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The current KCSE short story anthology, 'A Silent Song and Other Short Stories', doesn't disappoint. It has very captivating, refreshing and enriching short stories. I already shared with you one: 'A Man of Awesome Powers.' 'Ninema' by a South African, Vrenika Pather, is another mind-boggling one.

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi

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Mathira Residents Demand Accountability From Their MP

By: Charles Kinyua
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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with Mathira MP Eric Wamumbi and his spouse who is also Murang'a Women Representative Betty Maina in a past function.



Bishop Barnabas Kinyua.

Residents of Mathira constituency have demanded transparency in issuance of tenders by their Member of Parliament Eric Wamumbi both in the N-GCDF and KERRA funds.

Suspicious have been rife that all available works are handed to companies owned by contractors from another county and associated with another legislator.

Activists led by Festus Gachuri have given the legislator a two week ultimatum to lay by the names and of contractors that have been contracted either directly or through the influence of his office.

Further, they urged their representative to clarify why he has been micro-managing funds to schools whereby he or his cronies do the purchases of materials for any works in schools.

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The letter had indicated that the last day of the bishop working as the NG-CDF chairman was last Monday, July 15.

It is worth noting that the MP and the DP have not been seeing eye to eye in the recent past, with the former throwing barbs at the second in command with abandon.

Ironically, Wamumbi was groomed from an MCA to what he is today but has lately turned out to be one of his benefactor's harshest critics.

It's also said that the NG-CDF chairman is on the seat courtesy of the DP who is also the immediate area Member of Parliament.

The Deputy President who was man-

dated by his boss to lead the war against drugs and illicit brews had ordered the closure of drinking dens that were either too close to learning institutions or breached other laws.

Last week, Wamumbi who had described the DP as being in opposition and himself in government ordered all alcoholic outlets closed unconditionally be opened to the chagrin of the second in command who as at then appeared at loggerheads with his boss.

But as face fate would have it, the cabinet was dissolved the following day thereby severing the link that the legislator is said to have utilised to intimidate his foes.

Parents in the constituency have also been sitting pretty after the promise by the MP that those with students in day secondary schools would be paying only KSh1,000 turned out not to be tenable.



Activist Festus Gachuri

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NEWS IN BRIEF



The Association of Media Women in Kenya (AMWIK) has strongly condemned police brutality against a journalist during antigovernment protests in Nakuru. The Association criticised the shooting of Media-max journalist Catherine Wanjeri by police, calling it a direct attack on Wanjeri and an assault on freedom of the press.

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WIK Executive Director Queenter Mbori emphasised the importance of journalists in informing the public and holding those in power accountable. Mbori called for a thorough investigation into the incident and urged the Kenyan police to prioritise the protection of journalists and their right to report freely.



Nyeri is expected to experience severe cold weather in the coming weeks, with frequent morning showers and temperatures dropping to 10 degrees Celsius. The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) predicts that rainfall will continue in some areas, while intermittent cold and cloudy conditions will occur in others. Nyeri County Director of Meteorological Services John Muiruri advises residents to wear warm clothing to avoid respiratory infections associated with extreme cold weather.

“Average night-time (minimum) temperatures will be low (less than 10°C) over some parts of the Highlands East of the Rift Valley, the South-eastern lowlands, and the Rift Valley,” reads the KMD forecast for the period between July 16 to July 24, 2024. The cold season, which starts in July and ends in August, is a normal phenomenon that runs from July to August. Muiruri warns farmers against rushing to prepare their lands for planting and explains that the light showers will be short-lived. Nyeri experienced one of the coldest seasons in years in August last year, with temperatures dropping to as low as 14 degrees Celsius.



Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. announced the partnership aimed at ensuring a reliable water supply to residents and initiating irrigation activities to enhance food security.

Collaborating with several non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will also ensure the proper implementation of water projects and offer sustainable water management solutions. During the County Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) multi-stakeholder forum, Mutula revealed that the county residents face a daily water shortage of about 30,000 cubic metres, which continues to worsen with the corresponding increase in population. The county’s daily demand for water stands at 60,000 cubic metres, but only half of this amount is supplied. The Chief of Party USAID-STAWI, Bob Kisyula, assured the community that stakeholders in the water sector would work together to ensure transparency and accountability, preventing other NGOs from unfairly taking credit for their projects. The County Executive for Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation, Eng. John Kieti, plans to spend Sh4.8 million by 2028 to improve access to water by constructing bulk water storages, drilling water boreholes, and installing water distribution pipe lines.

“Since March 2024, all pleadings and other court documents are now filed online in all our court stations throughout the country,” said Chief Justice (CJ) Martha Koome.

Koome added that the e-filing platform allows cases to be filed remotely, eliminating the need for physical court attendance by litigants and advocates. It also supports remote court fee assessments, online inquiries about case status, automatic allocation of cases to judicial officers, and convenient downloading of case documents.

“Judges and magistrates can draft, edit, and publish rulings, judgements, and orders online, as well as generate individual case statistics and performance reports through the case tracking Judiciary facing part of the e-filing system,” said Koome.



Khwisero MP Christopher Aseka has highlighted the importance of last-mile electricity connectivity for socio-economic development in the area. The Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC) way-leave officers have engaged with residents to prepare for the project. The aim is to maximise the capacity of existing transformers to reach more households.

Aseka held a successful public participation forum in Mundobelwa Sub-Location, focusing on implementing the last mile electricity connectivity project in Khwisero Sub-County. He also handed over a newly constructed assistant chief’s office in Mulwanda Sub-Location and five renovated classrooms at Mulwanda Primary School, funded by the National Government Constituency Development Fund. These projects are seen as significant strides in enhancing local governance and educational infrastructure.



The government has set aside 3000 acres of land to settle squatters evicted from Maasai Mau Forest in Olorurto, Narok North Sub County. The move comes after over 3000 people were forcefully evicted from the forest land in October 2023, where they had occupied about 6000 acres. Narok Governor Patrick Ntutu and Narok County Commissioner Lotiatia Kipkech emphasised the government’s commitment to protecting the forest land against destruction and conserving the mega water catchment land.

Ntutu revealed that the area had been adjudicated over 40 years ago, but the people remained without title deeds due to unclear forest boundaries. The county boss reiterated that all government administrations failed to issue title deeds to the people living in the area, as it was clear they were living in forest land. Deputy Director Michael Kagwe said 60 surveyors had been deployed for 21 days to demarcate the 3000 acres of land and establish clear forest boundaries.



Residents of the Mwanika Kaharo area, Gatanga constituency in Murang’a County have taken it upon themselves to construct new roads in the area. They mobilised themselves to dig up new access roads, raise funds for medical cover, and provide school bursaries. Residents are appealing to the area Member of Parliament Edward Muriu to repair damaged roads.



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President Ruto Appoints Mudavadi As Acting CS Across All Ministries

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Worth Noting:

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This appointment comes a week after President Ruto made the unprecedented move to dissolve his entire Cabinet, sending home all 21 Cabinet Secretaries and the Attorney General.

Mudavadi, who also holds the Foreign and Diaspora Affairs CS position, is the only member of the Cabinet to retain his position.

President Ruto explained that the review and reorganization of his administration were necessary to enhance operational efficiency and foster responsive governance.

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The dismissed Cabinet Secretaries are Kithure Kindiki (Interior), Simon Chelugui (Cooperatives and SMEs), Aden Duale (Defence), Njuguna Ndung'u (Treasury), Davis Chirchir (Energy), Alfred Mutua (Tourism and Wildlife), Alice Wahome (Lands).

Ababu Namwamba (Youth and Sports), Salim Mvurya (Mining), Kipchumba Murkomen (Roads and Transport), Moses Kuria (Public Service and Delivery Services), Soipan Tuya (Environment and Forest).

Mithika Linturi (Agriculture), Aisha Jumwa (Gender), Ezekiel Machogu (Education), Eluid Owalo (ICT), Rebecca Miano (Trade and Industry), Susan Nakhumicha (Health), Peninah Malonza (EAC, ASAL and Regional Development), Zacharia Njeru (Water, Sanitation and Irrigation) and Florence Bore (Labour).

President Ruto emphasized that this realignment aims to embed efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability in public service delivery.

He added that the new government lineup would reflect the country's diverse populace.

"I will immediately engage in extensive consultations across different sectors and political formations, with the aim of setting up a broad-based government," Ruto stated on July 11, following the Cabinet's dismissal.

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Nyeri County government is probably the only devolved entity without pending bills that have bogged down even the national government.

Governor Mutahi Kahiga attributes the stellar performance to his government's cautious estimation of its Own Source Revenues and thus not overspending.

"In the last financial year our projection of Own Source Revenue was KSh800 million but we ended up collecting KSh1.4 billion and therefore having enough funds to run our projected programmes", noted the County Chief during a Kameme FM Morning Show on Tuesday where he was hosted by Gatonye Mbugua and Benson Kamau alias Kiengei.

Kahiga further stated that when he came into office, he found pending bills amounting to KSh711 million which he struggled to clear and there-



Nyeri County governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga at Kameme FM studios on Tuesday

after vowed never to have un fulfillable budgets as well as pay creditors in a chronological system.

Actualisation of Ward Development Fund where each of the 30 elected Members of County Assembly are supposed to consult their electorates has minimised conflict between the executive and the county legislators.

"In the last financial year each ward was accorded KSh21 million for ward specific funds thereby guaranteeing equitable development across the county and minimal friction between our two arms of government,"

stated the governor.

He further noted that during the tenure of the county's first governor, the late Nderitu Gachagua ceaseless quarrels with MCAs made service delivery quite difficult and perhaps accelerated his sickness and eventual untimely demise.

At the same time, Kahiga urged the Head of State to mend fences with his deputy for effective service delivery and actualisation of the ruling party's manifesto.

He warned that the newly found bromance between President William Ruto and the opposition may end up being his Waterloo advising him to sticking to his old friends who sacrificed their all to get him where he is.

"You can't put new wine in old wine skins which is what the president is set to do by appointing the so called government of national unity," advised the county chief.

Startimes Introduces Special Price Adjustments To Attract New Subscribers

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Startimes Media, a leading Pay TV company, has rolled out a special price adjustment offer for all new subscribers.

This offer, which aims to provide affordable access to high-quality entertainment, is valid for one month, starting from July 10, 2024, and ending on August 31st, 2024.

Previously, new subscribers had to buy a DTH decoder for KSh2,999 and pay KSh500 for the Smart bouquet in the first month, totaling KSh3,499.

While under the new offer, subscribers can purchase the DTH decoder for KSh2,999 and pay only KSh200 for the first month of the Smart bouquet, reducing the total cost to KSh3,199.

Myke Mwai, Head of PR and Content Syndicate at Startimes in a statement emphasized the company's commitment to making premium content more accessible to a broader audience across the Country.

He said that Startimes' new price adjustment offer represents a strategic move to broaden the company customer base by making high-quality entertainment more accessible.

"We understand the importance of affordable entertainment, especially in these challenging times; our goal is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the best of what Startimes has to offer without financial strain," Mwai said.

Mwai said this reduction is aimed at easing the financial burden on new customers and encouraging more people to join the Startimes family.

"At Startimes, we believe that entertainment is not just a luxury but a necessity. It brings families together, provides educational content, and offers a much-needed escape from daily stresses. By reducing the initial cost for our new subscribers, we hope to make a positive impact on our community," he explained.

He said that the Smart bouquet offers a wide array of channels, including sports, movies, news, and educational content.

An advertisement for Startimes featuring a man and a woman in formal wear embracing. In the foreground, there is a DTH decoder and a remote control. The background is a blue gradient with white and yellow text.

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Ruto, Gachagua Pay Glowing Tribute To Bishop Kiuna

By: DPCS

Worth Noting:

- “Cancer is devastating to any family in terms of emotions and finance. We have made interventions as a government to come up with an insurance scheme to cover chronic illnesses because the cost of treating cancer out of the country is beyond many families,” said Gachagua.
- He commended Reverend Kathy Kiuna for taking care of the late Bishop during illness.
- Citing personal experience of taking care of his late brother, former Nyeri Governor Nderitu Gachagua, who also died of cancer, the Deputy President said this viral disease has drained many families emotionally and financially.
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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing mourners during the burial of Bishop Allan Kiuna who died last week.

President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua yesterday paid a glowing tribute to the founder of the Jubilee Christian Church (JCC), Televangelist Bishop Allan Kiuna, who died last week after a long battle with Cancer.

Mr Gachagua, who read the President’s condolence message to the family and thousands of mourners in Thindigua, Kiambu county, during the burial, also highlighted Government’s plan to introduce a State-funded health insurance scheme for Kenyans suffering from chronic diseases like Cancer.

He added that the government is investing in medical equipment to help in early cancer diagnosis for management.

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“Today, many families have harambees every weekend trying to raise millions of shillings to support their loved ones suffering from cancer. But I am encouraged that now we have equipment. Health facilities like Kenyatta University Referral Hospital has installed a PET scan, which was only available outside the country several years ago. We have equipment that can help with early diagnosis because cancer ailments if detected early can be managed,” he stated.

He eulogized Bishop Kiuna as visionary religious and transformational leader, who touched lives of many people through his kindness.

“Bishop Kiuna was a great man of God. For 25 years he has built a great church with serious membership all over the world. I assure Reverend Kathy of our prayers and solidarity in this difficult moment. Bishop Kiuna has left a very enduring legacy, that Kathy must build on. She is now the vision carrier of JCC Church,” said Gachagua.

In the President’s condolence message, the Head of State eulogized the late Bishop as a “firm faith leader whose sermons were stimulating, authentic and targeted”.

“I have lost a true friend and an extraordinary man of God. Bishop Kiuna was a General of the word of God, who founded the Jubilee Christian Church. He was a firm faith leader whose sermons were stimulating, authentic and targeted. Beyond pulpit, he was focused, hardworking and played the lead role in uplifting the needy,” said the President.

Gachagua, who was accompanied by his Spouse Pastor Dorcas and other leaders, further said that the fight against illicit brews and drugs abuse will continue uninterrupted. He asked politicians to stay away from the exercise.

“The challenge of illicit alcohol and drugs is real and many people want to run away from reality. When we came to office with President Ruto we found a big challenge on illicit brews and drugs in entire country and more specifically in Central Kenya region. We took it head on and we have made serious strides. The fight must continue uninterrupted to save our county,” he said.

He added: “I have put leaders on notice, anyone trying to interfere will be called out by names so that they can be shamed. We cannot allow the ree-introduction of poison disguised as alcohol to kill our children.”

He called on the Church and religious organisations to join the Gov-

ernment in saving the youth affected by the vices and rehabilitating those addicted.

At the same time, Gachagua asked Kenyans and the Church to pray for President Ruto as he reconstitutes the Cabinet so that “he can pick a right team of competent individuals, humble and incorruptible people who are ready to serve the Nation”.

“We support President Ruto for his courageous and pragmatic decision to dissolve the Cabinet and come up with a new team that is focused and competent to help him in the management of the affairs of the Nation. I ask the Church and all Christians to pray for our President to pick the right people. God has given him a chance to come up with a good team of Kenyans who are patriotic, not corrupt, not arrogant and who are serious on service delivery. Our President needs your prayers.”

Leaders present at the burial serve included Nominated Senator Veronica Maina and MPs Anne Wamuratha (Kiambu Woman Representative), Sabina Chege (Nominated), Peter Salasya (Mumias East) and Amos Mwago (Starehe).

Former MPs Cate Waruguru and Margaret Wanjiru were also present.

Precision Prayers

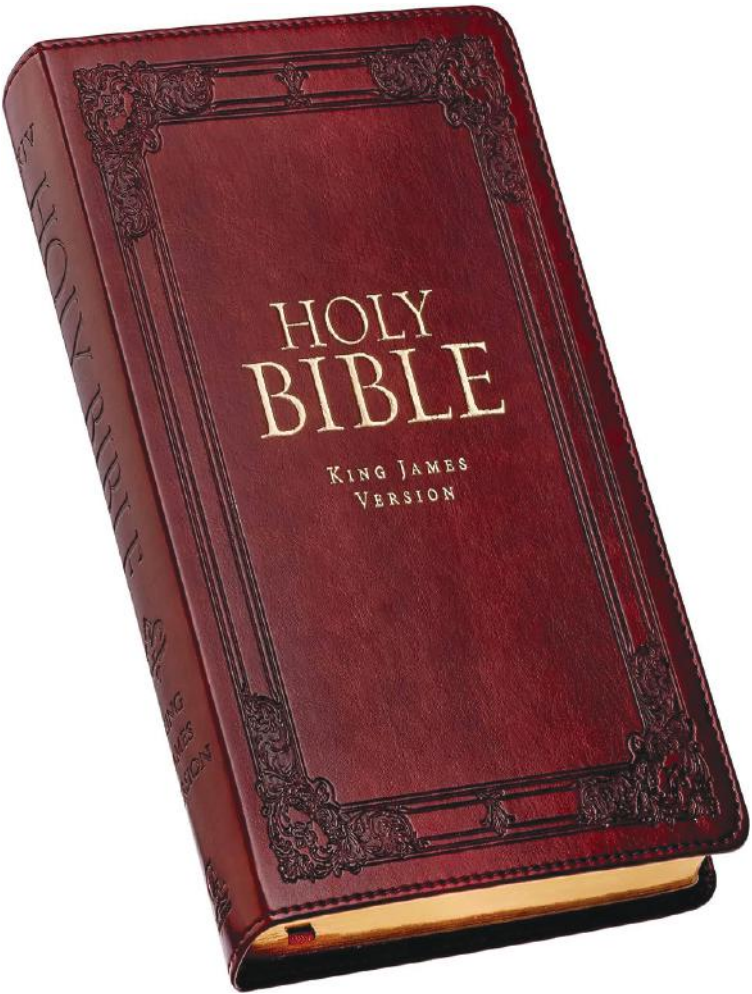


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Praying with precision is key. When we pray about the places where we seriously suspect the enemy is at work—that’s how we keep our prayers focused, not only on particular situations but on biblical truths that are consistent with maintaining victory in the midst of them. It’s how our praying stays integrated with reality, rather than aimlessly wandering down a side, spiritual hallway that never seems to connect with the living room, where we, you know . . . live. It’s how we keep our whole selves engaged and alert, trusting God for the right things, confident He’s giving them, able to sense His direction about what to do and then to take action accordingly. Apostle Paul tells us of the FOCUS we should have, “ Run in such

a way as to get the prize Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air (1 Corinthians 9:25-27).” If all we’re doing is flinging words and emotions in all directions without any real consideration for the specific ways the enemy is targeting us and the promises of God that apply to us, we’re mostly just wasting our time. We’re adding to the confusion while not really making a noticeable dent in the problem or the process. We’re fighting to keep our heads above water, yet feeling pretty sure on most days we’re fighting a losing battle. Well, part of that idea is right: WE ARE in a battle. A battle with a long history that reaches back before the annals of time began. But it’s one in which the victor has already been determined(Christ Jesus and the ones who chose Him and live in Him). A battle, yes. And prayer is our not-so-secret weapon in the fight. I’d even venture to say, our MOST POTENT

ONE. I’m willing to admit, right up front, there’s an undeniable, unknowable, invisible mystery to prayer. That’s why our first reaction to it often leans toward dismissing it, downplaying it, devaluing its CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. HALELUJAH. GOD IS OUR GUIDE AND ENABLER. References: The Living Bible Fervent: A Woman’s Battle Plan by Priscilla Shirer Evangelist Eric Musa: *(My message continuously: The best decision in this earthly life is to receive Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour: Believe and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit:AMEN). As it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion; to support Evangelism contact Ev. Eric Musa on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember; God Loves you unconditionally, perfectly and forever.*



Gen-Z Bid To Topple President Ruto Is Bound To Fail



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Worth Noting:

- Topping the list is Finance Bill 2024. They have asked me not to sign it and I have conceded. I will not sign it into law.
- President Ruto have since addressed the rest of the demands including dissolving the whole cabinet, unveiling a raft of austerity measures and scrapping of unconstitutional offices starting with those of the First Lady and spouse of Deputy President.
- He also put on hold the appointment of Chief Administrative Secretaries (CASs).
- Besides, he scrapped confidential accounts and immediately stopped the renovation of government offices. He also stopped top government officials from travelling outside the country. My office will only approve essential trips.

When Generation-Z kicked off the protests Kenyans were made to believe that their bone of contention was the Finance Bill, 2024.

As a result, they turned up in large numbers to support them and show their solidarity.

In the wake of mounting pressure, President Ruto was left with no option other than to come down.

Then he stated: I have listened and heard message of the young people.

They have come up with a raft of demands they want me to address.

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But it has since emerged these demands were just a trigger.

Some of the radical Generation-Z protestors had other plans.

As envisaged in the new #Ruto and Gachagua mustgonow, their ultimate goal is to topple President William Ruto.

This game plan is ill-advised and bound to fail.

Let me explain why. First, the push by the youths is widely perceived as being plan less, anti-infiltration strategy less and post Ruto/transitional less.

Kenyans have realized this. If we follow these young people blindly, we are going to regret.

These young people are exhibiting dangerous mentality of know-it-all, entitlement and dictatorship.

They have been telling off those who are older than them.

Turning to Politicians and religious leaders, they would tell them.

Stay away. You failed us. We are going to liberate this country and you will reap the fruits of our sweat and blood.

I have been listening to the narratives of Generation-Z and one thing is clear.

They do not understand the history of this country and most of them have little or no knowledge on matters of law and constitutional imperatives.

I heard one of them lecturing a group of old people. "Our plan is to force President Ruto to resign. We are going to replace him with former CS Fred Matiangi (President) and former CS Muthahi Kagwe as DP".

This Gen-Z did not want to be corrected.

But for those who care to listen, this is what will happen.

The constitution provides that the Deputy President takes over and serve for the remainder of the term. If Gen-Z does not want Gachagua, then it means the military will take over.

The constitution does not however anticipate a military de'tat.

Those who have been ruled my military in other countries would tell you. This is the worst form of governance. It is dictatorial, oppressive and ruthless

It is not a guarantee that the military will soon agree to hand over power back to civilians.

The crisis can worsen and take long before it is resolved.

Remember the military will have an upper hand during the negotiations.

So, the other question is. Who will they hand over power to? The power might end up in the wrong hands.

This is what happened in countries such as Egypt, Chad, Sudan, Mali.

The citizens thought they have won after toppling their respective President through popular uprising.

But alas, the worst form of dictatorship crept back.

Though Generation-Z and millennials have been reiterating that they have no time for the opposition leaders, the leaders are still supporting them.

To me, they are simply doing this for political reasons.

If the game plan of Gen-Z succeeds, they think they will immediately step out and fill the vacuum.

This is a wishful thinking. Who told them that Gen-Z will just step aside?

While being bouyed by the triumph, they will come out to fight for their space.

I'm sure they will still stood their ground that you are old and have been at helm of power. So, you are part of the problem. Your time is over.

This will create confusion and plunge our country into anarchy.

Let me give opposition leaders in Kenya free advice. As media reports indicated, Generation-Z were not alone. They were powerful people who were pulling the string from behind.

These are the same people who will advise them not to give way.

I'm happy majority of Kenyans have realized the danger of toppling President Ruto.

Their position is clear. President Ruto has heard you. He has so far addressed most of your demands.

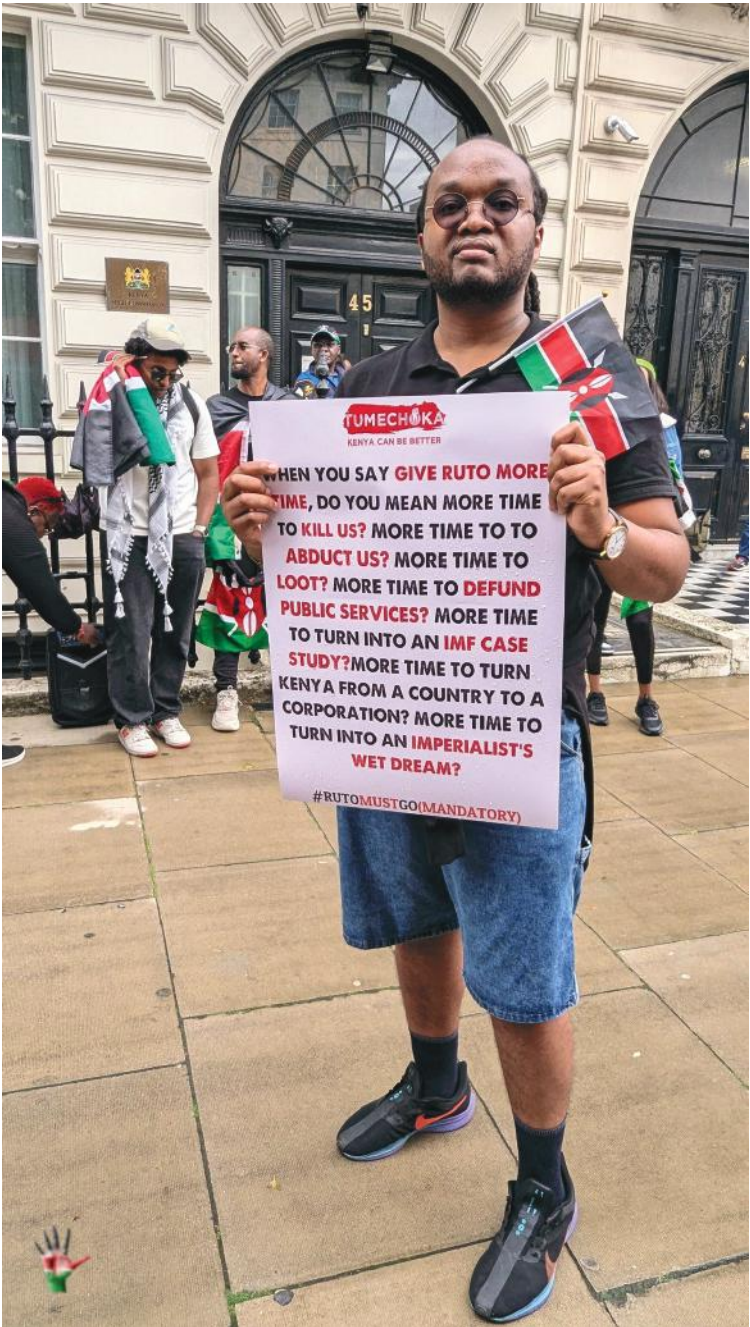
Kenya is a democratic country and it is governed by rule of law.

We elected President Ruto to serve for a term of five years. We know Gen-Z has taught him a lesson. Let give him to time to do his job.

It is not too late in the day. He still have time to redeem and spruce up his image.

Come 2027 polls, you will ignore him at your own peril. He stands a high chance of getting re-elected to serve his second and final term.

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Gen Z protesters at Kenya High Commission in UK.



Judiciary Assures Business Community Of Strengthened Business Climate

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Martha Koome, Chief Justice of Kenya, has emphasised the judiciary’s role in enhancing Kenya’s business climate and promoting investment through a robust commercial justice system.

The Judiciary has implemented several initiatives, including the e-filing system, which allows cases to be filed remotely, and the Judiciary Data Dashboard, which allows the Judiciary to monitor the performance of each court and judicial officer or judge.

The e-filing system also promotes the integration and interoperability of information systems with other justice sector agencies.

Koome also highlighted the cause list portal, which provides real-time access to court schedules, fostering transparency and accountability.

The Judiciary Data Dashboard allows the Judiciary to monitor the performance of each court and judicial officer or judge from the comfort of their offices.

The Cabinet Secretary for Treasury has waived court fees for filing commercial cases not exceeding Sh1 million for two years, with Koome urging KEPSA to engage the Treasury for a continued waiver.

The Judiciary has revamped the Kenya Judiciary Academy (KJA) into a vibrant institution of continuous learning and collaboration, positioning it as the regional hub for judicial learning and justice dialogues.

The Kenya Judiciary Academy will work closely with KEPSA to identify knowledge and resource gaps within the institution, equipping judges and judicial officers with the necessary skills and knowledge to handle and dispense commercial and tax matters within a reasonable timeframe.



Martha Koome Chief Justice of Kenya second left and Business leaders.

Solar Dryers In Coffee Factories To Cut Cost Of Production

By: KNA

Chorong’i Coffee Factory in Ruring’u ward, Nyeri Central Sub County, is set to benefit from new solar dryers to cut operational costs.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Department of Climate Change, is part of the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) project and is in compliance with the National Climate Action Change Act of 2016.

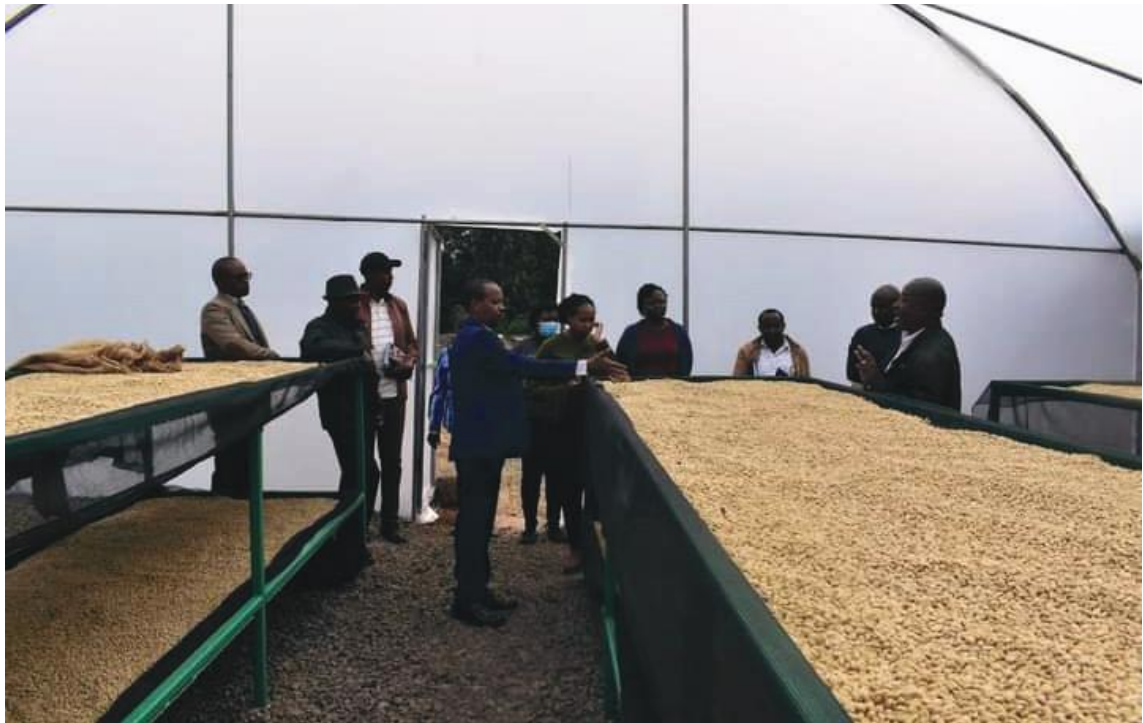
“We are encouraging the solar dryers because, by the end of the day, it means they are saving on operation costs, and it’s an advantage for them (farmers). So it’s a good thing, and it’s making work easier because they are able to process more, use less time, and incur fewer costs,” she added.

The dryers will enhance the process-

ing capacity and quality of coffee beans produced by the targeted factories.

Nyeri County Climate Change Director Yvonne Mathenge said the county government plans to extend the programme to at least four other factories in the coming days.

The solar dryers not only promote sustainable practices but also support farmers in reducing processing costs and increasing their income.



Solar Dryers In Coffee Factories To Cut Cost Of Production.

DAP-K Calls For Ruto’s Resignation Amidst Growing Gen Z Support

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Democratic Action Party - Kenya (DAP-K) has declared support for Generation Z’s demands and further asserted that the only acceptable dialogue is immediate resignation President William

The party leader Eugene Wamalwa while addressing the media at the party headquarters emphasized the party’s alignment with the aspirations of Kenya’s youth, particularly Generation Z, who have been increasingly vocal in their calls for accountability and reform. Citing President Ruto’s perceived disconnect from the priorities of the younger generation, he argued that Ruto’s resignation is not just a symbolic gesture but a necessary step towards fostering genuine dialogue and addressing the pressing issues facing the nation.

“This is not just about politics; it’s about responding to the urgent demands of our youth,” stated the DAP-K Party leader, highlighting

concerns ranging from economic opportunities to social justice that have galvanized Generation Z’s activism. The statement resonates with recent nationwide protests and advocacy campaigns led by young Kenyans, demanding meaningful engagement from political leaders.

The call for Ruto’s resignation underscores growing frustration with the status quo among Kenya’s youth, who feel marginalized by traditional political structures. DAP-K’s stance positions the party as a champion of generational change, advocating for leadership that actively listens and responds to the needs of all Kenyans, particularly its youngest demographic.

In response to the DAP-K statement, reactions from various youth groups and civil society organizations have been largely supportive, viewing it as a significant moment in Kenya’s political landscape. Many see this as a pivotal opportunity for President Ruto to acknowledge and engage constructively with the concerns raised by Generation Z.

As the debate intensifies, DAP-K’s call for resignation reflects broader



DAP-K party leader Eugene Wamalwa and other members addressing the media at its party headquarters

sentiments within Kenya’s political opposition and civil society, hinting at potential shifts in the country’s political dynamics ahead of the next election cycle.

With DAP-K’s unequivocal support

for Generation Z’s demands and its challenge to President Ruto, the political climate in Kenya appears poised for further evolution.

As citizens await Ruto’s response, the spotlight remains on how Ken-

ya’s leaders will navigate these calls for change amidst an increasingly engaged youth population.

Kenya on the Brink: President Ruto Faces Mounting Challenges as Discontent Grows

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Tick-tock, like a ticking time bomb, President Ruto’s time is running out fast, and an implosion seems imminent.

Four weeks ago, young people in Kenya took to the streets, and what was once a seemingly stable country is now teetering on the edge.

Every action by the executive seems to exacerbate the situation rather than ameliorate it.

Yesterday, a foiled attempted abduction of a man, captured on camera, along with the arbitrary arrests of innocent youths and peaceful protestors, has thrown the country into a state of heightened tension. The abductions of social media influencers, renowned journalists like Macharia Gaitho, and the shooting of Wanjeri wa Kariuki, a media person in her full media gear points to a rogue police unit, evoking memories of colonial times and the dark Moi era.

In both instances, Kenyans persevered until they achieved victory.

The revocation of Anthony Mwaura as the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Board chairman by High Court Judge Francis Gikonyo, who cited a lack of adherence to national values in Mwaura’s appointment, raises serious questions about the intentions and competence of the appointing authority. This judicial decision reflects broader concerns about the administration’s adherence to the principles of good governance.

Moreover, the recent defeat of President Ruto’s key flagship universal healthcare bills at the High Court underscores an administration under siege. This legal setback is emblematic of broader systemic issues that plague the current leadership.

The blatant refusal by Generation Z to participate in a multi-sectoral reform initiative proposed by the President signifies a citizenry that is deeply disillusioned with its leadership. The youth’s defiance is not just a political statement but a profound cry for justice and respect for human life.

These events and many more point to a situation that requires great wisdom and skill. Old, forceful tactics will not work. The President is being invited to deeply reflect and not let anger cloud his judgment. He must recognize that this fight is not personal but a collective demand for a just government and respect for human life.

As a Christian, President Ruto might draw lessons from early Christian history. For every believer the Romans killed, many more were born. The right to freedom of worship was eventually secured in the Roman Empire in 314 AD. Similarly, the right to good governance will eventually be won in Kenya.

The question remains: will President Ruto be the one to preside over a newly reborn Kenya, or will he be remembered as a leader who failed to rise to the occasion? The path he chooses now will determine not just his legacy, but the future of a nation yearning for justice, equity, and the rule of law.

In this pivotal moment, President Ruto’s decisions will shape the



President William Ruto.

course of Kenya’s history. He must choose between continuing with repressive measures or embracing a new era of transparent and accountable governance. The nation watches, hopeful yet wary, waiting for a

leadership that truly reflects the will and aspirations of its people.

Sincere Feelings



Aside from this situation,
Observant justice.

Since the good is gone,
To some planet.
The walking sucker slurred his tongue,
Go crazy.

Love people,
He says he's crazy.
Hate has not gone away,
Remember us.

I don't know what to do
Without finding it.
Jealousy everywhere
Beating himself.

But one person
Without leaving any.
Spinning endlessly,
Without going around.

Especially love for him,
It is closed.
Even if it is out of this world,
You can't get enough of this person.

Sincere feelings too,
They know mothers.
Therefore, to them,
They are always companions.

Look to your mother,
Love and devotion.
Actually they are erur,
Holding the world.
2023 year

Ganijonova Makhmudakhan 🍌

Ghanijonova Makhmudakhan I was born on July 10, 2005 in Jalakudug district of Andijan region. In 2023, I was accepted as a student at the Andijan State Pedagogical Institute on the basis of a grant. Several of my articles were published in magazines.

I have been interested in writing poetry since I was young

Even a pinch of joy
People are surprised.
Even a little bit of pain
The heart is broken.

If the heart is broken,
Joys to the insatiable heart.
From the work of the unfaithful,
Trusts are over.

surrounded the surroundings,
Foreign feelings.
Lost in a sweet dream
Wandering sleep.

A smile is worth it,
Over the fake laugh.
Patience tears hair,
From the impatient.

Mercy has come,
Buried in their youth.
You can't stand it
Faces are covered.

Surprise sweet words,
It is not enough for him.
What people find,
Bitter words suck.

Because of the lack of value,
Making a complaint.

Modern Role Of Social Networks



Nowadays, social networks have become an integral part of our lives. Naturally, they have their own positive and negative aspects. It should be noted that it is difficult to accomplish any task without social networks, and today, information technology plays a crucial role in communication among people. Internet services help people of all ages to connect with loved ones, establish business connections, and spend time online. So, to what extent are social networks beneficial and harmful to people?

The 21st century is an era that promotes computer technology and new methods. It is hard to imagine life without the internet. This is undoubtedly a new branch of civilization, which in many ways simplifies our lives. At the same time, there are many criticisms of the internet. The bad habits that emerge on social networks are always criticized, but not everything is bad or leads to disaster. In fact, it is not correct to malign the

internet due to various criticisms. Let's look at the positive and negative aspects of the internet. There are many advantages to social networks. For example, they serve as a tool for establishing business connections, advertising products and goods, and registering online for higher education institutions. Additionally, these internet networks create opportunities to have open conversations with distant loved ones, and for young people like us, searching for useful information on various pages undoubtedly aids in acquiring knowledge. The examples mentioned above may seem few at first glance, but social networks are a tool that solves more tasks than we might think.

As the saying goes, there is another side to the coin; social networks also have negative aspects.

Nowadays, popular social networks such as Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube consume a lot of people's time. There are people around us who use these networks continuously throughout the day.

Therefore, it is necessary to adhere to some norms and manage time correctly while using any social network responsibly.

In conclusion, it is essential to teach the younger generation to use social networks only for necessary purposes and to see results from using them wisely and effectively. I, of course, advocate the idea that social networks are useful and necessary.

Avazova Marjona

Heart



Take a break, my heart,
I'm crazy because of your cry lol.
May your heart be broken.
May your soul die completely.

Just don't lose hope,
After all, you have a black lord.
After these trials,
A beautiful happy future.

You are happy that day,
You are being lazy.
One day those who broke your heart,
It will come back to you.

He apologizes again,
Suffer from pain.
But then it will be too late
Reason: broken glass cannot be restored.

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She has a special interest in literature and poetry, and has published several poems. She is currently conducting scientific research in the field of literature and is particularly interested in classical literature.

Heart, why are you so sad,
I am sorry for your situation.
After all, it is the heart.
You have been tested many times.

As if this test were not enough.
What mistake did you make?
Didn't you learn that time,
Why are you coming back like this?

Take heart, don't open your heart,
Shake again,
Disintegration again,
Think for a moment.

A whole soul in your heart,
Needless to say.
This is from suffering.
The rest of your heart is safe.

The heart says: what is my fault?
Did I disappoint you?
Saying your name every morning
Did I love you?

I think more and more.
Why don't I forget him.
After all.
I am the one who is suffering.

Why Am I Not Reading A Book?



Why am I not reading a book? This question is very simple, but I don't have an answer to this one question. Did I stop reading the book or am I reading it? No, I was reading a book, but I'm not understanding it, maybe I'm not getting into the work or the plot! My miserable 18 years of wasted life is so sad! I'm not young, I'm sane. I can understand if I read diligently, but I'm being lazy. Sometimes I ask myself: Why? Why did I indulge in virtual life? Why am I being lazy? My peers have already read half of the world's books! Young Navoi became literate at the age of 3 and started writing poetry at the age of 10, Babur Mirzos took the throne at the age of 12, Timurids went to war at the age of 12. Unforgettable life! Sorry for the useless and meaningless years. Some people blame the phone, it's not about the mobile device or the modern age! After all, the phone was created by the person, not the person! How

a person becomes depends first of all on himself. They don't say that if the intention is unbiased, you will achieve it. After all, if it is said that I will criticize 100 pages of this work from early in the morning, maybe 150 pages will be read, but what am I doing? I'll study tomorrow, I'll start at 4 o'clock. I can't go back to this month again this year! Everything is going through my mind right now. I am thinking like this right now, maybe it will be like this again tomorrow?! I need to start changing right now! If I remember 2 years before that, I was studying, and I achieved the goal of entering the School of Journalists. Now I am in my dream field, I am becoming its body and soul. I should be afraid that laziness will disappear and leave me. What are you afraid of? Is it because my peers surpass me in achieving great goals? Or is it because someone has already achieved my dream goals? How strange, when you are standing on the sidelines looking for the 1st step, people around you have already reached the finish line. At the moment, I am reading a book that I need to tell myself, I am analyzing it, I am promoting the goal of the development of events. I will create my own newspaper, I will devote the 1st page of it to the analysis of books, and at the same time I will enrich my thinking by reading books. Yes, I will also be a reader. I am reading.

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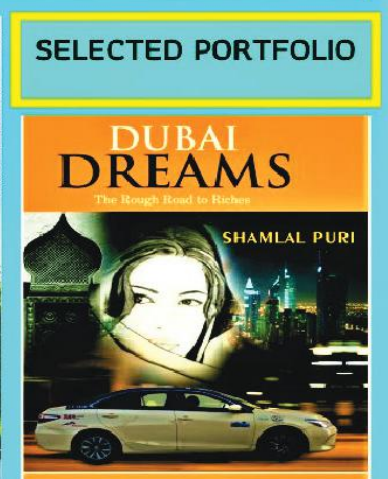
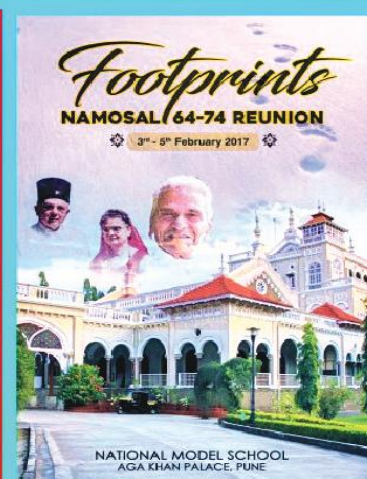
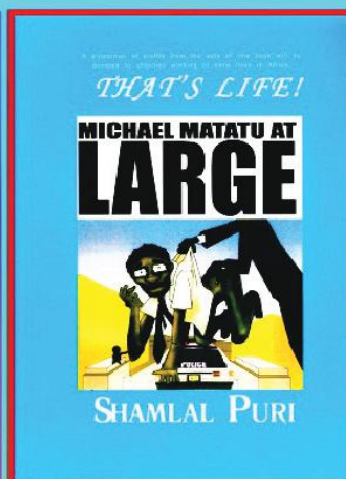
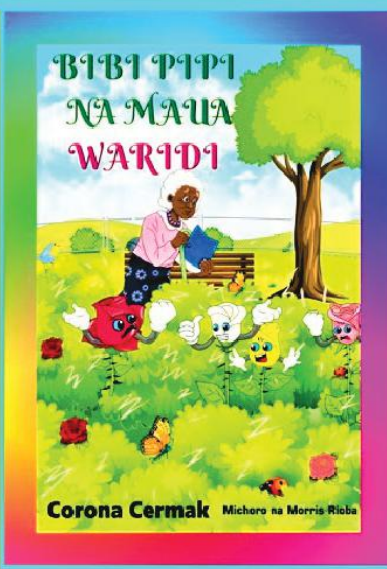
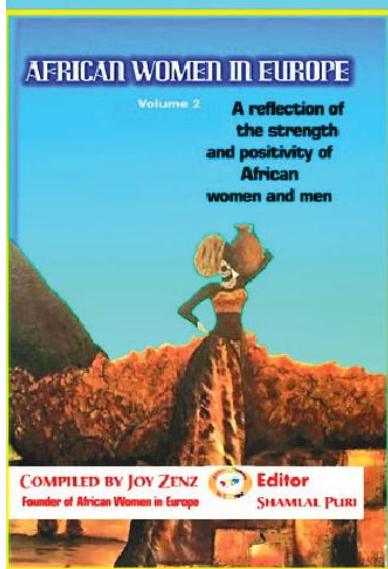
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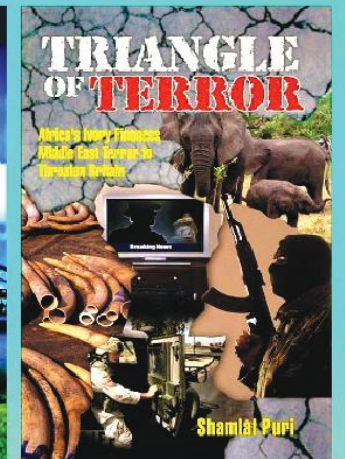
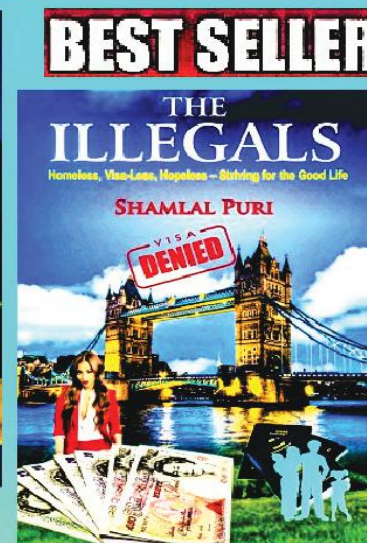
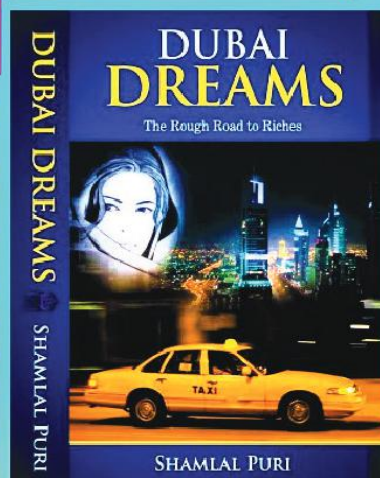
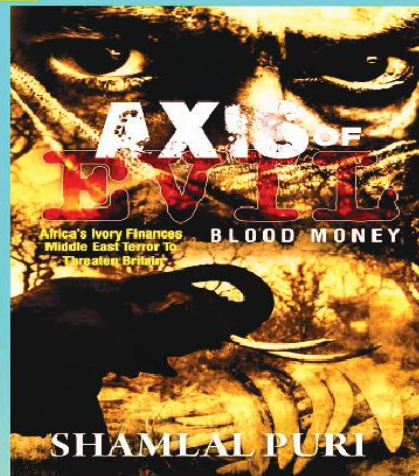
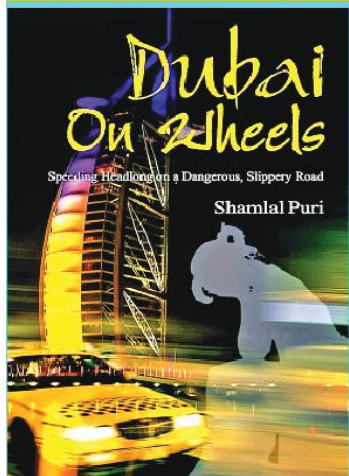
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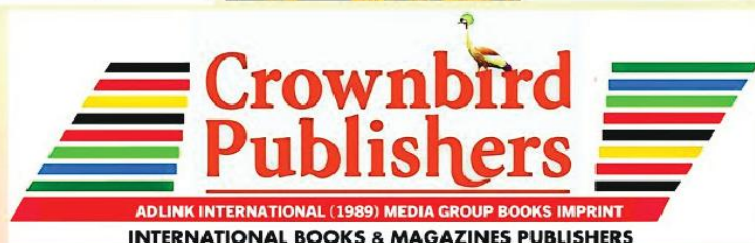
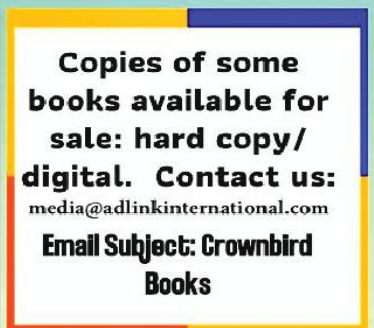
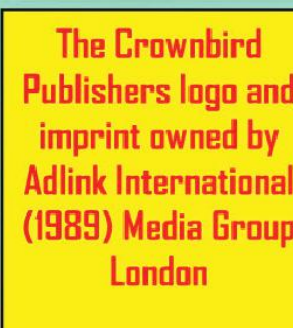
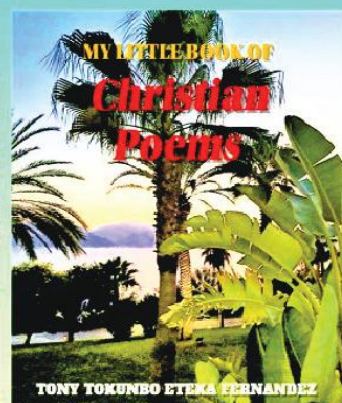
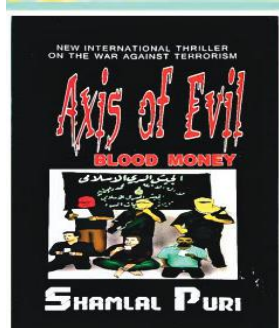
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KMPDU, Gov't Sign Deal, Medical Interns To Be Posted Immediately

All 1,210 intern doctors to commence their 12 month internship by August 1, 2024

By: Margaret Kalekye

Worth Noting:

- According to Health Principal Secretary (PS) Mary Muthoni who chaired the discussions, the terms of engagement for the intern doctors will follow the conditions set out in their internship placement letters.
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It is a win for Kenyan intern doctors after the government yesterday agreed to post them immediately.

The deal ending a stalemate that has adversely affected the health sector was reached following successful talks between the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists, and Dentists Union (KMPDU) and the Ministry of Health.

Following the signing of an addendum to return to work formula, the Ministry of Health will immediately post 1,210 intern doctors to commence their twelve-month internship by August 1, 2024.

The Ministry has also revoked the Internship Offer Letters issued on March 18, 2024.

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On the issue of remuneration, currently in dispute, the PS said it will be resolved according to the final determination of the Eldoret Employment and Labour Relations Court Petition and other related cases.

The issue of salaries for medical in-

terns, which is still before a court in Eldoret is still unresolved.

She however assured that all arrears earned before the court’s decision will be paid in full within 90 days of the ruling.

“The Ministry and KMPDU acknowledge the ongoing court matters related to this issue in the Employment and Labour Relations Court in Eldoret and Nairobi. They also recognize the establishment of the Presidential Taskforce on addressing Human Resources for Health on July 5, 2024, which includes KMPDU members. This taskforce will address issues related to the Human Resources for Health Internship and provide recommendations” she said.

Before the dissolution of the cabinet, immediate former Health CS Susan Nakhumicha had said the Ministry was only able to post at least 552 interns over budget cuts following the withdrawal of the Finance Bill 2024.

The government has hailed the KMPDU officials led by Secretary General Davji Atellah for their commitment and willingness to engage.

“The Ministry of Health expresses its gratitude to the KMPDU for their steadfast commitment and constructive engagement throughout this process. This agreement marks a positive step towards improving the working conditions for healthcare professionals and ensuring the provision of quality healthcare for all Kenyans” said the PS.

“The Ministry remains dedicated to fostering a collaborative relationship with KMPDU and other stakeholders in the health sector to address and resolve ongoing issues, ultimately enhancing the healthcare system in Kenya” she added.

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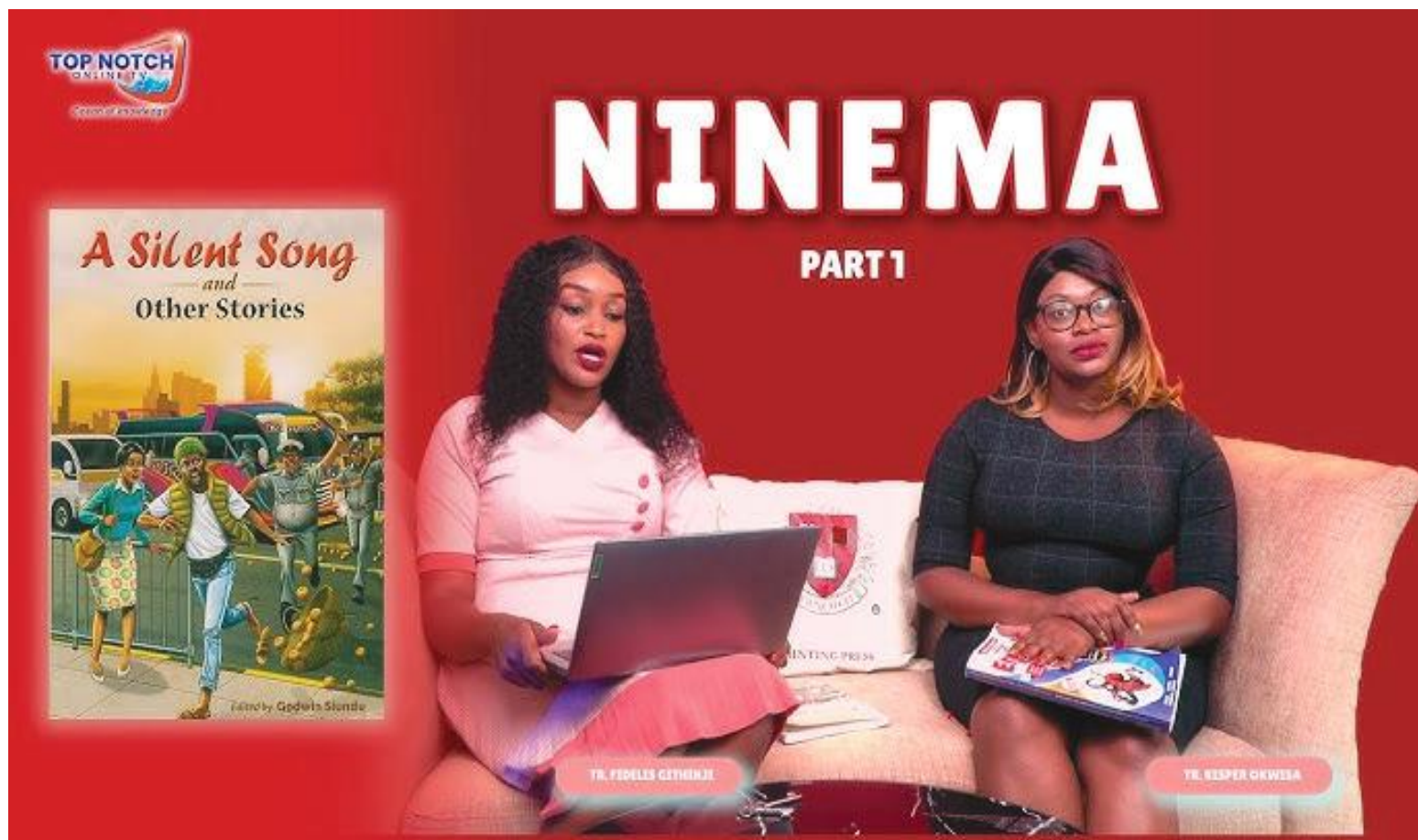
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The Hustlers In Kenya Share Similarities With Ninema, The Main Character In Vrenika Pather's Short Story, 'Ninema'

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Worth Noting:

- Ninema's story is one of resilience. She faces numerous challenges and obstacles, yet she remains determined to improve her circumstances. This resilience is a hallmark of the Kenyan hustler spirit. In Kenya, many people live in environments where stable jobs are scarce, and economic hardship is a daily reality. Like Ninema, these hustlers do not succumb to their difficulties but instead find ways to adapt and survive.
- Ninema's determination to navigate her hardships reflects the resilience seen in Kenyan hustlers. They often work multiple jobs, engage in small-scale trade, or offer various services to make ends meet. Whether it's selling goods in markets, driving boda bodas (motorcycle taxis), or engaging in informal labor, these individuals persistently seek out opportunities to improve their livelihoods despite the systemic challenges they face.



The current KCSE short story anthology, 'A Silent Song and Other Short Stories', doesn't disappoint. It has very captivating, refreshing and enriching short stories. I already shared with you one: 'A Man of Awesome Powers.' 'Ninema' by a South African, Vrenika Pather, is another mind-boggling one. It shares the mind-blowing experience of a hard-working lady by the name Ninema. In Ninema, the Kenyan hustlers have a true companion. Let's delve into its depth and breathe.

The term "hustlers" in Kenya often refers to individuals who engage in various forms of informal work and entrepreneurship to make a living in a challenging economic environment. These hustlers share several similarities with Ninema, the protagonist in Vrenika Pather's short story "Ninema." Through the lens of Ninema's journey, we can explore themes of resilience, resourcefulness, and the pursuit of a better life, which resonate deeply with the experiences of many Kenyan hustlers.

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Another similarity between Ninema and Kenyan hustlers is their resourcefulness. In the story, Ninema uses her skills and knowledge creatively to overcome obstacles. She is not passive but actively seeks solutions to her problems. This trait is mirrored in the Kenyan hustlers' innovative approaches to business and survival.

Kenyan hustlers are known for their ingenuity. They often come up with unique business ideas and adapt existing ones to fit their local context. For instance, some may leverage digital platforms to sell their products, while others might find niche markets for their services. This innovation is crucial in an environment where formal employment opportunities are limited, and traditional pathways to economic success are often inaccessible.

At the heart of Ninema's journey is the pursuit of a better life, not just for herself but for her family as well. This pursuit is a powerful motivator that drives her actions throughout the story. Similarly, Kenyan hustlers

are driven by the desire to improve their living conditions and provide for their families. This shared goal of seeking a better future underscores both Ninema's narrative and the daily efforts of Kenyan hustlers.

In Kenya, the informal sector provides a significant portion of employment. Many hustlers engage in this sector not by choice but by necessity. They are driven by the need to support their families, educate their children, and build a more stable and prosperous future. This pursuit often involves taking risks, working long hours, and continuously adapting to changing circumstances, much like Ninema's relentless efforts in the story.

Ninema's experiences also highlight the broader social and economic challenges that both she and Kenyan hustlers face. Issues such as poverty, lack of access to education, and limited economic opportunities are common themes. In Kenya, these challenges are exacerbated by systemic issues such as corruption, inadequate infrastructure, and socio-economic inequality.

The struggles Ninema encounters in trying to break free from the cycle of poverty resonate with the experiences of many Kenyans. The hustler's journey is often marked by efforts to overcome these systemic barriers. For example, access to microfinance, community support networks, and entrepreneurial training programs can provide critical support to these

individuals, helping them navigate the complex landscape of informal economies.

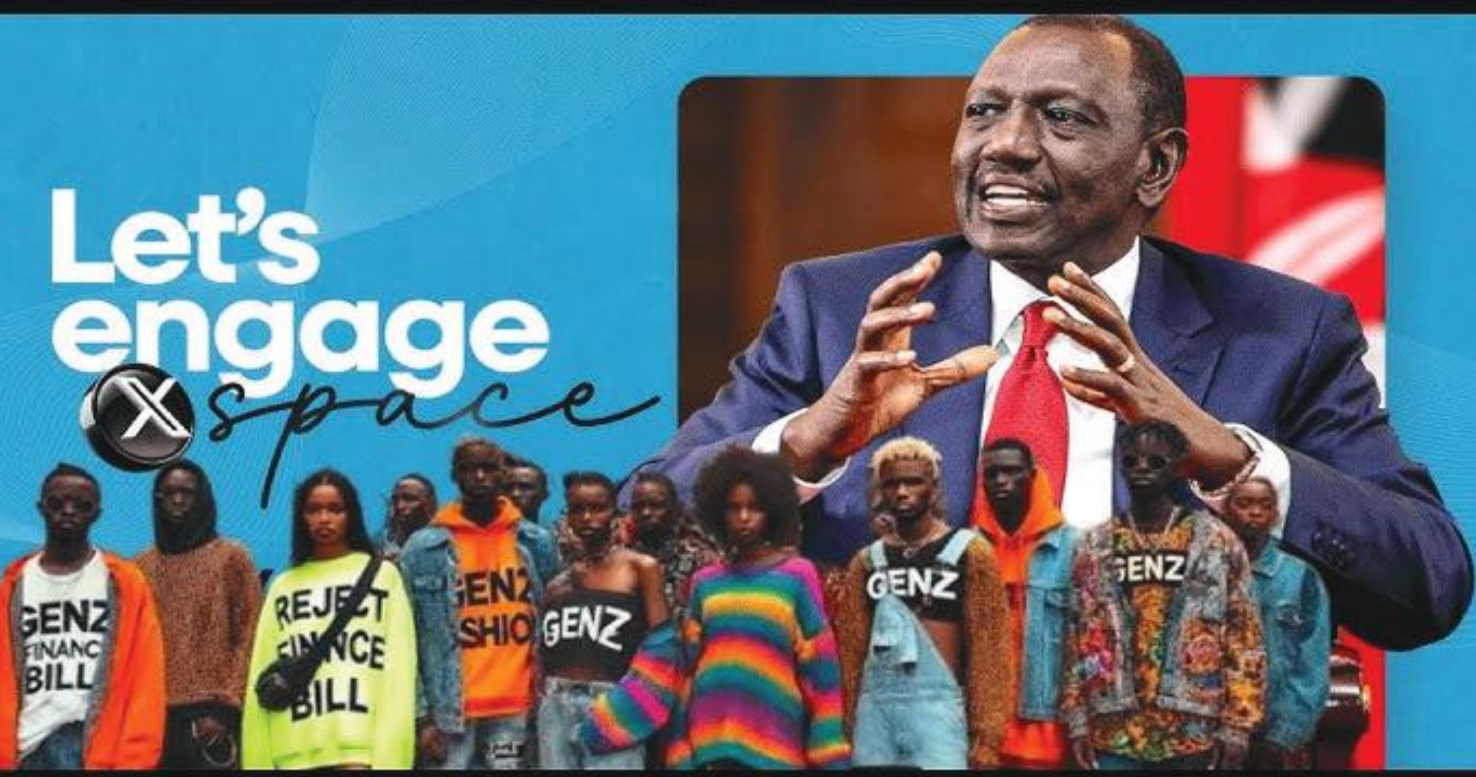
In conclusion, Ninema's story in Vrenika Pather's short story "Ninema" parallels the experiences of many Kenyan hustlers. Both are characterized by resilience, resourcefulness, and the pursuit of a better life amid significant social and economic challenges. By examining these similarities, we gain a deeper understanding of the universal themes of struggle and perseverance that define the lives of individuals striving to improve their circumstances, whether in a fictional narrative or in the real-world context of Kenya. This connection not only highlights the shared human experience but also underscores the importance of recognizing and supporting the efforts of those who work tirelessly to create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Kenyan Gen Z X Space Presidential Engagement: The Hits And Misses



On Friday, the Kenyan Gen Z X space engagement event unfolded, offering a platform for the young generation to express their thoughts, aspirations, and challenges. With a diverse lineup of speakers, interactive sessions, and a tech-driven agenda, the event aimed to bridge the gap between Gen Z and influential stakeholders. Here, we break down the hits and misses of this highly anticipated event.

The Hits

- 1) Inclusion and diversity
One of the standout successes of the event was its commitment to inclusion and diversity. The organizers ensured that voices from various backgrounds, including those from marginalized communities, were represented. This inclusivity fostered a rich and multifaceted dialogue that resonated with many attendees. The presence of speakers from different regions of Kenya and various industries provided a broad perspective on the issues affecting the youth today.
- 2) Interactive sessions and workshops
The interactive sessions and workshops were a major hit, allowing participants to engage directly with industry experts and thought leaders. These sessions covered a range of topics, from digital entrepreneurship and mental health to environmen-

- tal sustainability and social justice. Attendees appreciated the hands-on approach and the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and receive personalized feedback. The workshops on digital skills, in particular, were praised for their practical relevance and applicability in today's job market.
- 3) Tech integration
Leveraging technology was a significant strength of the event. Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) experiences provided immersive insights into various career paths and educational opportunities. The use of social media platforms for live updates and interactions kept the event dynamic and engaging. Additionally, the event app, which offered real-time schedules, networking opportunities, and interactive polls, was highly appreciated for its user-friendly interface and functionality.
- 4) Youth-led panels
Youth-led panels were among the most impactful segments of the event. Young leaders and activists shared their experiences and success stories, inspiring their peers to take action and pursue their passions. These panels highlighted the power of youth agency and the importance of creating spaces where young voices are heard and valued.

The Misses

- 1) Language and tone
One of the most significant misses was the language and tone used by some participants. The language of Gen Z was perceived as disrespectful, with a tone of arrogance and an attitude that seemed condescending, particularly towards the President. This approach detracted from the overall message and alienated some attendees who felt that a more respectful dialogue would have been more constructive. Ensuring that future events foster a tone of mutual respect, even in disagreement, will be crucial.
- 2) Accessibility issues
Despite the event's overall success, there were notable issues with accessibility. Some attendees reported difficulties accessing the virtual components due to technical glitches and poor internet connectivity. These issues hindered the seamless experience that the organizers aimed to provide. In future events, ensuring robust technical infrastructure and support will be crucial to avoid such setbacks.
- 3) Time management
Time management emerged as a significant challenge. The session started 45 minutes late. Several sessions overran their allotted time, leading to delays and a rushed schedule.

- This affected the flow of the event and caused some participants to miss out on key sessions. Implementing stricter time management protocols and contingency plans could help mitigate this issue in future engagements.
- 4) Limited reach
While the event successfully engaged a substantial number of attendees, there was room for improvement in terms of reach. Marketing and promotion efforts could have been more extensive to attract a broader audience, especially those in rural areas who may have limited access to such opportunities. Collaborating with local organizations and leveraging community networks could enhance outreach and inclusivity.
- 5) Overcrowded agenda
The ambitious agenda, while commendable, resulted in an overcrowded schedule. Attendees expressed difficulty in choosing between simultaneous sessions, leading to a sense of missing out. Streamlining the program and offering more focused, in-depth sessions might provide a more enriching experience for participants.
- 6) Follow-up and continuity
Lastly, the event lacked a clear plan for follow-up and continuity. While the engagement sparked enthusiasm

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and motivation, there was limited information on how participants could continue their involvement and stay connected with the initiatives discussed. Establishing a post-event platform or community for ongoing engagement and support would be beneficial.

The Kenyan Gen Z X Space engagement event was a commendable effort to empower and connect the young generation with key stakeholders. Its successes in inclusion, interactivity, tech integration, mental health focus, and youth-led panels set a positive precedent for future events. However, addressing issues related to language and tone, accessibility, time management, reach, agenda planning, and follow-up strategies will be essential to maximize the impact and effectiveness of such engagements. By learning from these experiences, future events can continue to inspire and empower Kenyan youth to shape their futures.

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Equity Life Assurance Awarded Best Life Insurer At The 2024 Think Business Insurance Awards

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Equity Life Assurance has been honored as the best life insurance underwriter at the Think Business Insurance Awards 2024. The firm also secured top accolades in the categories of the most customer-centric underwriter – Life, and the best insurance company in sustainable corporate social responsibility.

GA Insurance was recognized as the best General Insurer of the year and also topped as the medical underwriter of the Year – Group Medical.

They were also awarded as the best in risk management.

Other notable winners included AAR Insurance Kenya; recognized as the medical underwriter of the year-personal, and best company in product innovations, and First Assurance Company Limited which was awarded best insurance company in technology application and best in

major loss.

Equity Bancassurance Intermediary was recognized as the overall best bancassurance intermediary, while Zamara Risk & Insurance Brokers Limited was distinguished as the overall best insurance broker of the year.

Angela Okinda, CEO of Equity Life Assurance was recognized as the Chief Executive Officer of the Year, Winnie Muchomba of First Assurance Company Limited was awarded Corporate Risk Manager of the Year and Gilo Beryl Akinyi of ABSA Life as the Young Insurance Achiever of the year.

Mr. Ochieng Oloo, Founder and CEO of Think Business, highlighted that this year's theme is "The future of insurance is green".

"This year, the awards are designed to assess, recognize and celebrate innovations, prudence and sustainability in the sector by recognizing individuals and organizations that have exhibited outstanding performance in the sector over the past financial



year," he remarked.

The awards seek to celebrate innovations, prudence and sustainability in the insurance sector for players embracing innovation in product development and distribution, enhanced risk management practices, investing in the profession, adopting good corporate governance practices, as well as engaging in sustainable social corporate responsibility projects.

The Think Business Insurance Awards continue to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of Kenya's insurance sector, fostering a competitive and innovative environment that benefits both the industry and its customers.

IPOA Says Non-Cooperation From State Agencies Frustrating Its Work

By: Eric Biegion

The Independent Policing and Oversight Authority (IPOA) on Wednesday decried the lack of cooperation from state agencies, making it difficult for the agency to execute its constitutional mandate.

Even though the authority was granted the mandate to investigate issues such as police misconduct, and deaths and serious injuries caused by police action, IPOA Commissioner John Waiganjo says they have been unable to do so effectively largely due to the failure of police to cooperate with the agency as required by law.

In light of recent deaths suspected to have been caused by police action during anti-tax protests, the commissioner said IPOA has been receiving a lot of criticism from members of the public who do not know the full extent of frustrations they get in their bid to get to the bottom of the matter.

"We want the public to know we are



IPOA Commissioner John Waiganjo.

working under very tough conditions. During the lifetime of IPOA we have not seen the level of un-cooperation we are seeing now from the senior police officers," he said

He said police are normally in custody of some of the files that are key to a case but most times getting such documentation is almost impossible.

"We sometimes go back to them to get certain documentation that we cannot move without. But we have found a hostile environment where our officers are not getting any information and when we give out summonses, they are not responded to," he said at a Citizen TV interview Wednesday morning

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Who Will Be Next England Manager?



Chelsea has sacked Graham Potter. PHOTO/Reuters.

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After 102 matches at the helm, stretching eight years, Gareth Southgate has quit as Three Lions boss after defeat by Spain in Sunday's Euro 2024 final.

He will be a tough act to follow as – on top of overseeing England's run to the Euro 2024 final – Southgate has taken his country to the Euro 2020 final, a World Cup semi-final and a World Cup quarter-final.

So, who could follow him? BBC Sport takes a look at some of the contenders before asking you to choose who you would like in charge.

Lee Carsley

Perhaps a left field candidate but England Under-21 manager Lee Carsley is well thought of at the Football Association.

He has been with the FA a long time and won the European Under-21 Championship last summer. He could potentially buy the FA time as an interim manager until a big name was free next summer.

Southgate managed the under-21s between 2013 and 2016 before becoming the senior boss.

Carsley, 50, held talks about becoming Republic of Ireland manager last year but opted to stay with the under-21s for another cycle.

Pep Guardiola

The Manchester City boss has long been mooted as a future international manager and a role

with England would certainly excite many Three Lions fans.

Having won everything there is to win at club level with Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Manchester City, a new challenge next summer could prove very attractive.

Guardiola is under contract at City until the summer of 2025, but after that? You couldn't rule it out, although his wages could be another stumbling block.

Eddie Howe

Another English manager well fancied by the bookmakers.

The Newcastle boss has long been talked about as a potential England manager since impressing in charge of Bournemouth.

He has further enhanced his reputation at Newcastle – leading them in the Champions League in 2023-24, although they will not play in Europe next season.

The 46-year-old is tied to a long-term contract, understood to be until 2027, but it might be hard for Howe to turn down the opportunity if England came calling.

BBC Sport's football news reporter Nizaar Kinsella says: "Those close to Howe believe he is on the FA's shortlist, amid widespread reports of his candidacy."

Jurgen Klopp

If the FA was minded to go down the route of attracting a name from abroad, Klopp would surely be on its list of contenders.

The former Liverpool manager is unlikely to be available right now, having stepped down at Anfield and wanting a break. But – should the FA be willing to wait – Klopp could come into the reckoning.

The 57-year-old is already being touted both for the vacant United States job and as a possible successor for Julian Nagelsmann, should he leave Germany.

Mauricio Pochettino

Another high-profile, popular, foreign manager out of work this summer.

The former Tottenham, PSG and Chelsea boss was heavily linked with Manchester United – before Erik ten Hag's contract was extended – and would relish returning to work in England.

He is keen to become Southgate's successor, lives in London, and his passion for football in this country makes him a serious contender.

Pochettino is also believed to not need any break from football after leaving Chelsea by mutual consent in May.

Graham Potter

The former Brighton boss is one of the favourites among the bookmakers after impressing in three years in charge at Brighton.

His reputation did suffer a bit of blow when he was sacked by Chelsea after less than seven months in charge in April 2023, but he remains one of English football's most respected coaches.

There is a major question mark about whether he would want an international job over a club role though, and he rejected a chance to manage Sweden in the past before discussing moves to Ajax and Leicester.

The England job would surely be too big to turn down though and it is thought Potter turned down Leicester earlier this summer, with half an eye on a future England role.

Thomas Tuchel

Another highly rated manager who is looking for work this summer.

A legend at Chelsea for helping the club win the Champions League in 2021, he left his job at Bayern Munich at the end of last season, despite talks to persuade him to stay.

Tuchel, who has also managed at the likes of Paris St-Germain and Borussia Dortmund, would relish a return to English football and is believed to be open to talks with the FA about being Southgate's successor.

He reportedly came close to replacing Erik ten Hag at Manchester United before they stuck with the Dutchman after his FA Cup win.

BBC Sport football news reporter Nizaar Kinsella says: "Sources close to Tuchel have told me that he remains interested in the role."

"However, he is not expecting to be contacted by the FA and is considered an outsider given the position of the other candidates".

Who else could be considered?

Ipswich fans will not like reading this but their manager Kieran McKenna is fast growing a reputation as one of the country's best coaches. The England job could come too soon, but do not be surprised to see his name mentioned.

Former Chelsea manager Frank Lampard is another name being mentioned by some, along with Middlesbrough coach Michael Carrick, Celtic boss Brendan Rodgers and ex-Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.

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Ulinzi Stars Fire Head Coach Kimani As KCB Pick On Patrick Odhiambo



Immediate former Ulinzi Stars head coach Anthony Kimani. PHOTO/Raymond Makhaya.

Ahead of the start of the 2024-25 FKF Premier League season, clubs have started aligning themselves for battle royale, with two already initiating coaching changes. Ulinzi Stars has announced that they have relieved head coach Anthony Kimani of his duties after just one season, following a below average performance. The military side hired Kimani at the start of last season following his departure from Bandari, but he failed to live up to expectations as

they finished 14th in the season. The four-time league champions are now actively in the market for a new boss, as they look to reclaim their old glory following years of underperformance. At the same time, KCB have announced the hiring of immediate former Kakamega Homeboyz head coach Patrick Odhiambo as their new boss, announcing that Bernard Mwalala, who took them to the final of the FKF Cup, has stepped aside to focus on personal interests.

“We are committed to establishing a strong team that will dominate the local scene and go beyond to regional competitions. With the appointment of Patrick Odhiambo, we are confident that we will achieve greater milestones in the new season,” said KCB’s patron Azu Ogolla, speaking after the announcement of Odhiambo’s arrival. Mwalala joined KCB at the start of the season from Ulinzi, but the side struggled to perform in the league, but did well in the Cup

reaching the final for the first time. Pressure had already been mounting on Mwalala, especially with the bankers’ massive investment in the team, but with little reward to show for it. *Capital Sport*

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The Press Of India



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Worth Noting:

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India takes one of the leading places in the world in terms of the growth of the number of periodical press publications. 49 thousand 145 newspapers and magazines are published in the territory of the country. For example, in the last years of the last century, their number was 46,655, but today, their number has increased by 5.34% in a short period of time. Multilingualism is characteristic of the Indian press, and press publications in the country are published in more than 100 languages. Most periodicals - 19,865 are published in Hindi, 7,715 in English, 2,848 in Urdu. Daily newspapers are published in almost all Indian languages (dialects) except Kashmiri. Periodicals are published in all states and territories of the country. Uttar Pradesh is the leading state in publishing daily newspapers. In the early years of the 21st century, the total number of Indian newspapers was 12 billion. Until now, the press has not lost its leadership among mass media in the country. The character of the press publications is different, they are issued with the help of various social, national, economic companies, as well as with the help of large organizations specialized for the press.

In particular, 733 press publications are published by "Indian Newspaper Society" (INS - "Indian Newspaper Society"). 338 of them are daily, 105 weekly, 56 biweekly, 54 monthly and other types of publications. Among its newspapers, Indian Today, the largest and most popular, has a circulation of 410,055.

Indian Press Publications

The largest press publications in India include the following (numbers: 1996 data): "Molyanan Monashara" - 811,639 copies "Gujarat Samachar" - 680,517 copies "Times of India" - 988,676 copies "Sandin" - 537,083 copies "Sandi Times" - 1,090. 453 copies. "The Hindu" - 536,438 copies. "Ananda Bazar Patrike" - 503,604 copies

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positive changes were made in the field of television in order to reduce the existing mass illiteracy in the country and to prevent the possible information deficit. These changes are explained by the introduction of attracting private investments to the television industry along with state funding and, as a result, the issues of new technical technology and personnel qualification were easily solved. There are a number of serious obstacles to the rapid spread of Indian television activities and programs across the country. One of them is that nearly 70 percent of the population lives in rural areas, and most of the villages are not electrified or still have serious deficiencies in electricity supply. At present, one-third of the programs on Indian television are entertainment, 20-25% educational, 20% informational and the rest on social and other serious issues.

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