondent

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Worth Noting:

- Chiggai said the Kenyan government, in a bid to empower women, has boosted a vibrant network of women learnt businesses from a massive market overflowing with handcraft goods to innovative products.
- She cited the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) which indicates that about 31.4 percent of MSMEs in Kenya are women led and women owned which employs 14.9 billion Kenyans and contribute to 40 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with an annual job creation of 30 percent.

The government has attributed Kenya's fast economic growth in the East Africa region to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector as it employs about 80 percent of the country's total employees outside Agriculture.

Speaking in Nairobi as she presided over the She's Next Kenya event, the Advisor on Women's Rights in the Executive Office of the President of Kenya Harriette Chiggai insisted that women's contribution to the economy is undeniable because they are reliable innovators, problem solvers, natural born leaders and also incubators of ideas that transform them into real time innovative individuals.

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Chiggai said that Visa partnering with Kenya creates and empowers women entrepreneurs while at the same time seeking to support, empower, and take their business to the next level.

She further stated that She's Next program understands the challenges faced by women including intimidation, harassment from government officials, lack of affordable credit, gender bias, lack of capital, and balancing business and family which through this partner-

ship, the women will be empowered to take their business to the next level. "Mentorship is key to any business entity be it at personal level or corporate," she remarked.

She at the same time congratulated the government's contribution to gender inclusivity and women economic empowerment which has already bore fruits for women across different sectors.

Additionally, Chiggai said that her office will continue to collaborate with stakeholders and bring about meaningful change to Kenyan women and girls.

"We have signed our gender priority accelerator of the world economic forum and we are collaborating with all private entities including banks to accelerate the gender space of all women where economic empowerment and investment are the key pillars," revealed Chiggai.

She further disclosed the government's signing of the She Leads Campaign with the US government to accelerate the gender space within the country with key components on dealing with femicide technology assisted GPV and transformative agenda focusing on women in all economic, social and political decision making processes.

She on the other hand reiterated that Kenya needs initiatives that promote financial inclusion, access to skills, training, dismantling of discriminatory programs like micro loans, and mentorship programs that empower women to become leaders in their communities.

Others, according to Chiggai, include sensitization of women to adopt technology in their business enterprise



Harriette Chiggai

and be revolutionized, fostering them to partner with their fellow women in form of "chamas", co-operatives and support groups where they can share knowledge, and resources and emotional support to catapult their products within the sphere of business.

During the She's Next event, over

2300 women entrepreneurs presented their businesses, where, the CEO of Busu Natural Skin Care Emma Omany (which offers dermatological solutions to those who are affected) were awarded Ksh 2.5 million for her innovative business.

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Nakuru Seeks More Collaboration To Improve Its Road Network

By: MKT Reporter
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Nakuru City in collaboration with the Kenya Urban Road Authority (KURA) is developing an engagement plan to improve and maintain access roads in the City.

City Manager Mr. Gitau Thabanja engaged KURA officials in a bid to identify key areas of collaboration and the team agreed on the need to harmonize the non-motorized master plan and improvement of roads within residential areas to bitumen standards.

This, Thabanja noted, would complement the beautification projects already put in place by the county government.

Thabanja told the delegation led by Elijah Orwa, that the county government had set aside substantial budget estimates for the construction and maintenance of the roads network in the county in its pursuit of urban regeneration.

He indicated the need to enlighten citizens on the critical role of infrastructure development even as public participation is undertaken. Good roads, he noted, were not just for



Nakuru City Manager Gitau Thabanja.

easy movement but also to increase value of properties and enhance accessibility.

Thabanja further said that views of residents were very important in guiding all the Infrastructural developments as they were the major beneficiaries.

“Residents know what projects need to be prioritized and therefore we take their views very seriously as an administration. By listening to them, our projects continue to meet their evolving needs,” the City Manager indicated.

Nakuru County has also constructed

storm water drains in order to deal with the perennial flooding that was witnessed in the past. This has greatly improved the draining of rain waters within the CBD and its environs.

According to the Nakuru County Integrated Plan 2023 -2027, the infrastructure sub sector has already constructed an additional 34 Km of new drainage system.

KURA undertook to strengthen the partnership with city management, optimize resource allocation, and create a well-connected, safe, and sustainable urban road network that benefits everyone.



A street in Nakuru city.

Thabanja said good roads also contribute to the security of residents and singled out areas such as Free Area and Kiratina, where security had greatly been enhanced through the tarmacking of the access roads. This, he noted, had also led to increased economic activities and smoother traffic flow.

The improved road network has also contributed to a better standard of living due to reduction in congestion as a result of the upgraded roads and construction of the non-motorized access roads.

Pedestrians no longer have to fight

for space with vehicles and motor bikes as they have their walk ways along all busy roads. This has also enhanced their safety.

Thabanja assured Nakuru residents that the County government would continue engaging them to establish their needs even as they undertake the development projects.

The City Manager acknowledged the views of residents on the need to improve street lighting and creation of more cycling lanes and have an assurance that these views would be incorporated in future projects.

Kenyans Welcome Move To Transfer Amboseli National Park To The County Government Of Kajiado

By: MKT Correspondent
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The Advisory Committee on the transfer of Amboseli National Park has held a public participation forum in Nairobi, where the public had the opportunity to submit their views concerning the transfer of the Amboseli National Park to the County Government of Kajiado.

Residents of the Amboseli locality and Kenya at large showed up and raised their concerns. Many were seeking to see what the residents are set to gain if the move were to happen as they have incurred a lot of losses in terms of lives and destruction of property as a result of human-wildlife conflict in addition to their local infrastructure stagnating for years.

Members of the Maa community supported the proposal as they have

sentiments that Amboseli is ancestral Maasai land and it is only rightful that they should retain what is theirs. They also advocated for equitable and fair resource allocation as they are directly affected by the National Park.

Following the Presidential Directive made in August 2023, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife, Dr. Alfred Mutua appointed and gazetted an advisory committee to advise on the framework for the transfer of functions of the Amboseli National Park to the County Government of Kajiado from the National Government.

The 28-member committee headed by Eng. Francis W. Maliti, sought to discharge its mandate and guided by Article 10 of The Constitution of Kenya, applicable and legal policy principles on public participation, engaged the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, the County Government of Kajiado and Kenya Wildlife Service

to understand the directive and impact of the transfer of Amboseli National Park.

Members of the committee conducted a reconnaissance at Amboseli and Mwea National Parks to see the infrastructure, operational mechanisms and met up with conservancies of the people ranching around the Amboseli area in matters regarding livestock safety.

If the move was to mature, the County Government of Kajiado is set to receive a large injection of approximately Sh1.4 billion annually into their county economy hence more revenue, spelling good news for the county and its residents.



Eng. Francis W. Maliti

Cabinet Sacked

By: PSCU and MKT Reporter

President William Ruto yesterday dismissed the Cabinet, save for his Deputy and Prime Cabinet Secretary. He said the move will pave the way for the formation of a “broad-based Government”.

The President said he had acted after an extensive appraisal of the Cabinet performance that has been in office for about 22 months.

The Head of State noted that he will consult different sectors and political formations to identify those who will assist him in accelerating Kenya’s transformation.

President Ruto said he was keen on the implementation of radical programmes to deal with corruption, debt, domestic resources, jobs and wastage in the government.

“During this process, the operations of government will continue uninterrupted under the guidance of Principal Secretaries and other relevant officials,” he revealed.

Speaking to the Nation from State House Nairobi, President Ruto said only the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Prime Cabinet Secre-



President William Ruto

tary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi will not be affected.

He pointed out that the government has made significant progress in the implementation of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda in the past 22 months.

“Even with the progress we have made, I am acutely aware that the people of Kenya have high expectations of me and believe that this administration can undertake the most extensive transformation in our na-

tion’s history,” he said.

President Ruto said the government has achieved significant progress in increasing food production by reducing the cost of farm inputs, thereby lowering the cost of food and living.

“We have also stabilised the economy by preventing what was an imminent debt default, stabilising fuel prices, lowering inflation and stabilising the foreign exchange regime, among others,” he added.

The President said the government

has implemented radical changes in the education sector, including resolving uncertainty around the Competency Based Curriculum and the roll-out of a new student-focused higher education funding model, with special emphasis for students from vulnerable families.

He added that the government has improved the student-teacher ratio by employing 56,000 teachers for primary and secondary schools, and 2,000 tutors for TVET colleges.

The President said the government has also resolved the bottlenecks in the cash transfer programme for vulnerable Kenyans, including orphans, the elderly and people living with severe disabilities, by ensuring that the beneficiaries receive their stipend at the same time as the salaries of public servants.

On financial inclusion, he said, the government has rolled out the Hustler Fund, registering 22 million borrowers, with two million benefiting every day.

He added that seven million Kenyans, who had been denied access to financial services by the Credit Reference Bureau, have since been removed from the blacklist roll.

Under the Affordable Housing Programme, he noted, more than 100,000 units are under construc-

tion across the country, employing 160,000 young people.

He said the government is expanding manufacturing, value addition and agro-processing to create more jobs.

The President pointed out that the government is setting up 18 County Aggregation and Industrial Parks, while six new Special Economic Zones are under construction.

He said the digital transformation agenda is on course, with 17,000 government services online, while 274 digital hubs have been set up.

“Our Universal Health Coverage plan has already onboarded 107,000 community health promoters and the registration process for the Social Health Insurance Fund is ongoing and ready for launch on October 1, 2024,” he added.

The President said the Public Fundraising Appeals Bill, that is aimed at enforcing his directive to bar public servants from engaging in Harambee, is ready for publication today.

Kenyans welcomed the move by the Head of State saying it was beginning of initiating changes that Kenyans have been yearning for.

Go Back To Class, Governor Mutahi Kahiga Advises Staff

By: Our Reporter

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Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga has advised staff working in the county not to shy from going back to class as one way of cutting a competitive edge in the changing global job market.

Kahiga stated that workers should pursue continuous improvement careers training to hone their skills and also enhance their output when serving the public.

The governor, who was officiating the signing of Annual Departments Performance Contracts for the 2024/2025 year at Town Hall in Nyeri, also announced his intention to enroll for a Law Degree before the end of this year.

“I want to challenge all of you today to stop sitting on your laurels thinking you have made it. It’s only after you get up to the hilltop that you see the mountains you have not conquered. There is a lot you can do with your life. The majority of you have enough time and opportunities at your disposal. Go for those opportunities while you still have the time,”



Nyeri County governor Mutahi Kahiga with his deputy David Kinaniri and Nyeri County Assembly Speaker Gichuhi Mwangi during the signing of Performance Contract on Wednesday..

he told the staff.

The Governor also underscored the critical role of putting staff under a performance contract noting that the criteria is the only way the performance of individual employees and public entities can be evaluated.

He noted that the county’s impressive performance over the years has been pegged on how well departments worked towards attaining set targets which saw the county realize Sh1.4 billion last year, as Own

Source Revenue.

Overall, Nyeri was ranked position eight out of all the 47 counties in revenue collection during the last financial year.

Kahiga said the county intends to hit the Sh2 billion mark in Own Source Revenue collection during the current fiscal year.

“This performance contracting has helped us make outstanding strides which has seen all our employees placed an annual evolution. This has

also transformed the working culture and enhanced timely service delivery,” he stated.

The County, according to the Governor, has as of July this year, managed to promote at total of 990 of its staff in line with the government’s objective of addressing stagnation for civil servants.

The county boss also cautioned departments against starting new projects unless there is proof of sufficient funds.

All pending and continuing projects will henceforth be given first priority.

“Unless adequately funded, departments are discouraged from starting new projects before completing the stalled or ongoing projects. I direct that, over and above unserviceable vehicles whose stock-taking started recently, an action plan for the disposal of all obsolete and surplus assets should be developed within 14 days detailing the inventory and methodology of their disposal. This will be able to raise surplus revenue for the county,” emphasized Kahiga.

Departments have also been put on notice for failing to submit quarterly public complaints and resolution to the office of the Commission of Administrative of Justice (CAJ).

To remedy the situation, the Gov-

ernor directed the County Secretary Benjamin Gachichio to compile and submit the report for the county by the end of the first quarter on September 30.

Among officer who signed their contracts included Nyeri County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) and their Chief Officers (COs).

The signing of the performance contracts is a sign of their commitment to achieving specific service delivery targets that are verifiable and auditable as anchored in the County Government Act. 2012

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

They are crucial in actualizing development plans and defining the scope of work, and deliverables, while specifying measurable performance indicators and key performance indicators.

Among those who were present during the event include Deputy Governor David Kinaniri, Nyeri County Assembly Speaker James Gichuhi, and Majority Leader James Kanyugo Mwangi among others.

Understanding Your No.1 Enemy Pt 2



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How would you as a parent like it if the KDF(Kenya Defence Forces) drafted your son at eighteen years of age, then immediately took him overseas and dropped him by parachute into some war zone? If the army did not put him through basic training, he would not know how to protect himself, how to fire a gun, or even how to dig a foxhole. He would not know how to do anything. If he were fortunate, he might live about three minutes.

Exactly the same thing will happen to you in different phases of your life if you do not know your enemy. You must know how to deal with him. Some people do not recognize their enemy in sickness and disease. They think those things are "God's will,"

or that God allowed those things to afflict them—or even put sickness and disease on them—"to teach me a lesson."

Consider these Scriptures keenly about your number one enemy:

"Be sober-minded, be watchful. Your adversary the devil growls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.,,(James 4: 7-8)."

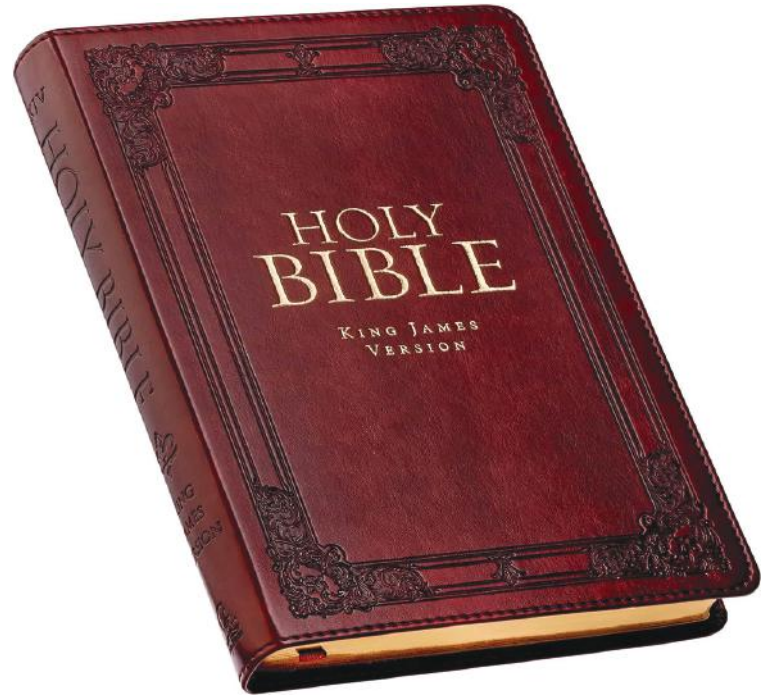
"Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God(Christ Jesus) appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he can NOT keep on sinning, because he has been BORN OF GOD. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does NOT practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who

does NOT love his brother (1 John 3: 7-10)."

God does not do it. The Bible teaches that all good things that ever come to you come down from heaven from the Father of Life. All good things come from God, and all things that come to destroy you, to cause you harm or confusion, or to bring heart-aches and trouble into your life come from the devil and his workers. Demons and foul spirits will oppress you if you allow it. They will possess you if they can. However, a devil can never possess you unless you participate with him or yield to his temptations. Begin participating in some sin, and he will have a foothold in you.

Satan deceives churches, and the Church, with religion: doing their own thing in their own time and by their own will, through their own way. God wants us to do His thing in His time and in His way.

HALELUJAH, RECEIVE THE GRACE TO KNOW YOUR ENEMY AND OVERCOME.



Evangelist Eric Musa:

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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.

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Kirinyaga County Fast Advancing Towards Zero New HIV Infections - Waiguru

By: MKT Reporter
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Worth Noting:

- During the recent HIV Service Delivery Integration Summit held in Mombasa, Kirinyaga was saluted by the National AIDS and STI's Control Programme (NAS COP) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as one of the devolved units that have successfully implemented Government to Government (G2G) HIV/AIDS management collaboration.
- Waiguru who is also the Council of Governors Chair, said that through G2G HIV/AIDS programming, County Governments are able to lead technical, management and financial systems for HIV programs and sustain quality HIV service.
- The new G2G funding model mean that Counties will be getting direct funding for HIV/Aid management from donors instead of the resources going to external implementing partners to implement the programmes.



From left- Peer Educator Lydia Wairimu accompanies a patient during a counselling session with Clinical Officer Roasline Mugo at Difathas Health Center.

Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru has said that the county is fast advancing towards the elimination of new HIV infections.

This comes in the wake of the county being recognized for offering sustained quality HIV/Aids management services as the country transitions to the direct funding model for HIV programmes.

Speaking during a media interview, the Governor said that the county has been implementing a comprehensive HIV/AIDS strategy aimed at lowering prevalence rates through prevention of new infections, prevention of mother to child transmission as well as enhancing treatment.

She noted that over the recent years, the county's prevalence rate has dropped from 3.8 per cent in 2018 to the current 2.4 per cent while new infections have gone down from 779 to 117 currently. Mother to child transmission has also decreased from 12.4 per cent in 2018 to 5.8 per cent in 2024. She expressed optimism on achievement of improved outcomes and projected less than one per cent prevalence rate in the near future and eventual elimination of the pandemic in the county.

During the recent HIV Service Delivery Integration Summit held in Mombasa, Kirinyaga was saluted by the National AIDS and STI's Control Programme (NAS COP) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as one of the devolved units that have successfully implemented Government

to Government (G2G) HIV/AIDS management collaboration.

Waiguru who is also the Council of Governors Chair, said that through G2G HIV/AIDS programming, County Governments are able to lead technical, management and financial systems for HIV programs and sustain quality HIV service.

The new G2G funding model mean that Counties will be getting direct funding for HIV/Aid management from donors instead of the resources going to external implementing partners to implement the programmes.

She emphasized the transformative impact of the G2G funding. "We are very appreciative of the government-to-government funding for this program in Kirinyaga County since it has enabled us realize significance outcomes from the interventions we have been implementing. This model has filled many gaps that existed when donors used external implementing partners." Said the governor, noting that direct funding has also provided opportunities to improve the locally owned and driven coordination and management of HIV programs.

Waiguru pointed out that the county government has also been undertaking capacity building within the county's healthcare system preparing the health practitioners to offer quality HIV/AIDS service in the county as well as integrating it in healthcare system. She expressed optimism that in future, counties should be able to finance HIV/

AIDS programs so as to reduce overdependence on external donors.

Kirinyaga County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation, George Karoki, said that through Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) as well as other implementing partners, the county has made significant strides towards HIV/Aids management ranging from testing, prevention and treatment.

Karoki noted the importance of the government-to-government funding model in enhancing local capacity. "A lot of capacity building has been done. Our healthcare workers have been trained on how to manage, plan, and implement issues related to HIV prevention. They are now able to own that particular activity and management as a community," he stated.

He highlighted the integration of HIV services into normal service delivery as a significant advancement, particularly in outpatient and laboratory services.

The CECM noted that Kirinyaga County has introduced Wezesha Afia project, an initiative to manage government-to-government funding and oversee seamless transition from donor funded activities to the eventual county funded HIV/Aids programming.

Lydia Wairimu, a Peer Educator at Difathas Health Center, shared her personal journey and the impact of the G2G program on the ground.

"I found out my diagnosis in 1994. Then HIV medication was scarce and expensive. I was employed here in 2011, and my duties include ensuring patients actively take medication, and that those who are diagnosed are taken through counselling and enrollment into treatment plan." Said Wairimu.

She said that due to various interventions by the government and partners, there has been reducing mother to child infection. Stigma has also reduced thus increasing the county's HIV suppression rate and reducing HIV related deaths.

Mary Wawira, a Mentor Mother at Kangu Health Center, emphasized the program's role in supporting expectant mothers. "I have been a Mentor Mother for about four years. My duties entail educating and advising expectant mothers on the importance of getting tested as a couple, as well as providing guidance and counselling for those who may turn out HIV positive." She said. She also counsels those who test positive on how to protect their unborn babies from contracting the virus and how to manage them after birth.

Kirinyaga County is a considered a medium HIV burdened county with 13,353 persons living with HIV, 457 of them being children and 94 per cent of them accessing treatment. The current suppression rate stands at 91 per cent.

Kenyan Canadian-Based Vlogger Gosovina Jimborg Shares Her Journey In Digital Media



By: Peter Aowa
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Worth Noting:

- After four years, she decided to start her own channel 'Gosovina Jimborg' which focused on beauty and travel, kingdom lifestyle and faith.
- Gosovina, who holds a Diploma in Journalism from St. Paul's University, says that finding a niche was not a problem because she knew what she wanted to venture into.
- "Finding my niche in the content creation space was not that difficult for me because I knew I wanted to venture into Kingdom Lifestyle, Faith, Beauty and Travel. She said during a virtual interview with this publisher
- Her inspiration to invest in Vlogs, she says, was as a result of her love for storytelling and the curiosity to always learn new ideas.

In a world that is embracing advancements in technology and aligning to the digital space, there's a need to equip yourself and be up to date with the current trends in order to remain relevant.

In today's exclusive interview, we talk to Gosovina Akinyi Jimborg, a Kenyan Vlogger who is currently studying in Canada just to hear from her what it takes to run a successful digital media.

Her journey in digital media began years after high school but it was until 2017 when together with her friend, they started an online entertainment TV dubbed Gee&Lulu show.

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Currently undertaking Bachelor of Arts in communication and media studies at York University Ontario in Canada, Gosovina says it was after joining BlescoHouse School that she discovered her potential in fashion and acting.

She later joined Journalism, music and drama clubs which, according to her, shaped her understanding of fashion and media, promoting her to pursue a course in Journalism.

"Joining BlescoHouse marked a significant chapter in my journey because this is when I discovered my creative ability from dressing, acting, joining journalism Club, music and drama and from. Henceforth, I knew I wanted to do media studies." She said.

The fourth born in a family of six points procrastination as one of her greatest challenges in creating content.

Other common challenges she faces as a digital creator include; production of high-quality content, generating content consistently, prioritizing content expertise, understanding different buyer personas, producing content in suitable formats, creating buy-in among stakeholders, aligning content with the buyer journey, acti-



Gosovina Akinyi Jimborg

vating content effectively and Choosing the right channels.

Also, production equipment is a major challenge to her since they're expensive.

The greatest motivation to her is both her father and mother, an ex military

officer with the Kenya Defense Forces and a business lady respectively.

"My greatest motivation is my Dad and Mom. They have really shaped who I am in every way, they have taken me to school, they have allowed me to use their home for production

for so many years, they have taught me to be disciplined, ambitious and made me believe I can be who I want to be. They are my biggest fans and greatest critics." Jimborg explained

Kungu Receives Motorbike Following Successful Rehabilitation From Alcohol Drugs And Substance Abuse

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Wilson Kungu, 25, a resident of Banana, Kiambaa constituency, was elated when he received a motorbike donation from Pastor Dorcas Rigathi. This was after successful rehabilitation from alcohol and drugs abuse under the community-based rehabilitation program implemented by Dorcas Rigathi Foundation (DRF) in partnership with a church in the area. Kungu requested the motorbike on 1st February 2024 during a medical camp for screening against addictions in Kiambaa organized by Pastor Dorcas. Fellow bodaboda riders joined in off-loading the new motorbike that was delivered to their colleague. "I will ply the Ruaka, Banana,

Kawaida, and Kiambaa routes, and also become a member of the Rubis Bodaboda Sacco. I have been riding a rented bike, but I will now ride my own...I do not know what to say, I am so happy. Thank you Pastor Dorcas," he said. The beneficiary's mother was also present. "I am grateful to Pastor Dorcas. Only God can repay her for the change she has caused in my son's life, and thousands of men in our nation who would have been lost. I am her firm supporter. My son will now become independent and raise his family well," said Ms Mary Njeri. "Kungu is my last born. He was abusing alcohol, and weed, but look at the miracle God has brought in his life after he has reformed," added the mother. Among those transformed under the community-based rehabilitation program were Isaac Mwai, Peter Kan-

goro, and Lawrence Karanja who are now recovering coaches reaching out to those in addiction in the constituency. The recovering coaches have undergone the deaddiction program for more than one year, attending weekly meetings at the Hallelujah Gospel Church in the area. Pastor Dorcas encourages the clergy, from across faiths, to open up their places of worship for the transformation of those living in the streets and lost in different addictions. DCC Geoffrey Taragon commended the young men for the work they were doing against addictions in the area. He also highlighted he has allocated an office space for the recovering coaches at the headquarter to continue with the transformative work. Pastor Dorcas works on an end-to-end rehabilitation program for those in addictions that involves rehabilita-



Wilson Kungu, Association of Pentecostal and Evangelical Clergy of Kenya (APECK) Chair - Karuri Area Rev Francis Mwangi (in green) and APECK National Chair Rev Fredrick Ngugi with the motorbike donated by Pastor Dorcas Rigathi on 9th July 2024 at Banana, Kiambaa Constituency. Kungu is reformed from the consumption of alcohol and drugs under the community-based rehabilitation program. Photo/ODP

The New Democrats Welcomes Cabinet Dissolution By President

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The New Democrats (TND) party national Organizing Secretary Benjamin Gakuru has welcomed the move by President William Ruto to dissolve his Cabinet. In a press statement, Gakuru termed President Ruto's move as a bold step that is aligned to the demands of the citizens of Kenya. On Thursday, the Head of State dissolved the entire Cabinet, retaining Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi. Mudavadi also doubles up as the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Among those who were axed from the Cabinet includes Attorney General Justin Muturi. Gakuru said TND believes in the social, economic and political gains made by Kenyans under the guidance of the 2010 Constitution. "TND party wishes to congratulate President William Ruto for reading the mood in the public and dissolving the Cabinet. By the President listening to the voices of Kenya's young populace and all Kenyans in

general, we feel that the country is headed towards the right direction," he said. The Organizing Secretary urged the President to strictly adhere to the assurance he made while dissolving the Cabinet so as to move the country forward. "Our appeal to the President now is to make good on his promise of consulting widely while picking new members of his Cabinet. It is our prayer that the next Cabinet will be constituted of men and women of integrity. People with a track record of professionalism in their backgrounds," Gakuru said. He said the new Cabinet should not only adhere to the Constitution but also reflect the face of Kenya. "For the young Kenyans to achieve their aspirations as patriotic citizens of a modern State, we beseech the President not be swayed by parochial political interest in reconstituting his Cabinet," Gakuru said. "We owe it to Kenya's GenZ to now get it right for the sake of the future of our great republic. We congratulate the young Kenyans for displaying modern day patriotism to their country," he added.



The New Democrats (TND) party National Organizing Secretary Benjamin Gakuru..

Zimbabwe's Poet Macdonald Pagiwa pays tribute To Author Paula O.M. Otukile.



Dear Paula,
Another year has blossomed like the
aurora,
A new beginning shutting down the old

chapter,
Like wine, this day brings more maturity,
A day to celebrate existence under the
African sun,
Another candle lit on the cake of life,
Blow them all,
You shall light up another one.
Embrace the blessing as you lick the
grace on the icing.
Grace upon grace,
Blessings upon blessings,
Creativity upon creativity,
Keep shining,
Keep winning.

Happy Birthday Paula!

Macdonald Pagiwa - Zimbabwe

Family Is A Sacred Place



Active women of the neighborhood:
"Today, one of the most important tasks
and requirements for young people is to
study and learn. The President has great
confidence in you, who are the future
of our country. Women should be self-
employed, they should not face difficulties
in marriage, and their children will be
intellectually well-rounded generation.
there are many opportunities for them to
be educated," they said.

Only if women are educated, they can
find their proper place in the society
without stumbling in marriage and raising
children in the future.

He also expressed gratitude to our
peaceful country and urged them to step
forward with clear goals without falling
for deceptive foreign ideas.

It was said that neighborhood activists
and the school team should be orderly,
disciplined, and set a good example for the
generations after them.

At the end of the event, we listened to
Inobat Jumaboyeva's comments to the
girls: "Among the negative consequences
of early marriage, the following are the
most common problems: after divorce,
the mother often raises the child alone
without the help of her ex-husband - 42 ,
frequent divorces - 38 , difficult financial
and living in housing conditions - 27 ,
mental disorders - 13 .

That is why each of us is responsible for
you, our beautiful girls, not to be in such
categories.

If I give you examples of the family
and the role of women, our mothers,
who gave birth to Ibn Sina, Farabi, Navai,
Ahmad Fargani, Mirza Ulugbek, who made
a great contribution to world culture and
spirituality, are also spiritually perfect.

There is no doubt that they are.
It is necessary for you to feel the
responsibility of raising the talented young
people who have a healthy thinking for the
development of our country. "

In conclusion, it should be said that
as the first president of the Republic
of Uzbekistan, Islam Abduganievich
Karimov, said: "The family is the center of
education that ensures the eternity of
life, continuity of generations, the sacred
traditions of our people are polished, and
directly affects the maturity of the next
generation."

Author: Maftuna Yusupboyeva,
Uzbekistan

Central Asia And China Young Talent Forum



By: Aziza Saparbaeva

One of the events held within the framework
of the All-World Youth Festival in Uzbekistan
was held on June 28 in the territory of the
Khorezm region of Central Asia and the Chinese
young talent forum. It was attended by youth
representatives from Central Asian countries and
Chinese Zhang Zhao.

The main theme of this forum was lectures
by speakers on the basis of "Sustainable
Development and environmental innovation".
The Forum is a project aimed at strengthening
cooperation and encouraging innovation between
Central Asian and Chinese youth. The initiative
recognizes the decisive role of young leaders in
shaping the future, paving the way for them to
create a platform for the exchange of ideas,
innovation and cooperation. The Forum aims
to create an environment for dialogue, mutual

understanding and regional development and joint
action towards global competitiveness by bringing
together young talents from different cultures.
The main goals of the forum are to strengthen
regional cooperation, promote innovation and
innovation, enhance cultural exchange and increase
youth capacity. The Forum seeks to promote the
exchange of innovative ideas and best practices in
various fields such as technology, entrepreneurship
and education by fostering strong ties and
strengthening cooperation between Central Asian
and Chinese youth.

The introduction of the forum was given by
the deputy governor of the Khorezm region
SSalaev and a special representative of the
SCO's all-Russian youth program were lectured
by Zhang Chao. In subsequent speeches, the
rector of Urgench State University B. As part
of the main theme of the forum, Abdullayev
and Rector of Urgench Innovation University
M. Ishmuratov as a representative of Uzbekistan,
Zhang Chao of China, A. Nurlanov Kazakhstan,
M. Mohammadberdiyev Turkmenistan, N. Berubaeva
Kyrgyzstan and F. Kholnazarov lectured as
representatives of Tajikistan. At the end of the
lectures, the speakers answered questions posed
by young people. At the end of the program, it
was agreed to make projects based on mutual
cooperation.

Family is a sacred place. The main task
of the family is to connect the chain
of humanity with healthy and talented
generations. Also, the family is the sacred
place of society, the most important
place of education. Through the father's
example, mother's love, grandparents'
teachings in the family, faith in our
national values, honesty, and kindness are
passed from generation to generation,
imprinted in the minds and hearts of our
children. However, what do you think is
the reason for the breakdown of young
families today, and the fact that young
children are growing up without a language
due to divorce?

Early marriage, of course.

Today, measures are being taken in our
republic to prevent such situations.
At this point, in the Tortkol district of
the Republic of Karakalpakstan, special
concepts are being given to schoolchildren.
On February 26, head of the Family and
Women's Department of Tortkol District,
I. Jumabayeva, and neighborhood activists
visited the district's comprehensive school
No. 1 and expressed their opinions to
young people on the topics of "Family" and
"Prevention of Early Marriage".

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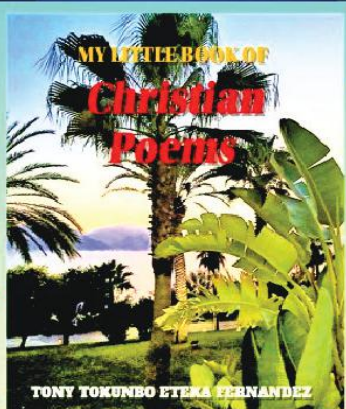
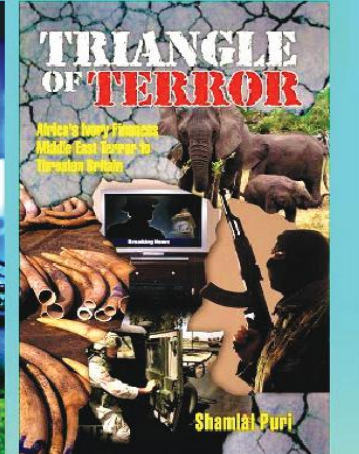
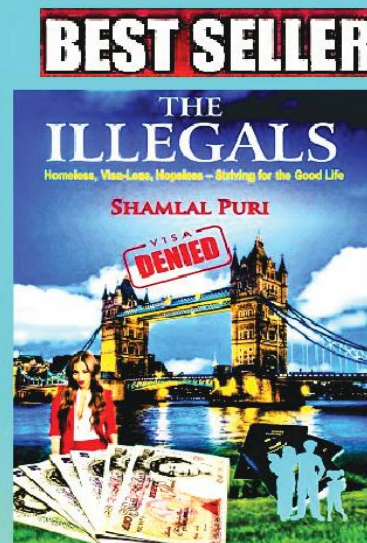
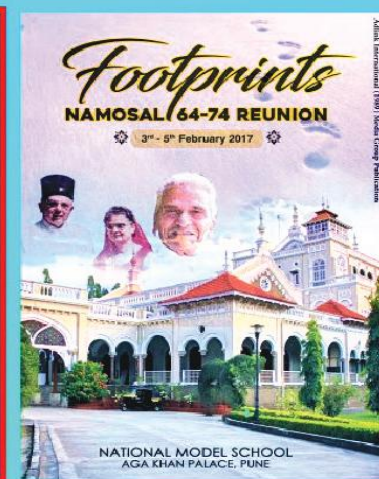
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JFPK Issues Public Statement On Upholding Constitutional Rights And Supporting Victims Of Violations



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From Left Justus Juma Party Leader Chairperson Justice and Freedom Party of Kenya and Jennifer Kanari the Secretary General Justice and Freedom Party of Kenya.

The Justice and Freedom Party of Kenya (JFPK) has released a public statement, reaffirming their commitment to upholding the constitutional rights of all Kenyans and standing in solidarity with victims of rights violations. The statement, delivered by the party's leader and the Secretary General, emphasized the necessity of protecting civil liberties and ensuring justice for all citizens.

In their address, the JFPK condemned recent incidents of rights violations, highlighting specific cases where individuals and communities have faced unlawful treatment. The party called on the government and relevant authorities to take immediate action to address these injustices and to hold accountable those responsible for perpetrating these violations.

The JFPK underscored the impor-

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tance of adhering to the principles enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution, which guarantees the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. The party's leader urged the government to prioritize the enforcement of laws that safeguard these rights and to ensure that all citizens, regardless of their socio-economic status or political affiliations, are treated with dignity and respect.

In a show of support for victims, the JFPK announced plans to provide legal assistance and other forms of support to those affected by rights violations. This initiative aims to empower victims to seek justice and to raise awareness about the importance of constitutional rights

in maintaining a just and equitable society.

Call for Remedial Action:

In their statement they called upon the several actions to be taken to restore constitutional order and ensure Justice for the victims:

Independent Investigations

Immediate and independent investigations into the deaths and Injuries caused by police actions, as well as the abductions and torture, must be conducted. The Findings should be made public, and those responsible must be held accountable.

Judicial Intervention.

The Judiciary should urgently address these violations and ensure that the rule of law prevails. The courts must protect the constitutional rights of all citizens and provide redress for the victims.

Parliamentary Oversight.

They call upon Parliament to exercise its oversight role over the Executive and the Kenya Police Service. Legislative measures should be put in place to prevent such violations in the future and to strengthen the protection of human rights.

Police Reforms.

Comprehensive reforms within the Kenya Police Service are neces-

sary to address issues of brutality, accountability, and adherence to human rights standards. Training on non-violent methods of crowd control and respect for human rights must be prioritized.

Dialogue and Engagement.

We urge the government to engage in constructive dialogue with the demonstrators and address their grievances regarding the Finance Bill 2024 through peaceful and democratic means.

They concluded with a call to action for all Kenyans to remain vigilant and to actively participate in the defense of their constitutional rights. The JFPK reaffirmed its dedication to advocating for justice and freedom, pledging to continue its efforts to promote and protect the rights of every Kenyan.

This statement by the Justice and Freedom Party of Kenya comes at a critical time, as the nation grapples with various challenges related to human rights and governance. The party's stance serves as a reminder of the ongoing need for vigilance and advocacy in the pursuit of justice and equality for all.

Homicide Detectives Probe Murder Of Hospital Staff In Eldoret

By: The DCI

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The DCI Homicide Directorate has taken over investigations into the gruesome murder of 44-year-old Rael Cherop Biwott, whose dismembered body parts were found dumped at various places across Nandi and Uasin Gishu counties on 24th and 27th June, 2024.

The mother of four was reported missing by her husband 24 hours after she left her workplace on June 22nd at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, where she was working as a Senior Accountant Assistant at the billing section.

According to the husband Francis Mwangi Ndirangu, and who is the prime suspect in the monstrous killing, the deceased went missing after sharing breakfast with him on the

23rd of June, a fact that contradicted statements by his kids and a co-acused.

Probing the case, Homicide detectives jointly with their Kapsiret counterparts have so far established that the deceased left her workplace minutes to 7pm in company of her husband on June 22nd, and contrary to the suspect's testimony that they boarded a matatu home, a cctv footage obtained confirmed that they left in a Toyota Succeed hired by the husband. The wife never arrived home.

Some of the deceased's dismembered parts would only be discovered stashed in a gunny bag around noon on June 24, dumped beside a road at Kapsilegaa village within Nandi County.

Later that day, another set of the body (head and upper limbs) were discovered beside a road at Lamaiywet village within Uasin Gishu County. It was after this discovery

that the husband made a missing person report at Eldoret Police Station at 6.40pm.

Three days later, on June 27, the deceased's remaining parts which included her legs and internal parts were discovered in a clear polythene bag beside a road at Mutwot village in Nandi County.

An autopsy report conducted in the presence of the husband, other family members and two advocates indicated that the deceased had suffered severe neck injuries and blunt force trauma to the head.

Following the inconsistencies of the husband's report to the overwhelming circumstantial evidence so far gathered implicating him, he was arrested alongside his suspected accomplice, and both have since been arraigned and custodial orders granted to the detectives to complete the investigation.





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The Debt Deception: Unmasking Kenya's Budgeted Corruption Through Public Debt



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Budgeted Corruption. Credit: Svetlana Tiourina

Worth Noting:

- The Eurobond saga of 2014 further illustrates the depth of the debt-corruption nexus. Kenya raised \$2.75 billion through Eurobonds, ostensibly for infrastructure development and budgetary support. However, a subsequent audit by the Auditor General's office failed to trace \$2.15 billion of these funds, sparking a national controversy.
- Despite numerous investigations and parliamentary inquiries, the full utilization of these funds remains shrouded in mystery, with conflicting accounts from various government agencies. This case exemplifies how large-scale borrowing can create opportunities for massive financial misappropriation, hidden behind complex financial instruments and opaque government processes.

A dark thread weaves its way through the fabric of national progress in Kenya's economic landscape, threatening to unravel the very foundations of fiscal stability and social development. This insidious force, masquerading as a necessary evil for national growth, is none other than public debt – the single largest cesspool for budgeted corruption in Kenya. This article delves deep into the murky waters of Kenya's debt crisis, exposing the systemic corruption that has turned a tool for development into a weapon of mass financial destruction. Through a comprehensive analysis of data, expert opinions, and case studies, we will uncover the stark reality of how public debt has become a cleverly disguised conduit for siphoning off public resources, leaving the nation burdened with mountains of debt and little to show for it.

The scale of Kenya's public debt crisis is staggering, with figures that boggle the mind and paint a grim picture of fiscal management. According to the Central Bank of Kenya, as of June 2023, Kenya's public debt stood at an astronomical 9.4 trillion shillings (\$65 billion), a figure that has more than quadrupled in the past decade. This debt burden, now surpassing 67% of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), far exceeds the recommended threshold of 50% for developing economies set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The rapid accumulation of debt, ostensibly for development projects, raises alarming questions about the efficacy and transparency of debt utilization. A 2022 report by the Auditor General revealed that for every 100 shillings collected in revenue, 57 shillings go towards debt repayment, leaving little for crucial sectors such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure development.

The insidious nature of corruption through public debt lies in its legitimacy cloak, making it challenging to detect and even harder to prosecute. Unlike outright embezzle-

ment or bribery, corruption through debt is often budgeted, approved by parliament, and executed through seemingly legitimate channels. This "budgeted corruption" manifests in various forms, from inflated project costs and phantom infrastructures to kickbacks and commissions on loan negotiations. A damning report by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) in 2021 estimated that nearly 30% of Kenya's public debt could be attributed to corrupt practices, amounting to a staggering 2.8 trillion shillings (\$19.4 billion) lost to graft under the guise of development funding.

The Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project stands as a monumental testament to the corruption potential of public debt. Initially budgeted at \$3.2 billion, the project's cost ballooned to \$4.7 billion, making it one of the most expensive railways in the world on a per-kilometer basis. A parliamentary investigation in 2020 revealed gross irregularities in the project's financing, including opaque loan agreements with China and inflated costs for materials and labor. The report concluded that Kenyans may have lost up to \$3 billion in the project through various forms of corruption, all financed through public debt that future generations will be burdened with repaying.

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behind complex financial instruments and opaque government processes.

The corruption potential of public debt extends beyond mega-projects to the very process of debt acquisition and management. A 2023 study by Transparency International Kenya revealed systemic irregularities in loan negotiations, including the use of shadowy intermediaries, non-disclosure agreements that shroud loan terms in secrecy, and inflated interest rates that benefit lenders at the expense of Kenyan taxpayers. The study estimated that these practices could account for an additional 15-20% in unnecessary costs on Kenya's debt portfolio, translating to hundreds of billions of shillings in potential losses.

The health sector, critical especially in the wake of global health crises, has not been spared from the debt-corruption nexus. In a shocking revelation, a 2022 audit of COVID-19 funds showed that up to 40% of the \$2 billion emergency loan from the IMF could not be properly accounted for. The audit uncovered inflated procurement costs for medical supplies, ghost deliveries, and suspicious payments to shell companies. This case starkly demonstrates how even emergency funding, secured through debt in times of crisis, can fall prey to corrupt practices, undermining the very purpose of such financial interventions.

The agricultural sector, the backbone of Kenya's economy, provides another sobering example of how public debt facilitates corruption. The Galana-Kulalu Irrigation Scheme, initiated in 2014 with a budget of 7.2 billion shillings (\$50 million) financed through public debt, has become a symbol of wastage and mismanagement. By 2021, the project had consumed over 20 billion shillings (\$139 million) with little to show for it. An investigation by the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee uncovered a web of inflated contracts, phantom works, and diverted funds, all facilitated by the opacity of debt-financed projects.

The corruption embedded in public debt extends its tentacles into the realm of debt sustainability and economic planning. A 2023 report by the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) Kenya revealed a pattern of deliberate overestimation of GDP growth and revenue projections to justify higher borrowing limits. This practice, described by the IEA as "fiscal illusion," creates a vicious cycle where unrealistic economic forecasts lead to higher borrowing, which in turn necessitates more borrowing to cover shortfalls. The report estimated that this practice alone could have added up to 1 trillion shillings (\$6.9 billion) to Kenya's debt burden over the past five years, representing a form of systemic, budgeted corrup-

tion that operates at the highest levels of economic planning.

The impact of debt-fueled corruption on Kenya's development trajectory is profound and far-reaching. A comparative analysis by the World Bank in 2022 showed that countries with similar GDP and borrowing levels to Kenya, but with lower corruption indices, achieved significantly higher development outcomes. For instance, while Kenya's debt-to-GDP ratio is comparable to that of Rwanda, the latter has managed to translate its borrowing into more tangible development gains, particularly in infrastructure and public services. This disparity underscores the corrosive effect of corruption on the efficacy of public debt as a tool for national development.

The way forward requires a multi-pronged approach that addresses both the symptoms and root causes of debt-related corruption. Firstly, there's an urgent need for enhanced transparency in debt acquisition and management. This could include mandatory public disclosures of loan terms, regular independent audits of debt-funded projects, and the establishment of a public debt oversight committee with civil society representation. Secondly, strengthening legal and institutional frameworks for debt governance is crucial. This might involve enacting stricter laws on debt ceilings, criminalizing fiscal misrepresentation, and empowering anti-corruption agencies with more resources and independence to investigate debt-related graft.

In conclusion, the evidence overwhelmingly points to public debt as the single largest cesspool for budgeted corruption in Kenya. From inflated infrastructure projects to opaque loan agreements and systemic fiscal mismanagement, the debt crisis has become a Trojan horse for corruption on an unprecedented scale. The stakes could not be higher – every shilling lost to debt-related corruption is a shilling stolen from future generations, burdening them with repayments for benefits they never received. As Kenya stands at this critical juncture, the choice is clear: confront the debt-corruption nexus head-on or risk consigning the nation to a future of perpetual indebtedness and stunted development. The path to economic sovereignty and genuine progress lies not in more borrowing, but in dismantling the structures that have turned public debt into a vehicle for grand corruption.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Drought Plan



Mamayusufov Azizbek Farkhodovich.

By: **Mamayusufov Azizbek Farkhodovich**

NDMC's illustration of the hydrological cycle is based on previous observations of human perception. IR Tannehill noted in 1947 in *Drought: Its Causes and Effects*:

We welcome the first clear day after a rainy spell. The days without rain will continue for some time and we are happy that such beautiful weather will last for a long time. This is ongoing and we are a bit concerned. A few more days and we're really in trouble. In good weather, the first rainless day will contribute to the drought as before, but no one knows how serious it will be until the last dry day has passed and the rain falls again.

Drought is a recurring feature of

almost every climate on the planet. In many parts of the world, including North America, we have no way of predicting when the next drought will occur. But if we look at history and climate data, we can be sure that droughts will happen again at some point.

In the United States, a well-developed economy and agricultural system protect citizens from the most serious consequences of drought, such as food and water shortages. However, drought is still very difficult for farmers and farm families, and individual wells may dry up. In addition to affecting urban water suppliers, droughts also affect businesses and environmental interests that depend on adequate and timely rainfall and water availability, such as fish and wildlife habitat. venues,

outdoor recreation facilities, landscaping and car wash services.

Drought regularly appears on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's annual list of billion-dollar disasters.

WHO SHOULD PLAN FOR DROUGHT?

Decision makers in any drought-prone business can benefit from planning ahead.

- farming, animal husbandry, rural communities, sellers
- municipal water suppliers
- wildfire managers
- environmental organizations, lawyers and agencies
- health professionals
- hydropower producers
- industry, including biofuel producers
- tourism and recreation operators
- state, local and tribal governments and any regional resource management entities

KEY QUESTIONS: Local, regional and tribal

Native American nations, watershed commissions, water utilities, planning commissions, municipalities, and individual farmers and ranchers make decisions about land and water resources. The NDMC recommends that each state agency prepare its own drought plan, addressing specific issues arising within its jurisdiction. Local drought plans are ideal if they are developed with awareness of larger regional or state plans.

See Resource: Community Drought Preparedness, Guide to Drought Risk Management on the Ranch.

State

Many decisions on water and resource management are the responsibility of the state. State approaches to drought planning vary widely, depending on the extent to which they have experienced drought and strained water supplies, and in what part of the country they are located. Water laws and land management work differently in the western and eastern United States.

NDMC maintains a current set of state-level plans dealing with drought, including drought, water, hazard and climate plans. We also have examples of plans from tribal

peoples and international resources.

Resource: See the 10-step planning process, which has been adapted by many US states and countries around the world.

National

Some countries have a national drought plan that outlines government activities related to drought monitoring and management. In the US, various agencies monitor drought conditions and provide technical assistance and funding to prepare for and manage drought conditions.

Since 1998, the US Drought Monitor has provided a weekly snapshot of drought conditions across the country using data and information from various state, federal and other agencies. NDMC has also recorded the impact of drought across the country since 2005 through the Drought Impact Reporter.

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In 2018-2019, in the 9th AFCHO-IM school, he participated in the contests of Alisher Navoi's Literacy of the Constitution-Bakhtis, My Uzbekistan Flag, Uzbekistan Jannatmakon Alkam, Five Initiatives contests and was awarded with an honorary certificate, commendation certificate and diplomas.

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At the city championship held in Termiz in 2020-2021.

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Zetech University Lauded For Championing AI For A Circular Economy At Research And Innovation Week

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In a fete that brought together key players in the research, academia, government and industrial sectors, Zetech University's Research and Innovation Week underscored a commitment to exploring and harnessing the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to drive sustainable development and create a more resilient and circular economy.

Themed "Innovate, Disrupt, Regenerate: Unleashing the Transformative Power of AI for a Circular Economy," the conference featured discussions on diverse fields that could harness the power of AI and green skills to create a sustainable, equitable, and circular economy. These discussions included sessions on Renewable Energy and Climate Change, Transforming the Education Sector through the use of AI, Media and Digital Transformations, Leveraging AI to Embrace Future Innovations for Circularity, Harnessing AI for Sustainable Growth, Impact of AI Technologies in the Financial Sector, and Entrepreneurship and Start-ups: Disruptive Innovations.

The conference showcased innovations displayed by Zetech University students, faculty, and researchers.

These included Virtual Reality technologies, E-Mobility solutions, Circular Economy solutions, and Green Energy solutions.

Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, Rebecca Miano, while giving an address at the official opening of the Research Week, noted that "the government and the ministry recognise the role of research and innovation in driving economic growth. That is why we have made significant investments in research and development, particularly within our academic institutions. By enhancing funding for research projects, providing state-of-the-art facilities, and encouraging collaborations between academia and industry, we are laying the groundwork for a robust innovation ecosystem."

She further commended Zetech University's outstanding prowess in Research and Innovation, observing that Zetech University was the first runner-up in Africa and the number one university in East Africa in the Africa Telecommunication Union (ATU) innovation challenge after Veritas University in Nigeria. She also lauded the university for developing a rechargeable battery-powered motorbike, championing environmental sustainability, and commended the recent training programme by Zetech University that hosted South African Wholesale and Retail traders with a

cohort of 112 participants, enhancing bilateral relations between Kenya and South Africa.

Zetech University Chancellor Prof. Susan Alfano, in her remarks, reiterated that "one of the primary objectives of the Research Innovation Week is to strengthen the linkage between industry and academia. In an era where knowledge and technology evolve at an exponential pace, it is imperative that academic institutions and industries collaborate closely."

She called for continued collaboration and partnerships, urging the industries and companies represented at the event, including the Nation Media Group, Japan Society for Promoting Science, Global Tourism Resilience Centre, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), Kenya Climate Innovation Centre (KCIC), Microsoft, Meta Club, Intel, Payd, Techwin Limited, ICEA Lion, Ajira Digital, Circular Innovation Hub, Konza Silicon, ABSA Bank, Huduma Whitebox, EcoTourism Kenya, and ICT Authority among other partners that participated in the research conference, to continue with the spirit of enhancing academia-industry linkages.

Prof. Njenga Munene, Zetech University Vice-Chancellor, showcased the achievements of the university, particularly noting the accomplishments of the Zetech University Innovation Hub (commonly known as iZet Hub) – particularly the Totsi



Immediate former Cabinet Secretary for the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, Rebecca Miano (right)

USB Cables, which embrace the Circular Economy by using waste to make the cables. The idea, incubated at the hub, has now grown into a large factory in Kirinyaga County. He further explained the theme, noting, "A circular economy seeks to create a regenerative system where resources are reused, remanufactured, and recycled, and AI can play a pivotal role in this transformation by optimising resource use, improving efficiency, and creating intelligent systems that can learn, adapt, and evolve."

Zetech University's Research and Innovation Week and Conference

is a testament to the university's alignment with the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 on Sustainable Consumption and Production, and SDG 17 in advancing science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development. To achieve these goals, Zetech University continues to seek partnerships and collaborations with industry partners to offer solutions through research-based learning that promotes the use of Artificial Intelligence in enhancing innovations.

Busu Naturals Emerges Winner of She's Next Kenya Grant Competition

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Busu Naturals, an SME that manufactures local emollients which cater to sensitive African, has been named the winner of the She's Next Kenya Grant Competition, a program aimed at supporting the creation of an inclusive, equitable world where women business owners can flourish. The seeks to support women-owned small businesses through funding, training, and mentorship.

Busu Naturals, received a KES 2.5 million monetary prize, with Timao Group and Code with Kids winning KES 2 million and KES 1 million respectively, for 2nd and 3rd place.

"We are delighted to announce the

winners of the inaugural She's Next Kenya grant competition. We are proud to recognise these SMEs who have exhibited remarkable innovation, resilience and vision, which will serve them well in as they seek to positively contribute to the Kenyan economy. We are excited about walking this journey with them to see them hit new heights using the skills and strategies the She's Next program will equip them with," said Eva Ngigi-Sarwari, Visa Kenya Country Manager.

More than 2,300 SMEs from across the country applied for the competition, each with innovative solutions in the sectors they operate in.

Emma Omany, CEO of Busu Naturals, speaking on the win said, "This win means a lot to us because it gives us confidence and affirms that we are

on the right track. It is a testament to the fact that small steps matter and that everything we have done thus far is aiding our mission. The support we will get through this grant and training, will help us grow our capacity and expand our market reach. It shall also go a long way in generating impact for us since we are focused on creating more opportunities for the women and youth in our value chain". She noted

Crafts with Meaning and Cladfy each walked away with KES 500,000 as recognition for their participation in the competition.

Visa (NYSE: V) is a world digital payments, facilitating transactions between consumers, merchants, financial institutions, and government entities across more than 200 countries and territories each year.



Left to Right, Hon Harriette Chiggai, President's Advisor on Women Rights, Executive Office of the President, Kenya, Emma Omany, CEO of Busu Naturals, (overall winner of the She's Next Kenya competition), Chad Pollock, Visa East Africa Vice President and GM, Eva Ngigi, Visa Kenya Country Manager pose for a photo with a dummy cheque worth KES 2.5 million during the She's Next Kenya competition.

Integrating Art And Science To Equip Students For The Future Of Work



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In today's rapidly evolving world, education must prepare students for the challenges of the present and future uncertainties. The traditional STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum has been the cornerstone of scientific and technical education over

the past decade. However, there's a growing recognition that to thrive in a dynamic global landscape, students need more than just analytical skills—they need creativity, adaptability, and the ability to think divergently, an education expert says.

STEAM education is an innovative approach that integrates the arts, represented by the "A" in STEAM, into the STEM framework.

Highlighting the importance of STEM, The United States recently signed a historic Framework for Cooperation with the Government of Kenya to support new partnerships between universities and industry to drive innovation, research, and job growth in STEM-related fields in Kenya and globally.

The growing focus on STEM is a significant step in the right direction, but adds that it is important to keep

in mind that integrating arts into the STEM framework ensures that students are exposed to holistic learning throughout their academic journey.

By combining the sciences with the arts, STEAM education promotes a more holistic understanding of the world, recognising that creativity, aesthetics, and emotional intelligence are essential components of a well-rounded education. When students engage in artistic expression alongside scientific exploration, they develop a deeper appreciation for both disciplines.

STEM typically emphasizes "finding the correct solution," while integrating art promotes divergent thinking. This type of exploration ensures multiple solutions are considered, embraces uncertainty, and encourages thinking beyond conventional boundaries.

When institutions blend arts into the standard STEM curriculum, they foster an environment where students can innovate, experiment, and create. Whether it's designing an eco-friendly building, composing music, or crafting digital animations, the arts inspire fresh approaches and creative solutions.

STEAM education enhances problem-solving abilities by encouraging students to address real-world issues. Schools and educators accomplish this by assigning projects that require both technical skills and creative expression. Assessments measure both convergent and divergent abilities. Evaluations should not only test knowledge but also assess creativity, teamwork, and originality.

Educators preparing the next generation of leaders are responsible for developing skills that will empower

future innovators. The job market is constantly changing, and future employers will look for individuals who can adapt, communicate, and innovate.

STEAM graduates have a unique skill set—they can code, analyze data, and also present their findings through engaging visualizations, or persuasive narratives. Whether they become engineers, designers, or entrepreneurs, they are better equipped to succeed in a world where the lines between disciplines are increasingly blurred.

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Tatu City Management In Row With Kiambu Governor

By: Kenya News Agency

Tatu City Management has accused Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi of abuse of office and thwarting their plans to develop their investment.

The management has further accused the Governor together with the County Executive Committee Member Lands, physical planning, municipal administration and urban development Salome Wainaina of extortion.

Tatu City is a 5,000-acre mixed-use development with Special Economic Zone status based in Kiambu County.

In a press briefing, Preston Mendenhall, the Executive Vice President and Country Head Rendeavour in Kenya said they will not surrender any land to the County government for construction without any pay.

"It is very unfortunate that the success of Tatu City has attracted opportunistic politicians in the country. The attempt by the Governor and his aide who have been harassing us for the last one and a half year over the approval of the Tatu city new mas-



ter plan just to seize over 40 acres of land is uncalled for and doesn't follow the law," he said.

Mendenhall explained that the land the governor is trying to take from the developmental firm is valued around Ksh 4.3 billion and therefore by the governor threatening and refusing the Tatu City Master Plan, which is key to investment would not be approved until they get free land is unethical.

"The delay of the governor on the

development of the development land has cost the County and country more than KSh16 billion, in addition investment in the country and county, and it has also cost 4,500 new jobs for young Kenyans," he said.

Mendenhall added that Tatu city adheres to Kenyan and international best practices in urban planning saying that the master plan has 103 acres of land set aside for public purpose use and is available for

public amenities such as hospitals, schools, police and fire stations.

He continued to say that the Land Act of Kenya provides that if the government requires land for public purpose, a compulsory acquisition process must follow, meaning that the land must first be acquired by the government through a process of just and equitable compensation to the landowner, in this case, Tatu City.

Mendenhall added that despite scheduled meetings to which the

governor's office had arranged, it has never materialised, thus disappointing to the biggest foreign direct investors and job creators in Kiambu County.

Tatu City is one of the largest locations of job creation in the entire country and has created more than 20,000 jobs.

There are 82 businesses, among them some of the leading Kenyan and international companies. More than 385 billion shillings of investment has been catalysed by Tatu City.

Through manufacturing the international partners have established the largest call centre in East Africa that employs 5,000 young Kenyans and will double in size to create 10,000 jobs in the next couple years. It also boasts of two public primary schools that support 1,500 children through provision of a meal a day.

Tatu city is also open to the public and has 60 kilometres of roads that anyone can use, high speed fibre that provides internet for local communities living around.

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Sports >> *Netherlands boss Ronald Koeman criticised the use of video assistant referees (VAR) for "breaking football" after England were awarded a contentious penalty in Tuesday's tense Euro 2024 semi-final.

Koeman Accuses VAR Of 'Breaking Football' After Dutch Loss At Euros



The penalty incident in the England vs Netherlands match. PHOTO/Telegraph

Netherlands boss Ronald Koeman criticised the use of video assistant referees (VAR) for "breaking football" after England were awarded a contentious penalty in Tuesday's tense Euro 2024 semi-final.

The Dutch had taken an early lead through Xavi Simons' powerful strike but Gareth Southgate's side were handed a lifeline when Harry Kane was caught on the follow-through by Denzel Dumfries after the England captain had already shot over the bar.

No penalty was given originally but referee Felix Zwayer then pointed to the spot after he was advised to go to the monitor by VAR.

Kane levelled with the spot-

kick and substitute Ollie Watkins struck a 90th-minute winner to send England to Sunday's final, where they will play Spain.

"In my opinion it should not have been a penalty," said Koeman.

"He kicked the ball and the boots touched. I think that we cannot play properly football and this is due to VAR. It really breaks football."

Netherlands and Liverpool captain Virgil van Dijk also felt the penalty decision was the turning point in the game.

"I think the penalty moment is a big moment, England had some confidence out of it," he added.

"I think so many decisions didn't go our way, but I don't want to speak about the referee."

"England can stop Spain, why not?"

Despite seeing the Netherlands' hopes of a first European Championship title since 1988 dashed, Koeman offered England backing for the final.

Spain have arguably been the best side at Euro 2024, winning every game they have played, but Koeman sees no reason why Southgate's side cannot claim a first major trophy since 1966.

"I think England showed great football in the first half after [being] 1-0 down," he added.

"It is football. Maybe if you watch all of the matches of the Spanish team, maybe they are playing more offensive, great wingers and ball possession and

you need to stop that.

"But England are in the final and have the possibility to win it. Spain are playing on a high level but England can stop them. Why not?"

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Sports >>> *Liverpool footballer Darwin Núñez was involved in an altercation with spectators after his national team Uruguay were beaten yesterday evening.

Darwin Núñez Involved In Clash With Colombia Fans After Uruguay's Copa America Exit



The striker was seen physically confronting Colombia fans in the stands after the final whistle in the Copa America semi-final.

Liverpool footballer Darwin Núñez was involved in an altercation with spectators after his national team Uruguay were beaten yesterday evening.

The striker was seen physically confronting Colombia fans in the stands after the final whistle in the Copa America semi-final.

According to Uruguayan outlet El País, disorder broke out close to where friends and family members of players were located.

Núñez is yet to comment publicly on the incident.

TV cameras and fans captured images of Núñez climbing up railings and making his way into the crowded stands of the Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He could then be seen confronting Colombia fans as others tried to restrain him.

Other Uruguay players were reportedly involved in the incident.

Uruguay captain José María Giménez said the players were trying to defend their families, describing the situation in the crowd as a “disaster”, Reuters reported.

Had to defend our families

He continued: “There was no police and we had to defend our families. This is the fault of two or three people who had a few too many drinks and don’t know how to drink.”

Núñez was seen hugging his son on the pitch after the altercation.

South American football’s gov-

erning body Conmebol said it “strongly condemns any act of violence that affects football.”

“There is no place for intolerance and violence on and off the field,” it added.

The incident happened after Uruguay slumped to a 1-0 defeat against Colombia in the last four match, denying them a place in Monday’s Copa America final.

Shortly before the crowd disorder began, players and coaching staff had clashed on the pitch after the match ended.

Núñez started the game up front for Uruguay but could not convert one of his four attempts on goal.

Liverpool signed the forward for an initial £64m from Portuguese side Benfica in June 2022. He has

scored 20 goals in 65 appearances for the club.

BBC News has contacted Núñez’s representative for comment.

Colombia will play Argentina in Monday’s final.

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CELEBRATION OF AN AFRICAN LITERATURE ICON: DR PAULA O.M.OTUKILE

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One afternoon Pre Covid 19, I interviewed an immaculate young woman from Mahalapye, Botswana. She was warm and collected, but what stroke me to return to her was an awesome review she made about her interview and we definitely hit it off, as employee and boss instantly. Dr Otukile joined the Mount Kenya times daily newspaper on the 20th September 2020, and she had been consistent and support staff throughout on her literature column and interviewed many international authors locally and regionally as well as India, America and many more. She is a dynamite in a small package as she is the founder of Mulher Forte African literature awards, she is also a Gbv activist and has many accolades on Gbv with many courtesy calls from various embassies in Botswana. She is an international award winning author, having won 2022, Best Author, Africa Zambia Zikomo award, she has won Shinning Star Africa, Best Author of the year 2023 award too. The amount Kenya times celebrates a true legend and icon concerning mentorship programs that Paula does, having won the Best literacy Consultancy Africa awards in Ghana on December 2023. We can stand all day taking about Dr Paula Otukile, but the best thing that she does is patience and immaculate heart she posses in coordinat-ing budding talents in



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