



**Trump Tells Thousands At Michigan Rally He 'Took A Bullet For Democracy'**  
 Donald Trump has told a rally in Michigan that he "took a bullet for democracy" when an attempt was made on his life last week. Attended by thousands, it was Trump's first rally with new running mate JD Vance – and first since he survived the assassination attempt.

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# Ruto: Enough Is Enough

**President William Ruto has declared "enough is enough" after weeks of protests that have claimed over 50 lives across the country. Speaking in Bomet County yesterday, Ruto emphasized that he has given ample concessions to the "leaderless" protests by Gen Z, and any further continuation will only serve to disrupt the nation's fabric. "I have said going forward, I will protect the nation," he stated, addressing a roadside gathering after attending a church service.**



President William Ruto

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# The Future Is Bright - DP

## Gachagua Assured Kenyans That The future Is Bright And Asked Them To Have Confidence In Kenya Kwanza Government

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with PCEA Kayole leadership yesterday.

Worth Noting:

- “As a country, let us not lose hope. There may be challenges on economy and politics but be hopeful. I would like to give hope to the people of Kenya that we shall surmount the challenges,” he said at PCEA Kayole Parish, Nairobi County yesterday during a Church service and celebrations of 32 years since the establishment of the Parish.
- “But let us also be proud of the peace in our nation and unity. We thank God for what he has done. There are challenges and they will be resolved,” he added.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has called on Kenyans to have confidence in the Ruto Administration as it tackles the challenges facing the nation.

Mr Gachagua also appealed to the youth, particularly the Gen Z, to be patriotic, and call off the peaceful protests they are advocating.

The Deputy President reiterated that the activation has been infiltrated by people with criminal intent who have been looting shops and destroying property.

They should now halt the demonstrations and give the President and government, room to implement their grievances in a peaceful environment.

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lenges,” he said at PCEA Kayole Parish, Nairobi County yesterday during a Church service and celebrations of 32 years since the establishment of the Parish.

“But let us also be proud of the peace in our nation and unity. We thank God for what he has done. There are challenges and they will be resolved,” he added.

On peaceful protests by young people, the Deputy President said the Government is addressing the issues they have raised.

“The young people, (Gen-Z), have spoken and their issues will be addressed. The President has heard you and he has started acting on the issues. I am pleading with you as your parent. We thank you for your patriotism. You have made a huge contribution but do not allow the activation to be hijacked by criminals to loot, destroy property

and creat mayhem,” he told the youth. Addressing the people outside the church, Mr Gachagua added that the Government is also listening to the Clergy in order to entrench good governance.

He advised Kenyans to be electing steadfast leaders capable of articulating their issues, uniting the country and offering solutions to challenges facing them.

“Always choose wisely during elections. Choose good leaders who will advocate for issues of public interest,” he added.

To those who have been criticising him over his honesty on governance, the Deputy President maintained he will continue being truthful.

He was in the company of the area Embakasi Central MP Benjamin Gathiru Mejja Donk, James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Jayne Kihara (Na-

ivasha), Samuel Parashina (Kajiado South), Wanjiru Mwangi (Nominated) and MCAs led by Kayole Central Ward Representative Jeremiah Karani, among other leaders.

On crackdown of illicit brews and drugs, Gachagua said the government will not allow return of the vices as he asked politicians to keep off the exercise.

“The Government cannot allow the merchants of death to operate. They have been selling poisonous drinks in disguise of alcohol. Were it not for the intervention of the President, our youths were heading for destruction and extinction. Some families had broken down,” he said.

“There were politicians who wanted the return of illicit brews. They want to reverse the gains made in the short period the Government has been conducting the crackdown”.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



The Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) has called on the government to strike a middle ground with Generation Z (Gen-Z) to put an end to the month-long demonstrations in the country. Nyanza Region SUPKEM Organising Secretary Juma Asman said the youth have a right to protest, urging the government to exercise restraint while handling the protestors. He asked those engaging in the protests to do so in a peaceful manner to ensure that no lives were lost. The National Police Service (NPS), he said, must provide security to all peaceful protestors and, at the same time, be on the lookout for criminals out to use the demonstrations to loot and destroy property.



Busia County Women Representative Catherine Omanyo has said that Busia NGAAF was allocated Sh10 million, to go towards the purchase of sanitary towels, which aim at giving girl-child dignity and confidence to compete with their male counterparts with minimal interruptions. "Today marked the final day of the countywide distribution of sanitary towels to girls in Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) and day secondary schools, where Teso South got 57,890 packets, Teso Central: 43,000 packets, Teso North: 72,500 packets, Matayos/Busia Sub-County: 57,600 packets, Nambale: 43,296 packets, Butula: 48,000 packets, Samia: 41,856 packets, and Bunyala: 27,696 packets," she added. Omanyo stressed that it is important to make sanitary pads affordable for girls to enhance school attendance and improve girls' concentration in class.



A section of Wananyuki football club in Mombasa is calling for club elections to end protracted wrangles. The top leadership of the Wananyuki FC and social club, one of the oldest football clubs in the coastal city, has been locked up in constant power wrangles since 2013. The club established in 1950 is known for producing national team players such as Mahmud Abbas (Kenya One), Kadir Farah, Mahmud Mohammed and Badi Ali. In 1980's, Wananyuki was among top teams in the Division One of the defunct Kenya Football Federation (KFF) league Mombasa Branch and it was a thorn in the flesh for many established teams such as Mwenge, Feisal, Ramogi, Kenatco and Nyundo.

Kieni constituency philanthropist John Kariuki Choromai has pledged to donate more than 500,000 tree seedlings to the constitutes as a way of assisting the Kenya Kwanza government plan of planting at least 15 billion trees by the year 2032. After a Sunday service yesterday, Choromai visited and inspected how his 'forest' was fairing and further the his tree nurseries where the more than half a million seedlings are being nurtured. Choromai has over the years turned part of his land into a forest and hopes some of the constituents will follow his steps in his initiative of making Kieni green again.



Luo Council of Elders Chairman (Ker) Odungi Randa, has urged the Azimio Coalition leaders to support the ongoing negotiations to form a broad-based government to restore order in Kenya following weeks of protests. Randa called on Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, Narc Kenya Leader Martha Karua, Democratic Alliance Party of Kenya (DAP-K) leader Eugene Wamalwa, and Jubilee Party Secretary General Jerememiah Kioni to drop their hardline stance in the interest of the country. He urged the opposition leaders to come together and sit down with the head of state to find a lasting solution. Randa pleaded with the opposition chiefs to put the country first and address issues such as bad governance, generation Z (Gen-Z) protestors' concerns, and the government's obligation to release arrested protestors. He called for compensation for families whose loved ones were killed in the protests.

Learners with mental disabilities from Igembe South in Meru County showcased their skills and abilities in various sports activities, including football, volleyball, and handball. Over 50 learners participated in the event, which was organised by the Igembe South coordinator for special needs education.



The event aimed to highlight the talents of students with intellectual disabilities and provide them with a platform to build self-esteem and confidence, engage in physical activities, build friendships, and foster community spirit. The Igembe South coordinator for special needs education, Francis Gitonga, emphasised the importance of sports among learners with special needs, stating that it is a tool for inclusion, developing social skills, and breaking barriers. Madam Purity Karegi, a special needs teacher at Kathima Special Unit, emphasised the need for learners with intellectual disabilities to feel valued and equal with regular learners by offering extracurricular programmes that allow them to participate in a wide range of social activities.

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# Appreciate Ruto's Performance, Gachagua Urges

By: DPCS

## Worth Noting:

- He spoke in Mwea, Kirinyaga County on Saturday at the Pentecostal Evangelistic Fellowship of Africa (PEFA) Church at the Mwea Cathedral during Consecration and Installation of the Regional Bishop Samuel Karimi and ordination of 33 other church ministers.
- He was accompanied by his wife Pastor Dorcas, Kirinyaga Woman Representative Njeri Maina, Kiambu Senator Karungo Thang'wa, Mukurwe-ini MP John Kaguchia together with former MPs Alfred Nderitu, Peter Gitau, Kabinga Wachira Thayu and Wangui Ngirichi among other political leaders. MCAs led by the host Thiba Ward Representative Joseph Kiragu were also present.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, his spouse Pastor Dorcas, Kirinyaga County Women Representative Njeri Maina at PEFA Mwea on Saturday.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has urged Kenyans to shun negativity and appreciate the development strides achieved by the Ruto Administration, even as they criticise it.

Reaffirming the Government's commitment to rebuild the economy and lower the cost of living, Mr Gachagua said the President has performed exemplary well in enhancing good governance and accountability, improving food production, streamlining the education systems and transport infrastructure and he needs support and acknowledgement on the progress.

"Let us not be negative throughout. There are exemplary things that the Government has done in development of the Nation. For instance, employment of

56,000 teachers in one year, streamlining the CBC education system, waiver of coffee debts and resuming construction of stalled road projects," said the Deputy President.

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among other political leaders. MCAs led by the host Thiba Ward Representative Joseph Kiragu were also present.

Mr Gachagua also asked young people to call off peaceful protests to guard against infiltration by criminals looted shops and destroyed property recently.

"To Gen-Z, we have heard you; you spoke clearly. But when you protest peacefully, goons hijacking. You do not have to protest anymore. The President listened and heard you. Do not let people with criminal intent to take advantage of the protest and cause mayhem and chaos and loot shops," he said.

"The Government is working on all the issues. We will also accelerate distribution of the subsidized fertilizer to rice farmers".

The Deputy President added that the Government will control the invasive snails and rats that have been ravaging Mwea Rice Fields to promote food production.

The Deputy President was responding to a complaint by Kirinyaga Woman Representative Njeri Maina that the snails and rats have been a big threat to the rice production in the irrigation scheme.

"We know the challenges in Mwea including those of snails and mice and the Principal Secretary for Agriculture Dr Paul Rono will act on the issues. The Government will also ensure rice farmers benefit and have access to the subsidized fertiliser whose price is Sh2,500," Mr Gachagua said.

He added that the Government is pushing for amendment of cooperatives' regulations to enhance integrity and accountability of Saccos.

Pastor Dorcas urged the Church to be in the frontline in the fight against alcohol and drug abuse. She commended the many clergy who had taken the call to fight addictions and opened their places of worship for hundreds of men lost in the vice.

"Let the church be in the frontline in the fight against alcohol and drugs. I commend those who have already taken up this fight," said Pastor Dorcas.

The PEFA Church in Donholm, Nairobi County, was one of the first churches in Kenya that partnered with the Boy Child Program under community-based rehabilitation where hundreds of men were reformed, and mentored from a life of alcohol and drugs.

The Deputy President asked County commissioners and police bosses to ignore politicians hindering the war on illicit brews, saying the menace must be stopped.

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# Raila Issues Fresh Demands Before Engaging In National Talks

By: Beth Nyaga  
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Opposition leader Raila Odinga has announced a halt to the planned national dialogue process, presenting a new set of demands to the government.

In a statement yesterday, Odinga stressed the need for justice to be prioritized before any talks can proceed.

Odinga highlighted several prerequisites, such as compensating all victims of police brutality, dismissing all protest-related cases, and releasing individuals who were abducted or jailed during the demonstrations.

He also urged the government to address grievances raised by health-care workers and Junior Secondary School (JSS) teachers.

Additionally, Odinga insisted that the government abandon the new Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) in favour of the previous National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) and hold accountable all security officers who committed offences during the

protests.

“Once these issues are resolved, we can focus on a national conversation, conducted transparently in a neutral venue,” he stated.

Odinga proposed that representatives for the dialogue should come from various sectors, including youth, government, religious leaders, healthcare professionals, lawyers, and teachers.

He emphasized the importance of discussing issues such as governance, the high cost of living, eradicating tribalism, combating corruption, and managing debt and fiscal policies.

President William Ruto recently called for the formation of a national multi-sectoral forum to address concerns raised by the youth following nationwide protests.

The six-day dialogue process was scheduled to begin last Monday.

However, government spokesperson Isaac Mwaura indicated last Thursday that the opposition and the government had yet to reach an agreement on some critical issues.

“Discussions are ongoing within both sides. As you may be aware, the opposition has its supporters, and



Azimio la Umoja Coalition leader Raila Odinga.

they need to dialogue first, just as we are doing on our side,” Mwaura stated.

He also mentioned that a final list of individuals to participate in the forum had not yet been released.

“It is also important to note that we must not necessarily sit and talk. We may even use technology and agree on any issues. So let us be patient,”

he added.

In conclusion, Odinga reaffirmed his solidarity with the young generation, which has led anti-government protests for over a month.

Initially, Odinga had supported Ruto’s dialogue initiative, describing it as “the best way forward out of the crisis we are having today as a country.”

However, he has now changed his stance, insisting that the government must meet his demands before he engages in the six-day multi-sectoral dialogue forum proposed by Ruto on July 9, 2024.

The talks proposed by Ruto were meant to start on July 15, but with Odinga’s new demands, the process now faces uncertainty.

# Embu Leaders Warn Of Economic Collapse If Protests Continue

By: KNA

A section of leaders from Embu County have called for an immediate cessation of anti-government protests to prevent the country from descending into a full-blown civil war.

They expressed concern that what began as genuine and peaceful protests by young people demanding good governance had devolved into chaos and anarchy, resulting in loss of lives and destruction of property.

Former Embu Senator Lenny Kivuti and Mbeere North MP Geoffrey Ruku pointed out that the protests had been infiltrated by goons who were engaging in wanton looting and destruction of property.

They emphasized that the current events indicated that criminal elements had hijacked the legitimate call for good and accountable leadership by the Gen Z.

Kivuti warned that the ongoing sit-

uation threatened the political and economic stability of the country, and if it escalated further, the state could face imminent collapse.

Speaking during the 25th Anniversary of St. Jude ACK Gitii Secondary School in Mbeere North Constituency, Kivuti stressed the importance of preventing the country from descending into a civil war.

“We cannot afford to lose Kenya. Five countries in Africa have experienced similar riots, and some, like Sudan, have ended up collapsing,” he said.

He acknowledged that the Gen Z call for reform was valid and that the government should listen to their demands.

However, he also emphasized the need to address the actions of individuals taking advantage of the situation to commit criminal acts.

MP Ruku condemned the looting and destruction of property witnessed during the ongoing protests, stating that the government must decisively deal with the perpetrators.



Former Embu Senator Lenny Kivuti speaking to the press.

“What we have recently witnessed in various parts of the country are not peaceful demonstrations, picketing, or presentation of petitions to author-

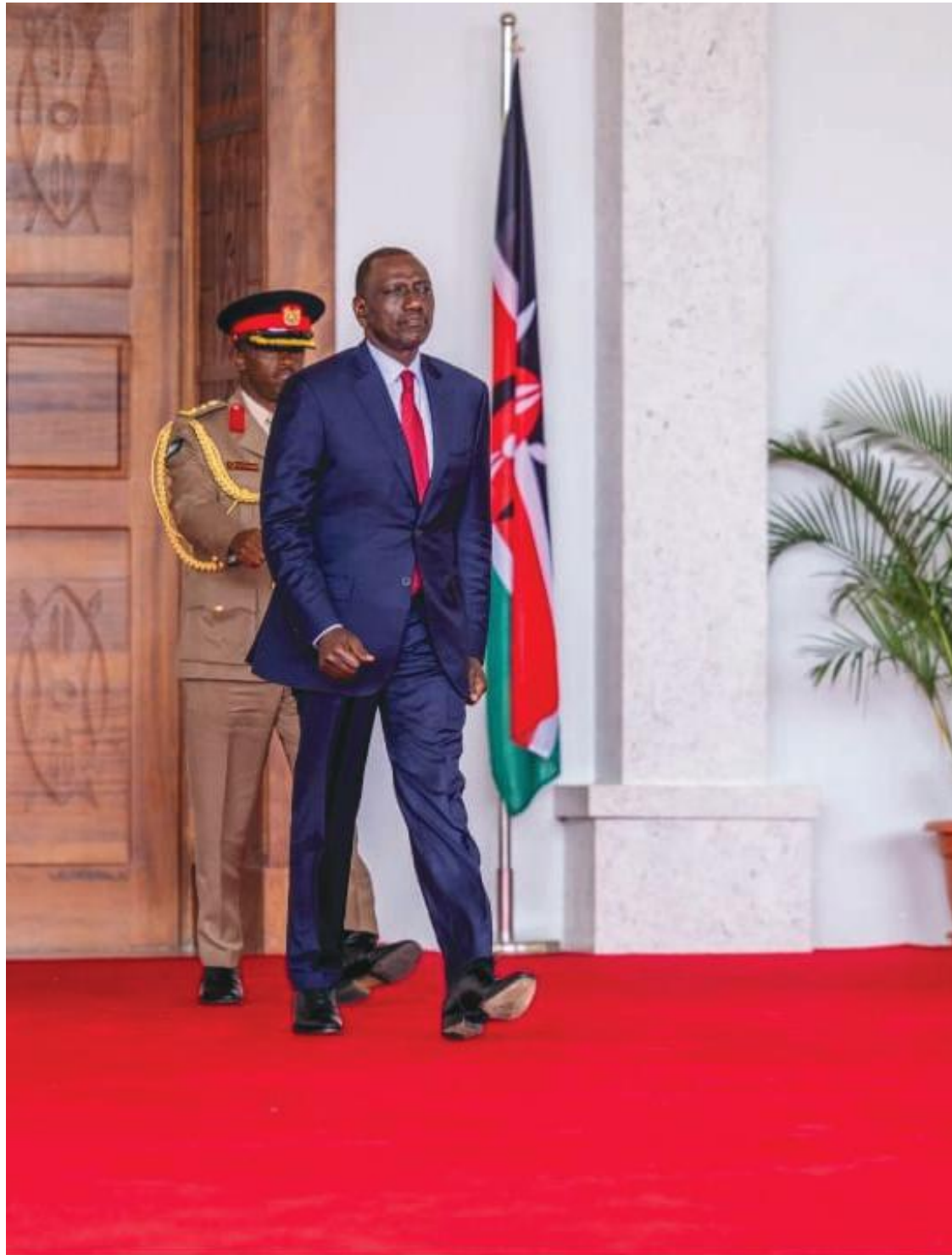
ities, but acts of lawlessness,” the MP said.

He added, “We cannot create a culture of destroying property and lives

in the name of demonstrations. That is not what our constitution endorses.”

# Enough Is Enough, Ruto Declares, Vowing To End Protests

By: Capital FM



President William Ruto

## Worth Noting:

- “We will protect life, we will protect property, we will stop the looters, we will stop the killers, we will stop the mayhem, we will stop anarchy because Kenya is a democracy and we want a peaceful, stable nation. Our issues are resolved using democratic means,” the president said.
- This decision to retain some of the Cabinet Secretaries has angered the Gen Z protesters, who accuse him of recycling the old guard they want out of power.
- The demonstrations initially started as protest against the Finance Bill in June which the president eventually shelved after protesters stormed Parliament on June 25 when it was passed.

President William Ruto has declared “enough is enough” after weeks of protests that have claimed over 50 lives across the country. Speaking in Bomet County yesterday, Ruto emphasized that he has given ample concessions to the “leaderless” protests by Gen Z, and any further continuation will only serve to disrupt the nation’s fabric. “I have said going forward, I will protect the nation,” he stated, addressing a roadside gathering after attending a church service. Last week, President Ruto accused Ford Foundation of sponsoring the protests in Kenya through some civil society organisations but the American NGO has dismissed the claim.

And even as the president vowed to spoke the protests, the Gen Z movement has already released plans for more protests starting Tuesday this week. However, Ruto has vowed that they will not proceed. “I want to promise it is going to stop. Enough is enough,” he said after unveiling a new Cabinet of eleven members, retaining six from the previous Cabinet he dissolved a week ago. “We will protect life, we will protect property, we will stop the looters, we will stop the killers, we will stop the mayhem, we will stop anarchy because Kenya is a democracy and we want a peaceful, stable nation. Our issues are resolved using

democratic means,” the president said. This decision to retain some of the Cabinet Secretaries has angered the Gen Z protesters, who accuse him of recycling the old guard they want out of power. The demonstrations initially started as protest against the Finance Bill in June which the president eventually shelved after protesters stormed Parliament on June 25 when it was passed. “They said we should not pass the Finance Bill, and I dropped it. Then I called them, and they said they didn’t want to come for talks with me. They told me to go to X spaces, and I went there, but they ran away,”

the president said, adding “Then they told me to call for a national dialogue, I have called for dialogue, and now they have refused. They are still saying they are faceless, formless. I have given everyone a chance to say whatever they want. I cannot continue like this. The country is much more important than any group of people. We must come together as a nation, protect our nation, and ensure that Kenya is a democracy. Anyone who has issues should use the front door and tell Kenyans what they want.”

Azimio leader Raila Odinga on Sunday laid out a six-point action plan that the government must address before he will engage in any discussions with President William Ruto. The latest demands come as Raila faces mounting pressure from some of his allies and Kenyans to boycott the talks with President Ruto.

President Ruto initiated the talks, which Raila had agreed to but later rejected, citing the demands of the youth—specifically Generation Z—who continue to mobilize anti-government protests.

Key items on the actionable plan include compensating victims of police brutality, dismissing all protest-related cases, releasing all abductees and prisoners, and addressing unresolved issues in healthcare (specifically for healthcare workers) and education (especially for JSS teachers).

Additionally, the plan advocates for returning public healthcare insurance to the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF), eliminating the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), and prosecuting all security sector individuals involved in atrocities against peaceful Kenyans. “Once these issues are resolved, we can focus on a National Conversation, and conduct it transparently in a neutral venue,” Raila said.

President Ruto had on July 9, 2024, announced a multi-sectoral national conference aimed at addressing the nationwide protests that have resulted in loss of life and widespread property damage.

Despite accusations of opportunism from some quarters, Raila underscored the importance of including diverse stakeholders in the discussions. “It is my proposal that representatives for this convention should come from various sectors including youth, government, religious leaders, healthcare professionals, lawyers, and teachers,” he said.

# Pastor Dorcas Rigathi Challenges Clergy To Intensify Fight Against Alcoholism

By: MKT Reporter  
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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's spouse Pastor Dorcas has challenged church leaders to be in the frontline in fight against alcoholism and drugs abuse.

Pastor Dorcas said the church should be ready to accommodate those had reformed and further assist in rehabilitating them.

The Second Lady spoke on Saturday at Mwea Pentecostal Evangelistic Fellowship of Africa (PEFA) Church during the consecration of and installation of Regional Bishop Samuel Karimi and ordination of 33 other church ministers.

The Deputy President who was the Chief Guest was accompanied by among others; Kirinyaga County Women Representative Njeri Maina, Kiambu Senator Karungo Thang'wa and Mukurwe-ini Constituency MP John Kaguchia.

Thousands of Mwea Constituency residents, led by leaders former area

Members of Parliament Alfred Nderitu, Peter Gitau and Kabinga Wachira Wathayu attended the colourful ceremony.

Also present were leaders from other parts of the county led by former area Women Representative Wangui Ngrichi who is currently the chairperson of Kenya Seed Company and several Members of County Assembly.

In her brief address, Pastor Dorcas who has been leading in identification, registration and rehabilitation said the war on alcohol and drugs abuse must be won.

"You must be in the forefront of fighting alcohol and drugs abuse. You should be able to welcome those who are willing to be reformed. Give them spiritual and physical food," she urged the church leaders.

She said the future of the country could not be guaranteed if concerted efforts to fight the menace were not applied.

In his address over the issue, the Deputy President said illicit brews would not be allowed back as he disclosed that him and his spouse have in the past lost three siblings.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Pastor Dorcas at Mwea PEFA Church on Saturday.

# KICC CEO To Head Africa's Meetings Industry Association

By: MKT Correspondent  
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The Chief Executive Officer of Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), James Mwaura, has been elected chairperson of the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA)—African Chapter for a two-year term.

The African Chapter, comprising around 50 members, plays a crucial role in developing and growing the local meetings and events industry.

Mwaura will work with colleagues in the ICCA Africa chapter to position Africa as a prime business conferencing destination and showcase the continent's potential to host big events.

Kenya will greatly benefit from this position through the strategic influence Mwaura will have in hosting rotational conferences. Mwaura

will use the influential post to further position Kenya as an attractive destination for conference tourism, also known as Meetings, Incentives, Travel, Conferences, and Exhibition (MICE) tourism.

He will push for strategic chapter involvement that provides valuable business and learning opportunities for Africa, develop initiatives that foster greater participation and networking among Africa Chapter members, and mobilise new members to the chapter.

The post will also provide Kenya with access to valuable industry data, research, and insights, enabling it to make strategic decisions and increase global visibility.



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# Gen-Z Should Give President Ruto Time To Address Their Demands



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Gen-Z protesters.

## Worth Noting:

- I have heard you. As your President, I want to promise you that I'm going to address all the issues that you have raised.
- We cannot however sort out these matters in the streets. Let us start talking and engaging.
- I'm soon going to unveil a road map for a national dialogue. This is after wider consultations with Gen-Z and other stakeholder.
- But in a swift rejoinder, Gen-Z rejected the talks. Our movement is leaderless and party less. So, we can only engage you through X-Space. Besides, it is us who will invite you and you will only respond to the questions we will ask you.

After a lull of one week, the young people of Generation-Z have threatened to return back to the streets starting tomorrow.

Reacting to this, President Ruto stated after attending a church service that "we are going to protect the country".

I'm sure here the President was referring to the criminal gangs and goons that have in the recent past infiltrated these protests. Hundreds of business people were left counting losses after their businesses were looted and vandalized.

Initially, these protests were peaceful. At the time the President praised the young people for coming out in big numbers to present their grievances.

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

Therefore and as stipulated in Article 37 of the constitution, you are free to air your views.

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In his response, the President agreed to their terms. He held a candid conversation with them online.

Despite assuring them that he would address all the issues, Gen-Z and millennials did not wait for the dust to settle. They immediately returned back to the streets.

The #RejectFinanceBill2024 now changed to #RutoMustGoNow.

One can therefore where the President was coming from when he asked the congregants. Have you given me a

go-ahead to protect the country? That is what I will do.

It is worth noting that our democracy is anchored on universal suffrage of one-man, one-vote.

The constitution stipulates that the term of the President is five years.

So, if you want to remove him from office, you have to wait until he completes the term.

It does not however mean that the President cannot be removed from office. But this power can only be exercised by parliament. The President will go home if a member file a motion of impeachment and it garners support of a two-third majority.

However, the constitution does provide for the removal of democratically-elected President through people or military uprisings.

If this is allowed, the country will go to dog. Anarchy, lawlessness and blood-bath will reign high.

ODM leader Raila Odinga had raised a similar caution. Ruto goes, then what. RutoMustGo cannot be an end.

I cannot sit to see my country plunging into anarchy.

Raila added: In Egypt, people thought they have won after toppling their President through popular uprising.

Today people are crying and regretting. There are no jobs, corruption, inflation and cost of living is very high.

It is worth to note that President Ruto has so far addressed most of demands raised by Generation-Z. One of them is dissolving the entire cabinet. He has since William Ruto has since unveiled the first batch of the cabinet nominees. He has lived up his word. The cabinet is reflecting the face of Kenya and two nominees are Gen zees.

Erick Muriethi, a 32 years old, is the cabinet nominee for Water.

Besides, he is well educated and with the requisite experience.

The prerogative to appoint the cabinet squarely lies with the President.

President Mwai Kibaki had made a similar move. This is after his banana side which supported the draft constitution of 2005 lost to No-Orange side which was led by then Roads minister

Raila Odinga.

He recalled some of the ministers when he unveiled his new-look cabinet. President Ruto seemed to have been guided by the same script.

When Gen-Z took to the streets, President Ruto told them.

Besides dissolving the whole cabinet, President Ruto has unveiled 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. He also announced that plans are underway to scrap and merge 47 State Corporations.

The push by the youths is widely perceived as being plan less, anti-infiltration strategy less and post Ruto/transitional less.

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 Mwangi (President) and former CS Muthi 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.

Those who have been ruled by 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 buoyed by the triumph, they will come out to fight for their space.

I'm sure they will still stand 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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# Government Puts More Effort In The Fight Against Malaria

By: MKT Correspondent

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**Worth Noting:**

- “The nets are provided for free and they are for human use to protect themselves from mosquitos. Let’s not take the nets for other uses,” she said, adding that the items will help bring the malaria prevalence in Busia from 38% to zero per cent.
- In regards to climate change, the PS encouraged the residents to make sure they plant trees.
- “When you plant trees, we will prevent soil erosion, which sweeps away the soil nutrients,” she said, adding that they should plant more fruit trees.
- Muriuki at the same time challenged parents and caregivers to provide proper care to their children as a way of dealing with early pregnancy.



Health Principal Secretary Mary Muriuki presenting mosquito nets to some of the beneficiaries

Health Principal Secretary Mary Muriuki has expressed the government’s commitment to eradicating malaria by 2030.

Speaking during the official launch of the mosquito treated nets at Butula Sub County, Muriuki said the ministry is targeting 22 counties with high malaria prevalence, Busia being one of them.

“We are targeting to give out 15 million nets in the whole country and so far 2 million households with 17 million people have already received nets. In Busia we are going to give 773,000 nets, benefiting 1,180,000 people,” she said, adding that 230,000 items have already been distributed in Busia.

The PS explained that the mosquito nets will help in the fight against malaria in the country, while urging the residents to use the nets for the intended purpose.

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Muriuki at the same time challenged parents and caregivers to provide proper care to their children as a way of dealing with early pregnancy.

“I know teenage pregnancy is a challenge in this county. Our children are not going to school due to pregnancy, let’s talk to them very well and offer good guidance so that they can go to school,” she said.

She asked the county government to consider allocating a budget for public sensitization in terms of drugs and substance abuse so that the youth can get enough information on their negative effects.

The PS also appreciated community health promoters for their good work, stating that they have been able to register a total number of 7 million households in the country.

Busia County Commissioner Chaunga Mwachaunga in his address said the national government and the county administration in Busia have prioritized distribution of nets to the

vulnerable people.

“In Busia county, we have prioritized distribution of long lasting nets to vulnerable populations including pregnant women and children under 5 years, who are most at risk as a strategy that aims at reducing malaria incidences, and ultimately achieving a malaria free country,” he said.

Mwachaunga added that the government has embraced technology to enhance the monitoring and distribution of the nets.

“Our government has adopted a digital platform to streamline the distribution process by ensuring transparency and accountability. They are using mobile applications for registration and tracking SMS notification to inform beneficiaries of the distribution point and digital mapping to identify areas in need,” he said, adding that the innovation has made it possible to reach even most remote areas and ensure no one is left behind in our fight against malaria.

He further said that the innovation will also lead to better data collection, analysis and evaluation of the impact of interventions.

The County Commissioner urged everyone to use the net consistently

and correctly as it is the best way to fight against malaria.

“The battle against malaria is a shared responsibility, let’s embrace innovation and community involvement to safeguard the health and well-being of our people,” he said.

Busia County Director of Health, David Mukabi, said Busia County has a high level of malaria prevalence.

“From our reports, malaria prevalence is at 39% in the county, 40% of the cases we treat in our hospitals and 13% of all admissions are of malaria cases,” he said.

Mukabi added the Community health promoters (CHPs) have handled 50% of the malaria cases at the community level, according to the available reports.

# Nyeri Governor Waives Medical Bills For Victims Of Anti-Government Protests

By: Our Reporter  
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Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga has directed the County Department of Health to waive medical bills for five protestors shot in Karatina town during anti-government protests.

The governor also urged health officials to work quickly to ensure the five victims receive proper treatment to resume their normal lives.

The facility received seven patients with gunshot wounds following daylong battles between police and demonstrators in Karatina town.

“I have observed that we had seven patients; two have been discharged and five are still receiving treatment. We had two cases of two young men who are students and were shot in the melee. I want to direct that the five be treated and released, and as

a hospital, we shall foot their bills,” stated the governor on Saturday when he visited the victims at Karatina Level IV hospital.

Kahiga expressed displeasure over excessive force used by police to quell peaceful demonstrators, urging servicemen to exercise restraint when dealing with protestors.

He also appealed to Gen Z to shelve further demonstrations to give room for the administration to address their grievances.

Kahiga said that what started as a good gesture of holding the government accountable was now being infiltrated by criminals, which, if left unchecked, would erode the gains realised from the protests.



Nyeri County governor Mwalimu Mutahi Kahiga (in black jacket) with other officials when he visited Karatina Level IV hospital on Saturday..

# Civil Societies Raise Concern Over Maisha Number And Calls For Apology Over Protester Deaths



By: Aoma Keziah  
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Members of Kenya’s Civil Society have voiced concerns on the newly introduced National Identity Cards, known as Maisha Number cards, alleging a potential plot to manipulate the 2027 elections.

Their concerns are centered on the inclusion of expiry dates on the cards, which they fear could disenfranchise voters and compromise electoral integrity.

Additionally, the civil society leaders have urged President William Ruto to issue a formal apology to the nation following recent deaths during ongoing protests across the country.

In a press conference held in Nairobi, representatives from various civil society organizations expressed their reservations about the govern-



In the middle, Fred Ogwen, Executive Director Inter Regional Peace Network, Suba Churchill Executive Director Kenya National Civil Society Centre and other members of different organizations, during the Press Conference.

ment’s rollout of the Maisha Number cards. These cards, which are set to replace the existing identity cards, have stirred controversy due to their inclusion of expiry dates, a feature not present on the previous identification documents.

Suba Churchill, the Executive Director of Kenya National Civil Society highlighted the potential dangers associated with the new cards.

“The introduction of expiry dates on the Maisha Number cards raises serious concerns about voter disenfran-

chisement. We fear that this could be a deliberate move to manipulate the electoral process in 2027 by invalidating certain voters’ Ids,” he stated.

The Maisha Number cards, officially launched last month by the Ministry of Interior, aim to streamline identification processes and enhance security measures.

However, critics argue that the introduction of expiry dates, coupled with recent amendments to electoral laws, could create barriers to voting for millions of Kenyans.

Moreover, the civil society leaders used the occasion to demand accountability for recent deaths during nationwide protests over economic hardships and alleged government corruption.

The protests, which began following a spike in the cost of living escalated into violent clashes between demonstrators and law enforcement officers, resulting in several fatalities and injuries.

“We dismiss the apology by the government spokesman Isaac Mwaura

and call upon President William Ruto himself to publicly apologize for the unnecessary loss of lives during the protests. The use of excessive force against peaceful protesters is unacceptable and goes against the principles of democracy and human rights,” they urged.

In addition, the civil society organizations have vowed to continue monitoring the situation closely and advocating for transparency in both the implementation of the Maisha Number cards and the handling of public protests, citing that a majority of Kenyans support the ongoing protests and they do not support the dialogue proposed by the president.

As Kenya prepares for the next general elections in 2027, the debate surrounding the Maisha Number cards and the fallout from recent protests underscores growing tensions between the government and civil society.

The coming weeks are likely to see intensified scrutiny and calls for reforms aimed at safeguarding democratic principles and protecting citizens’ rights across the nation.

## Song Of Soul



There is hole in my heart,  
I don't know secret or situation  
I look around.  
As if nothing happened.

O heart, tell me.  
Why are you so sad?  
It's me to share your pains.  
My heart is always with you.

Tell me why this is the case  
Your heart is so rebellious.  
Sometimes you laugh and sometimes you cry.  
I am sorry for your pain.

Don't worry, don't worry.  
Don't eat yourself.  
Painfully count to yourself.  
Make a statement in your heart.

Apparently, this is true.  
I must have understood.  
Someone upset you.  
Possessed without permission.

It's okay, my love, be loved.  
Feel the real happiness.

I have one request from you.  
Don't break your heart.

Why do I say that?  
Tell me if you understand.  
I'll give you a moment.  
I remind you all the time.

Then listen to me.  
The heart is the house of God.  
Now say God bless you.  
Do you want to go to Buzmok?

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## It's Time To Wake Up



A group of young people would come and join their ranks. He would not refuse to fill the ranks of young people without realizing why they joined. They were led by a group of 4 boys of medium height, thick hair, brown eyes, aged about 17-18 years. Everyone around was indifferent to this situation. Among the youth, they did not feel what they were doing. They have come to the point where they are addicted to all social networks and do whatever they say. At that time, a little girl who was watching them noticed that they were leading the youth towards ignorance and that a sad fate was waiting for them, and she tried to wake them up from this sleep. But Jamal, who is leading the team against happiness, noticed his behavior and said that he should be destroyed. All were ready to challenge him, moving towards him like robots on command. But in order to get out of this situation, Nargiza

had to behave like a controlled youth. In this way, he joined the world and was able to attract 2 or 3 equals from within. Now they are a group, sowing the seeds of enlightenment and starting a war against Jamal's community. They did not really want to start a war, but Jamal's fate was not a secret to them. As they fight against the community, trying to explain that it is time to wake up to spread enlightenment, an unexpected shot is fired. The bullet hit Nargiza and her peers. Then the eyes of the young people whom they wanted to awaken were opened.

👉 Khojiyeva is the daughter of Mukhlisa Abdumansur

Khojiyeva Mukhlisa Abdumansur's daughter was born on March 26, 2005 in Tashkent region. She graduated with a gold medal from the 30th general secondary school located in Qibray district of Tashkent region. She started practicing writing poems from school days. In 2023, she was accepted as a student at Alfraganus University. On December 15, 2023, she participated in the collection "I miss December" with his poems and articles, and this collection was published in the United States of America. She has been participating in the international "Kenya Times" newspaper with his poems. An article on "Wolf as a totem in Uzbek mythology" was published in the publishing house of India-Bangladesh cooperation and was awarded with a certificate and a badge. Currently, she is a 1st-year student at Alfraganus University non-state higher education institution

## A Strange Feeling



A strange excitement in my heart,  
The riot makes my heart tremble,  
What is this mystery, I wonder  
I can't find a solution, my thoughts are crying.

An example of sprouts sprouting in the

spring,  
Has love looked into my heart?  
Oh, the spark of love ignites the heart,  
Did you spread sprinkles on my heart's web?

My lips tremble like a leaf,  
I'm speechless, I'm laughing at this moment.  
My burning heart without so much Love!  
Did you come by accident, tell me!

Come inspire Surayya  
A bouquet of poems at your feet.  
Light my innocent love,  
Keep it in my heart.

Tóxtayeva Surayyo Otabekovna

## My Heart Became A Stone



When my dreams are flying  
When my sufferings are raging  
When my eyes are startled  
My heart became a stone.

I missed Dost too

I also lost my confidence  
Who to lean on now  
My heart became a stone.

I wandered around the world  
I wrote poems with my imagination flying  
Turning away when friends leave  
My heart became a stone.

It is full of unfaithful world  
Seeing the pain and suffering  
Breaking the castle of patience  
My heart became a stone.

I was suffering from the worlds  
From fake courtesy  
I'm tired of dreams  
My heart became a stone.

Author: Pulatova Nodira Ilhomiddin qizi .

# National Assembly Outreach Enlightens Pupils At Lake Kenyatta Primary School In Mpeketoni Lamu County

By: PSCU

A delegation from the National Assembly Directorate of the Speaker's Office, led by Mr. Eric Ogollo, Senior Public Communications Officer, accompanied by Mr. Yaqub Ahmed, Media Relations Officer, and Ms. Mary Kamande, Public Communications Officer, conducted an outreach program at Lake Kenyatta Primary School in Mpeketoni, Lamu County.

Lake Kenyatta Primary School, with over 1600 pupils, had the opportunity to engage with officers from the National Assembly on the outreach program aimed at educating them about parliamentary business.

Lake Kenyatta is a public school situated in Mpeketoni, Lamu County, more than 800 kilometres from Nairobi. The focus of the program is to demystify parliamentary democracy.

The team, representing the Clerk of the National Assembly led by Mr. Eric Ogollo thanked the Clerk of the National for facilitating the programme.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, for giving us this golden opportunity and to convey his greetings to you,"



A delegation from the National Assembly Directorate of the Speaker's Office, led by Mr. Eric Ogollo, Senior Public Communications Officer.

said Mr. Ogollo.

The format of the program included a verbal presentation and group engagement with pupils and teachers. They were taken through the roles of the National Assembly and its leadership offices. The pupils and teachers were allowed to ask questions.

The objective of the outreach program is to promote awareness and understanding of the National Assembly and the democratic process to students across the country

through a non-partisan approach.

The program provides a means of bringing the National Assembly to those who are unable to visit due to distance and logistical challenges.

Mr. Alex, the Deputy Headmaster, said the engagement gave them a better understanding of things they would not have known otherwise. They now know that, apart from politicians, there are professionals and career opportunities in Parliament. "The distance and the insecurity

issues surrounding Lamu made it seem like a dream to us, and we felt like we were in Parliament."

"We have been wishing to come to Parliament for a very long time, but with more than 200 students in class eight alone, a big bus can carry up to 65 passengers, covering a distance of about 1700 kilometres round trip—it's next to impossible," he added.

Madam Rahma, a senior teacher, thanked the Clerk of the National

Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, for facilitating this opportunity. "Information is power. Maybe some things would not have happened if people had information. We were wondering what would happen next after the Finance Bill was rejected, and there were a lot of theories going around, with some saying the bill would automatically become law after 14 days. All this was because of a lack of information," she said.

The teachers appreciated the program, saying it would easily gain the confidence of people because it is conducted by professionals and is apolitical.

In conclusion, Mr. Agutu, the Headmaster of Lake Kenyatta Primary School, thanked the National Assembly for the opportunity accorded to them. "On behalf of our teachers and students, I want to sincerely thank the Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, for making our dream come true. All pupils and our teachers were able to understand and engage in learning about how the National Assembly works and how our country is run. Both the joint and group interactions were very impactful and enjoyable, and they learned a lot," said Mr. Agutu.

# Suspect In Cuffs, Cannabis Worth Over Sh11 Million Seized

By: The DCI

Anti-Narcotics Unit (ANU) detectives in the Coast region have arrested a drug trafficker and seized Cannabis sativa worth over KSh11 million.

Acting on a tip-off, the detectives conducted an operation along Samburu-Kinango road where they laid an ambush at Mdomo centre, successfully intercepting a heavily laden Toyota Ipsum Reg. No. KBJ 679M.

Realizing the magnitude of the trouble that lay ahead, the car driver jumped out and vanished into a nearby thicket.

However, the co-driver and comrade in crime, Elisha Omondi, 32, wasn't so lucky, as he was cornered and arrested.

Search conducted in the vehicle revealed seven green gunny sacks containing long khaki rolls of marijuana weighing 389.45 kgs with an estimated street value of KSh11,683,500.

The suspect was escorted to Mombasa Urban Police Station for processing while the recovered narcotics were kept in safe custody as exhibit.

Meanwhile, the detectives are pursuing the elusive suspect and it is just a matter of time before he is smoked out of his bolthole.



## MUSIC

# DP Visits Ailing Gikuyu Popular Veteran Musician Wanganangu

By: Business Reporter  
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### Worth Noting:

- “I am grateful for the visit by the Deputy President and the other guests accompanying him. His gesture towards an old musician like me is inspiring. It is a thrilling moment,” said Mr Wanganangu flanked by his family members.
- While wishing Mr Wanganangu good health, Mr Gachagua narrated about his encounter with the old artist during his tour of duty in Kiambaa.
- “I met Wanganangu while serving as a District Officer in Kiambaa between 1993 to 1996. He would attend public functions to entertain the guests with his very meaningful songs enriched with traditions and culture. We have been friends since,” said the Deputy President.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, veteran musician Wanganangu watches as his son entertains them at Muchatha, Kiambu County

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday visited ailing veteran popular Gikuyu musician Paul Mutonga alias Wanganangu at his home in Muchatha village, Kiambaa, Kiambu county.

The two have been friends since 1993 when Gachagua was serving as a District Officer for Kiambaa.

During the visit, the ailing 95-year-old music maestro known for his hit songs like ‘Ndiari Rùù Maithinga’ and ‘Mwendwa Lucy’ performed several hits for the Deputy President and the other guests with an accordion and the famous One Man box guitar.

The guests were also entertained by Mr Wanganangu’s son, Wanganangu Junior -an upcoming artist- through the One Man guitar prowess.

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Praising Mr Wanganangu over his culturally rich songs, which have been able to withstand test of time and remain popular among generations, Mr Gachagua said the musician is a hero.

“We thank God for our heroes and it is important to always remember and value them. They are the custodians

of the values, inscribed in culture and traditions. May God continue to give him long life,” he stated.

He added: “We are proud of his art. Mr Wanganangu is a great musician and his contribution to the entertainment industry is huge. We must protect and take care of our artists. I wish him a good quick recovery. We look forward to his son taking the music to the next level,” said Mr Gachagua.

Kiambu Senator Karungo Thang’wa and MPs Jayne Kihara (Naivasha), Samuel Parashina (Kajiado South), Benjamin Gathiru Mejjadonk (Embakasi Central) and MCAs led by Muchatha Ward Representative Karanja Kamau (KK) were present.

On his way from the area the Deputy President acknowledged greetings from the people at Muchatha centre and Ruaka township.

He reiterated the Government’s commitment to eradicate illegal alco-

hol drinks and drugs abuse.

“The drug peddlers will not be allowed to operate or thrive,” he said.

Senator Thang’wa praised the Deputy President over his resolve to lead the fight against drug abuse and illicit brews.

“As senators we will continue pushing for good governance. I am grateful over Deputy President’s leadership in eradicating illicit brews and drugs. The people are supreme and their interests must be put forward. All leaders must listen to the people who elected them and advocate for their interests,” said the senator.

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# Trump Tells Thousands At Michigan Rally He ‘Took A Bullet For Democracy’

By: BBC News



Former US President Donald Trump.

## Worth Noting:

- Many of those at the event, in the battleground state of Michigan, told the BBC that the assassination attempt – which killed an audience member and wounded two others – would not stop them from showing support for the Republican presidential nominee.
- Some said they came precisely because of the shooting.
- Unlike that rally, held in Butler, Pennsylvania, the Grand Rapids event was indoors – allowing security officers to carefully monitor who entered and to cut off threats from outside the rally.
- In his speech, Trump thanked the “thousands and thousands” of people who came to see him “almost exactly” a week after the assassination attempt.

Donald Trump has told a rally in Michigan that he “took a bullet for democracy” when an attempt was made on his life last week.

Attended by thousands, it was Trump’s first rally with new running mate JD Vance – and first since he survived the assassination attempt.

He told a packed arena in Grand Rapids that Democrats have accused him of being “a threat to democracy” and, to huge applause, said he was ready to “take back the White House”.

An investigation is under way into the shooting last weekend, which left Trump with a wounded ear – though the prominent white bandage he wore throughout the Republican National Convention had on Saturday been replaced by a discreet flesh-toned plaster.

Trump was not scheduled to address the crowd until 17:00 EST (21:00 GMT) but by 13:00, a line stretched for about three miles (4.8km) outside the 12,000-person Van Del Arena.

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side the rally.

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“I stand before you only by the grace of almighty God,” he said, repeating his belief that divine intervention saved him from being killed.

Wendy and Steve Upcott of Clarkston, Michigan, were among the thousands who drove from all over the state to see him, many reassured by the increased security.

The couple said their 26-year-old daughter begged them not to attend the event two hours from home, fearing for their safety in the wake of the assassination attempt. But they felt obliged to come after the shooting last weekend.

“The chances of it happening again just one week to the day later is unlikely,” said Ms Upcott.

Them and many others in Grand Rapids were decked out in red Make America Great Again caps, along with cowboy hats, shirts and full outfits resembling the American flag. T-shirts with Trump’s mug shot were also for sale.

Laura Schultz said she thought about her safety on Saturday morning before she decided to come to the event with a friend.

“You can’t let fear stop you,” she said.

Other rally-goers, including several young adults, said the assassination

attempt pushed them to attend the Michigan rally.

It was the first Trump campaign event for fellow Donald, a 24 year old from Grand Rapids, who wore a shirt with the viral image of Trump pumping his fist after being shot.

“This is the first event after the attempted assassination. I think it’s probably going to be the most important rally,” he said, declining to share his last name.

Donald said he had no fears for his own safety, because of the hundreds of police officers, including some on horseback.

But others said they remained scared for Trump.

“It should be a concern for most Americans that he is still not safe,” Ms Upcott said.

“He needs to be very careful,” said Ms Schultz.

Other supporters expressed outrage at the US Secret Service over the incident last week.

The agency has faced intense scrutiny after shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks was able to take aim at Trump in Pennsylvania by climbing onto a roof of a building near the rally stage, even after rallygoers pointed him out to police.

Investigators have still yet to name a motive for the 20-year-old gunman who was later killed by Secret Service agents.

Since then, the country has become more attuned to possible threats to both presidential candidates. Police

in Jupiter, Florida, on Friday arrested a man for allegedly posting threats to Trump on social media, while a different man from Florida was arrested a few days earlier for allegedly threatening President Joe Biden.

Saturday’s Michigan indoor event space was much easier to secure, with metal detectors and military personnel sweeping the whole building, said former Secret Service agent Jason Russell, who has worked on campaign events at the Grand Rapids arena.

“You’ll have a pretty, pretty significant number of agents on site,” Mr Russell said, adding that they would be able to keep Trump out of view until his entrance.

This was one of several campaign stops the former president has made to the key battleground state, as polls show him in a close race against Mr Biden.

The rally came on the heels of the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Trump officially accepted his party’s presidential nomination and delivered his first public address since the assassination attempt.

It also marked the first time Trump appeared on the campaign trail with his vice-presidential pick, Ohio Sen. JD Vance.

Mr Biden, meanwhile, has had to pause campaign events after testing positive for Covid-19.

He continues to resist growing calls from members of his own party to drop out of the race due to concerns about his age and cognitive abilities.

Trump has for the most part stayed silent about Democrats’ drama, but on Saturday he told the crowd they have a “couple problems”.

“They don’t know who their candidate is, and neither do we,” he said.

On Saturday, the former White House physician, Dr Ronny Jackson, released a statement about his condition after having examined Trump.

The bullet created a 2cm-wide wound on Trump’s ear that extended down to the cartilage, Dr Jackson said, which is beginning to “heal properly.” No stitches had been needed, he added.

Trump’s campaign also announced that it plans to hold its next rally in Charlotte, North Carolina on 24 July at the Bojangles Coliseum.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Tribal Division In Kenyan Universities

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Tribalism has long been a pervasive issue in Kenyan society, infiltrating various aspects of life, including the country's educational institutions.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the leadership structures of Kenyan universities, where tribal affiliations often dictate who holds positions of power.

However, the time has come for Kenyan universities to break free from the shackles of tribalism and embrace a more inclusive and merit-based approach to leadership.

One of the most pressing reasons for abolishing tribal domination in university leadership is the detrimental effect it has on academic excellence and innovation.

When leadership positions are filled based on tribal allegiance rather than merit, highly qualified individuals may be overlooked in favor of those from a particular tribe.

This not only stifles diversity of thought and perspective but also undermines the overall quality of education and research within the university.

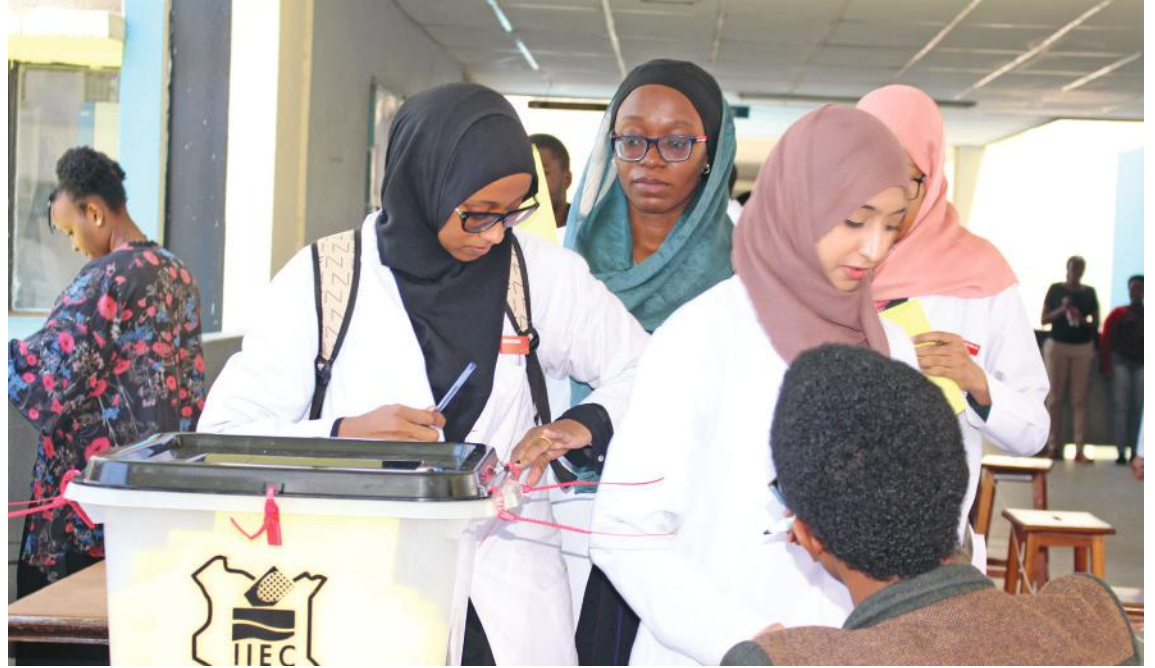
Moreover, tribalism in university leadership perpetuates inequality and marginalization. It creates a system where certain tribes are consistently favored while others are systematically excluded from positions of influence and decision-making.

This not only breeds resentment and division among students and faculty but also reinforces broader societal inequalities that have long plagued Kenya.

Additionally, tribal domination in university leadership undermines the principles of democracy and good governance. In a truly democratic society, leadership positions should be open to all individuals based on their qualifications, skills, and competence, rather than their tribal background.

By perpetuating tribalism in leadership, Kenyan universities risk eroding the very foundations of democracy and perpetuating a cycle of corruption and nepotism.

Furthermore, abolishing tribal domination in university leadership is crucial for fostering national unity and cohesion. Kenya is a diverse country with over 40 different tribes, each with its own unique culture, language, and traditions. Embracing diversity and inclusivity in university leadership sends



Association of Medical Students University of Nairobi elections.

a powerful message that all tribes are valued and respected, regardless of their numerical strength or historical significance.

In conclusion, the domination of leadership with tribalism in Kenyan universities is a deeply entrenched issue that undermines academic excellence,

perpetuates inequality, and erodes the principles of democracy and national unity. By abolishing tribal domination in university leadership and embracing a more inclusive and merit-based approach, Kenyan universities can pave the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all students and faculty. It is

time to break free from the chains of tribalism and build a university system that reflects the true diversity and potential of Kenya as a nation.

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# Nyeri Teams Up With Kenyatta University In Esophageal Cancer Research

By: Kenya News Agency

Nyeri County has partnered with Kenyatta University Teaching and Referral Hospital to advance scientific research in esophageal cancer.

The National Institute for Health and Care Research is funding a three-year programme at a cost of Sh446 million, which will focus on esophageal cancer prevalence and infrastructure availability in other counties.

The main aim of the research is to establish the causes of cancer in Nyeri and work together to develop the best treatment for the condition.

The partnership is expected to culminate in the establishment of lower-level cancer screening stations across the county.

In 2022, the County Health Department's internal research revealed that cancer is the leading cause of illness and death in Nyeri, with breast cancer being the most commonly diagnosed, followed by oesophagus and prostate cancer.



The county received an endoscopy machine worth Sh4 million from an Italian-based non-governmental organisation to aid in the diagnosis of

colon, stomach, and esophageal cancer. Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga praised the machine's arrival as a significant milestone in the fight against

cancer and aimed to achieve Universal Health Coverage by ensuring affordable and good healthcare for the

Nyeri populace.

# Okutoyi Clinches Gold In Casablanca After Ruthless Display In Women's Doubles

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African Games champion Angella Okutoyi won the doubles title at the W15 International Tennis Federation (ITF) Women's World Tennis Tour in Casablanca, Morocco on Saturday.

Okutoyi teamed up with Ireland's Celine Simunyu to outclass the Italian pair of Gloria Ceschi and Gaia Squarzialupi 6-3 6-1 in one-sided tie at the Association Culturelle et Sportive de l'Air venue in the Moroccan capital.

The win was a perfect way for Okutoyi to round off her Casablanca campaign following a disappointing end to the singles where she lost 5-7 7-6 6-7 to Spain's Paula Arias Manjon in the quarterfinals of the same competition on Friday.

Okutoyi was competing in her eighth

W15 tour event through which she was seeking to qualify for her first ever Olympics at this month's edition in Paris.

However, the youngster did not succeed in her Olympics dream after failing to make it to the top 400 in the ITF rankings.

Angella Okutoyi (L) and Celine Simunyu celebrate with their doubles trophy. PHOTO/ANGELLA OKUTOYI X.



# Budget And Appropriations Committee Concludes On The Supplementary Estimates

By: PSCU

Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee have concluded receiving submissions on the Supplementary Estimates 1 for Financial Year 2024/25, ahead of the tabling of the report when the House resumes this week.

The meetings led by the chairperson and Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro had the Departmental Committee Chairs highlighting various critical areas that need funding for continued operations.

Some of the submissions also noted with concern that there were many developmental projects that were streamlined for this Financial Year or are ongoing, but may not be achievable, owing to the decreased allocations to the MDAs.

Further, if the MDAs that have contractual obligations are stopped, this may attract penalties, and also lead to delayed completion of the projects.

The committee on Education represented by Manderu South MP Abdul Haro reiterated the committee's commitment to ensure that the 46,000 intern teachers are converted into permanent and pensionable



Nyeri County Women Representative Rahab Mukami (left) consulting with her colleagues during the Saturday forum

terms in this financial year, and called on the Budget Committee to consider allocating the full resource requirement of Ksh31 billion.

“Chair, the Teacher’s Service Commission is committed to confirming 46,000 teachers, on permanent and pensionable terms. They have been allocated Ksh13.4 billion for this, and require an additional Ksh17.6 billion,” said Haro.

On the allocation for the national examinations invigilation and management, Haro proposed a reinstatement of Ksh5.1 billion to ensure that the national examinations scheduled for this year are administered

smoothly.

Endebess MP Robert Pukose who is also the Health Committee chairman made recommendations on reallocations in various sectors, and also assured members that despite the austerity measures, the employment of medical interns is a top priority in this financial year, appealing to the committee to consider allocating an additional Ksh1.49 billion, to meet the full requirement of Kshs5.2 billion for the process.

Additionally, Pukose noted that the return-to-work formula agreed upon between the National Government and the Kenya Medical Prac-



Committee during the Saturday sitting at the Parliament Buildings.

tioners, Pharmacists, and Dentists Union (KMPDU) and executed on the 8th May 2024, intends to be actualized.

The Communication, Information and Innovation chairperson who is also Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie notified the committee that despite the reduction of the allocation to Constituency Innovation Hubs from Ksh377 million to zero, the construction of the hubs shall continue through the new World Bank project, which is allocated Ksh3.1 billion in this financial year.

“Key among the envisaged targets for the project is to establish 290 Digital Village Smart Hubs and Studios, to ensure that we keep devel-

oping the creative sector and provide the youth with avenues to generate income,” assured Kiarie.

Kangogo Bowen from Marakwet East and the chairperson for Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation Committee while making his submission, proposed some amendments to the allocations in the Supplementary Estimates to the three State Departments under the committee’s purview.

The committee also heard from the committees on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives; Tourism and Wildlife; and Environment, Forestry and Mining.

# Gilgil Boda Boda Group Changing The Lives Of Members

By: Kenya News Agency

Three Ways Boda-Boda Self-Help Group, established three years ago in the Gilgil area of Nakuru County, has significantly improved the lives of its members by enabling 25 members to own plots in the Langalanga area.

The group aims to curb the many challenges experienced by motorcycle operators, such as road accidents, personal health emergencies, or the deaths of close relatives.

Andrew Oroba, the chairman of the group, explains that the group was inspired by the many challenges faced by motorcycle operators and wanted to create something that would unify them and benefit all of

them.

The group started by saving for some time and eventually decided to purchase a two-acre land worth Sh2 million and divide it among its members.

With 25 members already owning a plot, they are in the process of purchasing an additional 2 acres of land.

To counter the financial challenges faced by members, the group formed a saving and loan project that allows them to save and take loans at lower interest rates.

Every member is expected to contribute Sh50 daily to be deposited in the bank as a share, which is then loaned to any member with an emergency issue.

Another project carried out by the Three Ways Sacco Group is welfare, which supports members who are admitted to hospitals or have lost a



loved one and has enabled them to register for the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) cover through

another daily contribution of Sh50. Thirty-year-old Wilfred Nyamari, one of the group’s members, is ex-

cited to be a member and envisions owning a parcel of land in Langalanga.

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## Paris Olympics: Birthday Girl Wisa Celebrated For Resilience And Determination



Malkia Strikers assistant captain Edith Wisa being fed cake by captain Triza Atuka as she celebrated her birthday after training session in Miramas ahead of the Paris Olympics. Photo/JAIRUS MOLA - NOC-K.

When Malkia Strikers celebrated the birthday of their assistant captain Edith Wisa, it was an opportunity for the team to reflect on her sweat, tears, and the triumphs she experienced on her journey to success.

Her birthday wishes could not have come at a better time when the team's middle blocker is bracing up for her second career Olympic Games.

In the early morning bus enroute to their training base at Saint Suspi College School in Miramas, her teammates sung birthday songs to appreciate an athlete who inspires countless others with her unwavering focus to push beyond their limits.

On Wisa's special day (July 20, 2024), she was truly flattered by a gesture that not only marked her birthday in Miramas but the hard work and sacrifices she always makes to excel in her chosen field.

**—Simultaneity Of Birthdays—**  
Wisa, the KCB Volleyball skipper says it feels nice to always celebrate her birthdays in sporting atmospheres, as every time she marks her birth-month, she is always performing duties for the national team.

Wisa celebrated her 2021 birthday coincidentally at Team Kenya's Tokyo 2020 pre-Olympics camp in Kurume City, despite stringent Covid-19 restrictions which culminated into the most significant disruption to the worldwide sporting calendar since World War II, including postponement of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

In 2024, Wisa wrapped up her pre-Olympics high-performance training in Miramas with birthday wishes!

Commenting on her rare birthday experience in Miramas, Wisa responded: "First of all, I thank God for this day. Being my birthday is a special day for me especially on our last day in

training in Miramas. I celebrated my birthday in Tokyo 2020 and then here I am in France receiving birthday wishes from friends and family."

She recounted: "Almost all my birthdays find me in the national team, so my family gets to celebrate together each and every time; and I'm happy to be in the team as that is where I spent most of my time."

**—Inspiring Junior players—**  
"And seeing my teammates singing for me happy birthday songs took me by surprise, although they had already wished me with text messages earlier. July being my birth-month, I would like to perform well in Paris and I would like to go out there, play my heart out; fight tooth and nail, better than I did before," said Wisa, who turned 30 years.

Wisa is among the team's most experienced players and being the assistant skipper, she bears a

huge responsibility to guide the junior players, most of whom have never seen the Olympics village.

She added: "It's the first time for most players; so, having not been there, they don't know what to expect. Therefore, we have to encourage them and tell them that it's just like any other competition where they'll meet the same teams that they've met in the World Championships and in the Challenge Cup. It's just to let them not tense much and just do their best," Wisa, a Lugulu Girls High School alumni told Capital Sport from Miramas.

Wisa goes on to reveal that Miramas has been a good experience, getting ample time needed for training.

"Each player is ready for the task ahead and even as we culminate our training here, we continue to focus. We've acclimatized well and I know that we are going to do better."

Malkia Strikers will arrive at the games' village on Monday, July 22, and for Wisa- on her second Olympic Games-it's a welcome idea to also enjoy off-the-court experience.

Wisa: "This time, we will have time to interact because in Tokyo there were a lot of restrictions and we could not go and cheer other Kenyan teams when they were playing."

"This time, with no social gathering restrictions, we hope to support our Kenyan athletes when we are not playing; and we have them reciprocate when we play. We will also find time to interact with people from other countries including some of the world's renowned athletes we will meet at the village."

*-Alex Isaboke is reporting from Miramas, France -*

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# Marseille In Talks To Sign Tottenham Midfielder Hojbjerg



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French club Marseille have opened talks to sign Tottenham and Denmark midfielder Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg.

The 28-year-old is believed to be ready to leave north London and is available for about £17m.

Hojbjerg joined Spurs in 2020 in a £15m deal from Southampton, when Jose Mourinho was in charge.

The midfielder made 39 appearances for the club last season but

only 10 of those were starts as Ange Postecoglou favoured Yves Bissouma and Pape Matar Sarr in central midfield.

The Dane has entered the last year of his contract with Tottenham and will be available on a free transfer in 2025 if fresh terms are not agreed.

Spurs have strengthened their midfield this summer with the signing of Archie Gray from Leeds, while Lucas Bergvall has

joined from Swedish club Djurgardens.

Marseille have been on a recruitment drive since appointing former Brighton manager Roberto de Zerbi.

Forward Mason Greenwood has joined from Manchester United and midfielder Ismael Kone completed a move from Watford this month, while they are reportedly interested in Arsenal striker Eddie Nketiah.

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# Zulfiyakhanim' Daughters Are Our Stars Of Our Hope



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## Worth Noting:

- Zulfiyakhanim Israilova is married to Hamid Olimjon. However, when they were living a life full of dreams, in 1944, she lost her husband due to a car accident. The poetess died in 1996 at the age of 81. The poet started artistic creation very early. At the age of seventeen, he published his first poetry book called "Life Leaflets".
- During his long creative life, he created about thirty poetry collections and more than ten epics. The poet writes poems about situations that make everyone think and are angry with everyone. That is why his writings are liked by many. Zulfiya's great talent is recognized not only in our country, but also worldwide. He is the owner of the international "Nilufar" award.

**Abstract:** this article analyzes the life and work of the Uzbek poetess Zulfiyakhanim, and examines the feelings of love, life, and homeland in her poems.

**Keywords:** poem, word, poetry, love, creativity, homeland.

Zulfiya Israilova is a famous and talented Uzbek poetess. A bright artist, a woman who keenly felt the heart of an ordinary person - a hardworking woman who valiantly fought for the equal rights of Eastern women in society. The influence of Zulfiya's poetry is a true expression of our luxurious and complex era, its originality, and a bright image of the hearts and actions of our contemporaries. Zulfiya Israilova, a distinguished and honorable representative of the Uzbek people, a well-known public figure, a herald of the struggle for international peace, is the owner of the international "Nilufar", Jawaharlal Nehru and State awards. Zulfiyakhanim Israilova was born in 1915 in the ancient Degrez quarter of Tashkent city. First, she studied in primary school, then in a school for women and girls. In 1935-1938, he studied at the graduate school of the Institute of Language and Literature of the

Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan. After that, he worked in various publishing houses. From 1935 to 1980, he was the editor-in-chief of the "Sodot" magazine for women and girls, which is widely available in our country in about thirty languages. Zulfiyakhanim Israilova is married to Hamid Olimjon. However, when they were living a life full of dreams, in 1944, she lost her husband due to a car accident. The poetess died in 1996 at the age of 81. The poet started artistic creation very early. At the age of seventeen, he published his first poetry book called "Life Leaflets". During his long creative life, he created about thirty poetry collections and more than ten epics. The poet writes poems about situations that make everyone think and are angry with everyone. That is why his writings are liked by many. Zulfiya's great talent is recognized not only in our country, but also worldwide. He is the owner of the international "Nilufar" award.

The popularity of the poet's poems is not accidental. Since her childhood, she was distinguished by the fact that she was a girl who looked at the world with an eye of wonder and noticed its aspects that others could not see. On top of that, the

environment in her family ignited the passion for artistic creativity in young Zulfiya. The poet remembers her childhood like this: "They called my father... Israel degrez. My father was a hard-working blacksmith. I always enjoyed my father's profession as a fire companion. There was no one as powerful as my father for me. I used to be amazed when I saw the irons in my father's hand and spread lightning. His hands were able to shape a piece of iron that had turned into a coal into the desired shape and turn it into something necessary for a person. I still dream of being like my father, but it's impossible, it's harder to get into a person's heart than to work iron, and not everyone can ignite a heart like lightning..."

Even though I am a student, I learn Zulfiya's poems with interest. I really like the enthusiasm and love of life in his poems. Although I like sports, Zulfiyakhanim is my idol.

Zulfiya's lyrics, performed with nobility, courage, true national pride, sincere feelings and respect for nature and people, rich colors and unexpected new symbols, shake the heart of the reader and strengthen the faith of humanity in the future.

A talented poetess and writer, a keen connoisseur of the human heart, she created works in various genres: epics, ballads, elegies, prose poems, stories, essays, journalistic articles and newspaper reports. Many of his poems were devoted to the struggle for peace and friendship of the peoples of the USSR. During the war, he wrote patriotic poems. He also wrote librettos for operas by Uzbek composers, for example, the libretto for the opera "Zaynab and Amon". At the same time, she also wrote a fairytale-stage work based on the theme of the epic "Semurg" written by her husband Hamid Olimjon.

One year after the death of Hamid Olimjon, Zulfiya's poem "You are right, my heart". It was written later, and it contains the image of a woman in Alamdi roasting on the fire of Hijran feelings are vividly reflected. The reader is attracted by the tone of the poem. The tone of the poem, whose content is sad, is also sad. It's a sad tone the broken voice and poor spirit of the poetess are reflected in the poem. I sing a melodious tune

opens the eyes of feelings and makes it easier to feel the spirit of the poem. For Zulfiya, Hamid Olimjon is both a dear friend and a professional friend was a teacher. Now he is not. It is impossible not to cry, not to be sad. Weakness of will is doing There are many people around, and the lyrical hero is "alone". Because his his lover was the only one in the world. Taking his place, the hero from loneliness there is no one who can save. His desire is to search for what he has lost without knowing it busy with The poet said that the world has become pale due to the loss of lovely: "Suddenly my heart is getting old", he expresses. The pain of a thirty-year-old poetess in the last poem, the poem keeps increasing: "Where have you gone, my heart, It's over endure and endure. I wish for your conversation, my desire for language is strong." The language of separation and the spirit of a woman whose tongue is full of sorrows is in these verses clearly reflected

To sum up, Zulfiyakhanim was a poetess with a special place in Uzbek poetry, and as a person, she was a woman with all the noble qualities of this nation. Today, by writing this article and taking a deeper look at Zulfiyakhanim's work, I am once again convinced that no matter how many conflicting, difficult and complicated paths Uzbek literature has traveled in the 20th century, it has a number of literal Zulfiyakhanim was one of the brightest faces among creative people. In today's days of independence, their creations are showing new aspects. Zulfiyakhanim's life and work are an example for all women. After all, his hard work in life, his constant striving for progress, his faithfulness in love, his incessant pursuit of artistic creativity, and life's difficulties the fact that he does not give up on his achievements, does not lose himself in the face of achievements, arouses envy in the heart of any girl or woman.

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