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IPOA Chairperson Anne Makori

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# We Will Not Burn Our County, Tharaka Nithi Youths Tell Off Rogue Politicians

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Tharaka-Nithi County youth leaders address media in Chuka town. They have faulted rogue politicians inciting youths to burn county government offices. Photo/Mwenda Njeru.

**Worth Noting:**

- Mr Mwenda said a few politicians have been mobilizing youths on social media and holding physical meetings inciting youths to burn county government offices on Wednesday because of their differences with the county's top leadership.
- "Our attention has been drawn by the ongoing mobilization by a few county politicians inciting youths to destroy county government offices. We, the Gen-Zs disassociate ourselves with the planned demonstrations and appeal to youths to keep off," said Mr Mwenda.

Tharaka Nithi County youth leadership led by their chairperson and National Youth Council representative, Mr Eric Mwenda has faulted a plot to burn county government headquarters in Kathwana yesterday.

Addressing journalists in Chuka town, the youth leaders said Gen-Z's genuine protests over the dropped Finance Bill, 2024 had been hijacked by rogue politicians with evil plans.

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county government offices. We, the Gen-Zs disassociate ourselves with the planned demonstrations and appeal to youths to keep off," said Mr Mwenda.

He said the controversial Finance Bill is not discussed at the county level and it is not right to direct anger to the wrong institutions or individuals just for political reasons.

He said if youths or any other county resident has concerns with the county government, they should use the right channels to address them, including through the county assembly where some of the rascal politicians sit.

Ms Betty Karimi, a youth leader from Mara constituency said county government buildings is a public property and destroying anything a direct loss to the people and not the leaders.

He said demonstrations cannot go on forever and if they are to continue they must be addressing genuine issues and not politically motivated.

"It is wrong to divert the poor youths from the right direction to the wrong course. We are not ready to be misused by the same politicians who have been taking advantage of our joblessness and poverty. They must keep off," said Ms Karimi.

She noted that the Members of the County Assembly who are inciting the youths to cause chaos have never addressed the concerns on the floor of the assembly to hold the relevant department accountable.

Mr Francis Mukundi, another Tharaka constituency youth leader, wondered why the planned demonstrations targeted county government offices

and not those of the MPs who voted in favor of the dropped Finance Bill.

"Youths should direct their anger to the three MPs who voted in favor of the dropped Finance Bill and not county government which is not involved at all," said Mr Mukundi.

The Gen-Z demonstrations went on in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu, Nakuru and several towns across the country and embassy offices in some countries including America.

The demonstrators were heard demanding the resignation of President William Ruto whom they are accusing of leading the country to a hard economic situation.

However, the government has blamed the demonstrations on a series of thugery activities witnessed in the towns.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



The International Rescue Committee (IRC) has donated four wheelchairs to persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Turkana County.

The donation is part of the IRC's ongoing efforts to support and protect vulnerable groups.

The IRC's Chief Officer for Education, Social Protection, and Administration, Etelej Korea Moses, expressed gratitude for the IRC's contribution and emphasised the importance of strategic partnerships and collaboration to enhance social services.



Makongo Farmers Network Chairperson, Francis Ngiri, displays a glass bottle full of yellow beans. The group, domiciled in Elementaita Ward, Gilgil Subcounty, practices seed storage as a way of supporting the community in combating the effects of climate change.

Starting today, the group will showcase at the Nakuru ASK show, to educate more farmers about the preservation of indigenous crop variety seeds in order to build resilient food systems in the country.



Executive Committee Member (ECM) for Finance and Planning in Makueni County Government, Damaris Kavoi, has refuted claims that the 2024–2025 finance bill has been withdrawn from the Makueni County Assembly.

Kavoi stated that the bill was submitted to the assembly once and has not been withdrawn, as indicated in the local media.

She also stated that the bill went through public participation, and all views were included before being submitted for approval by June

30, 2024, as required by law.

Kavoi also revealed that the new taxation system will not change, with hawkers paying sh 40 daily and boda boda paying sh 500 annually.

She also stated that permit payments will be made in installments by business people in the county due to hard economic times.



The Kiambu County Assembly is working on a framework to discard the county's 2016 valuation roll, which is a record of all properties in an area, including their value, for tax purposes.

The assembly's Lands and Planning Committee is evaluating submissions from residents and stakeholders on the Kiambu County Valuation and

Rating Act 2016, which dictates land rates.

Governor Kimani Wamatangi aims to amend the law to eliminate contentious charges and lower existing rates. The County Government has proposed to reduce land rates from 0.25 per cent to 0.15 per cent and exempting non-commercial freehold properties under five acres used for domestic purposes from taxation. The National Valuation for Rating Act 2015 mandates land rates for freehold title deed owners. The current valuation was enacted in 2016 during former Governor William Kabogo's tenure and adopted in 2018 under former Governor Ferdinand Waititu to address inconsistent rating systems inherited from eight defunct local authorities.

The Kapsowar Cultural Festival, held at Moi Kapsowar Girls in Marakwet West Sub County, brought together the community to celebrate and reflect on their rich cultural heritage.

The festival featured performances from various cultural dancers, highlighting the unity and diversity of the region.

The festival emphasises the importance of upholding cultural practices that promote peace and discourage conflict.

Joshua Kipruto, MCA Kapsowar ward, assured that this is just the beginning of many cultural festivals in Kapsowar and promised to secure more funding for the festival to benefit more groups.

Purity Koima, County Executive for Sports, Gender, Culture, Youth Affairs, and Children, acknowledged the financial support from various wards for the festival and urged all 20 wards to set aside funds for the festival.

Plans are also underway to establish a county cultural festival platform where people can showcase their talents and sell their cultural items as a source of revenue.

The festival is also a tourist attraction, highlighting the potential for cultural tourism in the region.



The County Department of Health and Sanitation in Lodwar has conducted screenings for diabetes and hypertension, revealing a low uptake of knowledge about these conditions.

The screenings, conducted in partnership with the Kenya Red Cross Society, were held in the town centre, where the urban population has a sedentary lifestyle, predisposing them to these two non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Out of the 727 people screened, 59 were diagnosed with hypertension, and 15 had type 2 diabetes. The Turkana Central Sub-County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Mercy Kawira, emphasised the need for intensifying health education on NCDs in the community to enhance diagnosis, treatment, referral, and timely tracing of patients. The screenings also provided data needed for client treatment and management, as well as capacity building for healthcare workers on NCD management.



Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok and his team are being taken through some of the state-of-the-art imaging equipment at the CTC Tenkwek Hospital.

The facility, which will employ 1,000 staff and attract patients from Africa, will address a backlog of over 800 patients awaiting life-saving procedures.

"With the completion of our Dr. Laboso Mother and Child Hospital, the upcoming Oncology Centre, and now the Tenkwek Cardiothoracic Centre, Bomet County is set to emerge as a major medical tourist destination," he affirmed.

Othaya constituency Member of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina through his foundation, known by his name yesterday donated dozens of iron sheets to 93 families from Kianjogu, Thuruthuru, Iria and Karembu villages within Chinga ward. In a heartwarming gesture of goodwill, the foundation assisted the families that were victims of recent heavy rains whose effects included blowing of their houses' roofs. The victims thanked their MP for the kind gesture.





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# Jambojet Launches New Flight To Zanzibar From Mombasa

By: Our Reporter  
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## Worth Noting:

Using De Havilland Dash 8 400 aircraft capable of carrying 78 to 82 passengers, Jambojet completes the Zanzibar-Mombasa journey in under an hour, facilitating convenient connections to Nairobi, Dubai, Frankfurt, Milan, and other destinations.

“On behalf of the Kenyan government, I am delighted to be part of today’s launch of this new route operated by our airline, Jambojet, from Zanzibar to Mombasa. This step is crucial not only in facilitating quick and affordable air travel but also in strengthening commercial, tourist, and cultural ties between Tanzania and Kenya. By enhancing connectivity, we are fostering development along the East African coast,” said Issac Njenga, Kenya’s Ambassador to Tanzania



Flagg off with Gov. Abdulsamad Sherrif Nassir and High Commissioner of Tanzania Dr. Bernard Kibesse.

Jambojet Limited has officially launched a new direct flight route from Zanzibar to Mombasa, Kenya, as part of a strategic investment in the aviation sector to bolster socio economic growth particular in tourism, trade, and culture aligning with East Africa Vision 2050.

The inaugural flight departed from Mombasa, Moi International Airport (MBA/HKMO) and arrived in Zanzibar Abeid Amani Karume International Airport (AAKIA), marked by a celebration attended by officials from the Embassy of Kenya to Tanzania, Government representatives of Tanzania & Kenya, and executives of Jambojet among others.

Starting immediately, Jambojet will operate flights on this route four times a week—Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Flights will depart Mombasa at 5:10 PM and arrive in Zanzibar at 6:05

PM, with a flight duration of 55 minutes.

“Jambojet is dedicated to delivering outstanding service at competitive rates. Our new route starts at 24,420 Kenyan shillings, (495,000 Tanzanian shillings) for a round trip. As a leader in low-cost aviation, we pride ourselves on our competitive fares and extensive network, enabling more people to travel across East Africa. This route reflects our goal of making air travel accessible to everyone.” said Mr. Karanja, Ndegwa, Chief Executive Officer Jambojet.

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The Jambojet flight from Zanzibar to Mombasa is part of its marketing expansion strategy in the East African region. “Our economy largely depends on tourism, which cannot grow without expanding key sectors like aviation. Jambojet’s new route will significantly contribute to boosting tourism on the islands,” said Mudrik Ramadhan Soragha, Zanzibar Minister of Tourism and Heritage.

Mombasa is a key city for tourism in Kenya. “Jambojet is opening up many socio-economic opportunities for Zanzibar and Mombasa. We expect more tourists and traders to benefit from this affordable and fast direct flight,” said Abdulsamad Shariff Nassir, Mombasa Governor

Established in 2014 as a part of Kenya Airways (KQ), Jambojet has served over 7.5 million passengers, attracting 44% of first-time flyers and now holds more than 54% of domestic air travel market share in Kenya. The airline also flies to Nairobi, Kisumu, Eldoret, Lamu, Malindi, Diani, and Goma in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

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# A Kenyan-Based Organization Has Been Nominated To The Fourth Annual TIME100 Most Influential Companies

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A Kenyan-based organization has been nominated to the fourth annual TIME100 Most Influential Companies list for its commitment in mainstreaming scalable and high-quality school feeding across Africa.

Food 4 Education (F4E), a non-profitable organization, has been earmarked for the award for its vital role in ensuring children in Africa have access to a hot, affordable, and nutritious school meal every day.

TIME100 recognizes companies which have made an extraordinary impact around the world where millions of children have over the years been suffering from hunger that affects their health and social-emotional development.

Most countries in Africa have embraced locally-led and independently run school-feeding programs and F4E has been participating to close this hunger gap. It has been implementing a blueprint for scalable, replicable, and cost-efficient school feeding programs.

Speaking to the media yesterday,



Wawira Njiru egaging pupils at Olympic Primary School in Kibera, Nairobi. She is the CEO of Food For Education organization. PHOTOS BY RAYMOND WANJOHI

the organization's Chief Executive Officer Wawira Njiru said they have utilized the opportunity to build more resilient, just, and sustainable food feeding programs in learning institutions across the continent.

"Today serves as proof of the transformative power of food in changing lives. As an African non-profit organization, we take immense pride in being recognized in the TIME100 list, alongside numerous innovative and impactful companies worldwide," Wawira said.

The organization started in 2012 where it fed 25 children from a makeshift kitchen. Henceforth, it has fledged into large-scale operation that currently provides meals to 300,000 children daily.

Working across multiple value chains, F4E sits at the heart of a locally-powered network that includes thousands of smallholder farmers whose leadership is composed of 75 percent women.

The organization has a trusted pool of aggregators, two warehouses, 20



Wawira Njiru, the CEO of Food For Education organization. PHOTO BY RAYMOND WANJOHI

centralized and 55 semi-centralized rural kitchens that boast an outreach of more than 1,000 schools.

F4E's board chairperson Kristin Groos Richmond said: "Having co-founded and worked as the CEO of Revolution Foods delivering healthy school meals in the United States, I understand the profound impact that access to nutritious food can have on a child's ability to learn and thrive".

"Witnessing the dedication of F4E in tackling childhood hunger in Africa is deeply personal to me. I am honored

to support F4E and its innovative approach to transforming lives through nutrition and education, which this extraordinary award by TIME100 so aptly recognizes," she added.

To assemble the fourth annual Most Influential Companies list, TIME100 gathered nominations from its global network of contributors and correspondents as well as from outside experts.

Thereafter, TIME100 editors evaluated each of the 100 organizations on key factors, including impact, innovation, ambition, and success.

## Security Committees In Murang'a Recommended Reduction Of Bars

By: Kenya News Agency

Various Sub-County security committees in Murang'a County have recommended only 1,715 bars to be licensed from the beginning of this financial year.

After inspections, 840 outlets were ordered to cease operations due to irregularities.

Some bars were found to be hideouts for criminals and drug trafficking, while others were found to be flouting regulations and selling counterfeit brews.

"Last year, more than 2,000 bar owners operated through a court order as they avoided the inspection and vetting process," noted Murang'a Deputy County Secretary Bernard Wanyoike, saying this time the inspection was intense as the county is

committed to crackdown on the selling of illicit brews and crimes related to alcoholism.

All approved bars and restaurants were expected to have paid for their licenses via the county government portal before the closure of last year.

The committees settled on licensing 13 nightclubs and 217 restaurants across the county.

Operators whose applications were rejected were advised to lodge an appeal within seven days upon payment of a Sh5,000 appellate fee.

Governor Kang'ata praised the liquor committees for conducting the inspection with diligence and promised fair hearings for those whose applications were rejected.



Murang'a Deputy County Secretary Bernard Wanyoike with other security officials during the interview

# IPOA To Forward File On Conduct Of Police Officers During Protests To ODPP

By: Eric Biegon

25th of June 2024.

The Independent Policing and Oversight Authority (IPOA) will forward all the findings of ongoing investigations into the conduct of police officers during the anti-finance bill mass demonstrations to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) for action.

IPOA Chairperson Anne Makori says the arrests and arraignment in court of police officers found to have shot at protesters are subject to the conclusion of the probe whose file be delivered to the ODPP which is mandated to make decision to charge.

Makori confirmed that the authority is investigating 39 deaths, 150 injuries, and 7 abductions across the country.

According to the IPOA Chairperson, a total of 11 Kenyans have so far been confirmed to have been killed during the deadly protests within the Nairobi CBD and Parliament buildings on the

She says IPOA has been able to record statements including critical witness accounts in relation to the fatal shooting of protesters both in Nairobi and other parts of the country.

She further disclosed that summons have been issued to police officers suspected to have fired at protesters.

“IPOA assures Kenyans and the police of its commitment to continue monitoring and documenting how the police conduct themselves during these and future demonstrations in line with its mandate,” said Makori in a statement

She said the authority is also documenting the destruction of both private and public property during the protests with a view to assessing the police policing standards.

Besides the police, Makori indicated that IPOA will also oversight KDF officers who have so far been deployed to assist in the restoration and maintenance of law and order.

“IPOA remains independent, impartial, fair, and apolitical in all its investigations,” she said



Kenya's Police Brutality Police Officers During Protests.

# Suspects Nabbed With Ivory In Naivasha

By: MKT Correspondent

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tional markets, including countries in Asia such as China and Vietnam.

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) reported that the worst-affected ecosystems were home to some of Kenya's most-visited national parks, reserves, and conservancies.

The Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) reported that it had lost 205 jumbos, 512 wildebeests, 381 common zebras, 51 buffalos, 49 Gravy's zebras, and 12 giraffes in nine months of that year alone to the wrecking drought.

Police in Naivasha are holding two suspects, including an Administration Police officer, Dismus Omari Mongari, for illegal possession of 20 pieces of ivory worth KSh2.9 million.

The suspects were arrested in Maai-Mahiu following intelligence information. Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) Naivasha Senior Warden, Francis Mutuku Mutisya, noted that poaching of wildlife in Kenya for meat, ivory, and other trophies indicates a ready market for these trophies.

The increase in poaching is blamed on the increased demand for ivory and other wildlife products in Asia and Southern Africa.

Illegally obtained ivory and tusks are primarily trafficked to interna-



# Murang'a County Farmers Reaps Big From Pumpkin Farming

By:Kenya News Agency

Joe Irungu, a farmer in Kigetui, Murang'a, has been farming pumpkins for over a decade, finding it a lucrative income source.

He initially struggled with herbal medicine but found inspiration to grow pumpkins after visiting Uganda and learning from a farmer who planted them.

Irungu planted seeds of the Israel giant pumpkin, which he believes is the best variety for commercial farming.

"A kilogram of pumpkin goes for Sh.20 therefore a single piece of this variety can fetch up to Sh1000" he noted.

Pumpkins are fast-growing, taking only three months to mature, allowing farmers to plant them up to three times a year.

They require little maintenance except during cold seasons, when they are sprayed to prevent frost damage.

Irungu also established a small processing factory to produce pumpkin flour, which he sells locally.

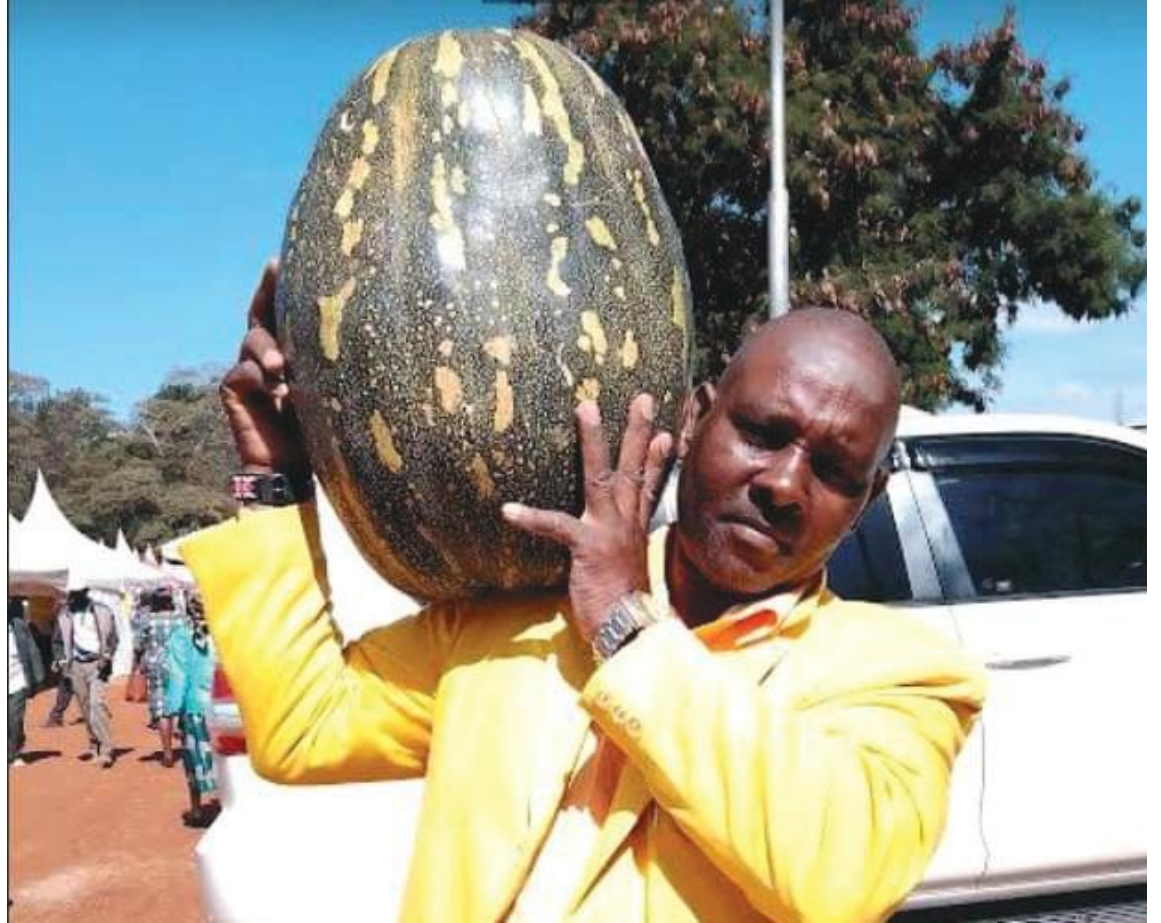
To sustain the flour production, Irungu engages farmers from Murang'a and neighbouring counties to supply him with pumpkins for processing.

After harvesting, the pumpkins are cut into chips, dried, and processed into flour. Blended flour is made by mixing pumpkin with other products like cassava, arrowroots, and bananas to make it affordable.

Despite being highly nutritious, many people still don't eat pumpkins due to their perceived food status as food for small children or the poor.

However, consumers are warming up to the flour as it can be used to make various products like cakes, breads, biscuits, chapatti, pancakes, and more.

Irungu encourages more farmers to venture into pumpkin farming due to its good returns and a ready market for their produce.



# Murang'a County's KSh100M Maize Farming Investment

By:Kenya News Agency

The programme will provide certified seeds and fertiliser to farmers, particularly in the lower parts of the county.

The government will register at least 500 maize farmers in every ward and partner with a local miller to provide a market for their produce.

The aim is to commercialise maize farming in Murang'a, which has been affected by fall armyworms.

Agricultural extension officers will be deployed to educate farmers on best practices and prevent crop destruction.

The programme will help farmers attain food security at the domestic level, as Murang'a has been a net importer of maize.

The local county assembly supports the programme, ensuring prudent use of funds to ensure farmers have access to inputs for increased production.

Governor Irungu Kang'ata noted, "In the programme, the registered farmers will get certified maize seeds and fertiliser to increase production. My administration has signed a partnership with Joy Millers, which has promised to purchase a 90-kilo sack of maize for Sh3,500."

adding that "the farmers will be at liberty to sell to the miller or get other buyers for their produce. Our aim is to commercialise maize farming in Murang'a."



Murang'a County governor Irungu Kang'ata addressing local residents during a past forum.

# Does Gen-Z Rage Largely Emanates From Believe That President Ruto Is Pushing The Agenda Of IMF?



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## Worth Noting:

- He is now championing the selfish agenda of our colonial masters and imperialists. The matter took a worst turn when International Monetary Fund (IMF) released a statement which stated. Our prediction that Kenyans will rise up has come to pass.
- We are however asking the Kenyan government to remain firm and ensure the Finance Bill 2024 sails through in its original form.
- Notably, Dr Ruto is not the first President of Kenya struggling to balance between meeting the expectations of Kenyans and tough conditionalities imposed by IMF.
- His predecessors Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta also found themselves sailing in the same boat.



Generation-Z led protests

I have been following with keen interest the ongoing Generation-Z led protests. The protests started when the Finance Bill 2024 was tabled in parliament.

This explains why the youths coined #RejectFinanceBill2024 which have since become the main chant during the demonstrations.

President William Ruto ceded the ground soon after members of parliament passed the controversial Bill.

He said he will not sign it because the young people have spoken. They have told me they do not want me to assent to this Bill to become the law.

Prior to the tabling of financial report, the talk doing round indicated that this Budget had been crafted by US and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Those making these claims would aver that since he become the President Dr William Ruto has signed a raft of agreements with Bretton Wood Institutions-IMF and World Bank-which were being controlled by US.

As such, this budget does not reflect our wishes and aspirations as Kenyans.

This budget is punitive and forced down our throat.

We elected President Ruto to champion our course but he has abandoned us.

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As per law, the mandate to prepare the national budget squarely rested with parliament.

The house did its job and it gave public participation a priority.

According to the chairpersons of Budget and Appropriation and Finance and National Planning, public committees, the views gathered were factored in the final report that was tabled in parliament.

Some taxes had been removed, some were zero-rated and exempted.

Therefore, it was wrong to drag the name of the President Ruto.

There was no evidence that he had lured and arm-twisted MPs to vote in a certain way.

We heard similar claims being made during the reigns of the previous governments.

The law allows the President to give his opinion during budget making process.

In this regard, President Ruto's position was very clear. He fully supported the views gathered from members of public.

Generation-Z, were these Kenyans falling under the age of 18-34 justified to take to the streets?

Yes, but the protests are supposed to be

peaceful as envisaged in Article 37 of the constitution of 2010.

At some point, these protests turned chaotic, bloody and destructive. It was sad and painful to see young people losing their lives. May the Almighty God rest their souls in eternal peace.

It is worth noting the protests continued even after President heeded the call of Generation-Z and declined to sign the Bill into law.

As required by the law, he has since returned the Bill to parliament with a memorandum explaining his decision.

During the campaigns, Dr Ruto used to emphasize that borrowing is not a bad idea. Even developed countries resort to borrowing to rebuild their economies.

It becomes a problem when you resort to reckless borrowing and eventually take loan money that exceeds or at par with Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

As we know, the rules governing IMF and World Bank requires the two institutions to engage the sitting President.

It is worth noting that the IMF and World Bank have been partnering with many countries across the world.

In Kenya, the two institutions have been working with leaderships of the successive governments of Independent Kenya.

IMF made the most memorable interventions during the era of President Daniel Arap Moi.

Upon realizing our economy was doing badly, they started to engage Moi and his administration.

This led to Bretton Wood unveiling Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs).

The public opinion was divided. Some

supported the conditionalities and others argued they had been imposed terming them as a bitter pill.

President Moi had formed a team, dubbed the Dream Team, to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the SAPs. The team was led by Richard Leakey.

So, the lesson we learn here is that the pain of the IMF and World Bank prescriptions is for a while. The situation improves and get better thereafter.

Each administration in Kenya would also prioritize on the issue of enhancing and expanding tax collection base. This is by drafting and enacting tax regime to fast track the process. President Kibaki is the one who had coined a slogan 'Kulipa Ushuru Ni Kujitegemea'.

A day had been set aside to celebrate and reward Kenyans who paid their full taxes on time, thus complying with tax laws and regulations. Just like Ruto, Kibaki and Uhuru would mince no word in calling on tax man to pursue tax defaulters. Every Kenyan must pay their taxes.

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# China's BRI Reaches A Dead End In Africa As USA And India Step In

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## Worth Noting:

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The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China has reached a dead end in Africa. Burdened with debt and experiencing corruption scandals, violations of labour laws, environmental hazards and public protests associated with BRI projects, the African nations are increasingly turning them down and now turning to the United States of Africa to fill the need for building infrastructure projects in the continent. India has also been taking a leading role in investing in infrastructure projects in African countries.

A Boston University study in 2023 found that lending to Africa by China has dropped to the lowest level in two decades, says Voice of America. Available data say in sub-Saharan Africa BRI investments fell by 55 percent between 2021 and 2023, from \$16.5 billion in 2021 to \$7.5 billion in 2023. This region drew \$4.5 billion of investment in construction activities in 2022, compared to \$8.1 billion in 2021. An Observer Research Foundation study says BRI investments in Africa reached their peak in 2016. After that, Chinese loan volumes have steadily declined in Africa. Between the pre-pandemic years of 2017 to 2019 and the pandemic years of 2020-22 the average volume of loan to African countries fell by 37 per cent. The situation has not been retrieved in the post-pandemic years.

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challenges increasingly in recent years. The revenue of local governments has always played a key role in the economic growth of China. Since the pandemic of 2020-21, the falling values of property and land and increased government spending have caused revenue shortages for local governments. The revenue deficit of provinces crossed the \$1000 billion mark in 2022. In 2023, China's national budget revenue was \$3.3 trillion, while the national expenditure grew to \$4 trillion, resulting in a deficit of \$690 billion. Besides, rising youth unemployment, an ageing population and geopolitical unrest like the war in Ukraine have all contributed to the decision of China to reduce their large-scale debts. As a result, some African countries are stuck with lots of proposals for mega projects but China is not funding them any longer.

In most cases, however, the African countries themselves are turning down fresh proposals for investment under BRI or are withdrawing from ongoing BRI projects. Many BRI projects have faced problems in the stage of implementation and a growing number of borrowers had to struggle to repay their debts to China. Some African governments have been accused of undertaking monstrous white elephant BRI projects; among them Standard Gauge Railway in Kenya and Kampala-Entebbe Expressway in Uganda. The projects are now faced with insurmountable problems of debt repayment and the uncertain global environment putting a question mark on their economic viability. Projects have been executed with little concern for issues related

to economic feasibility and social and environmental risks.

Botswana has withdrawn from a 300 km road rehabilitation project because financial negotiations have taken longer than usual because of discrepancies in terms and conditions. Kenya and Uganda have pulled out of negotiations from the Naivasha to Kampala Standard Gauge Railway project for the same reason. "I wish those responsible for the SGR would have looked at repayment. It's a massive investment project, to have repayment being done in 20 to 30 years," Kenyan economist Victor Kimosop has been quoted in the VOA report in the contest of the Mombasa to Nairobi and Nairobi to Naivasha railway project.

In the latest setback for BRI in Africa, an oil pipeline being built with Chinese assistance at Niger has been threatened by an internal security crisis. A \$400 million deal was signed in April this year with PetroChina for laying the 1,930-km-long pipeline from the Chinese-built Agadem oil field in Niger to the port of Cotonou in Benin. In June, there was an attack on the pipeline by rebel group Patriotic Liberation Front that disabled a part of the pipeline. The group has threatened more attacks if the deal with China is not cancelled.

Among the reasons for unsuccessful negotiations and abandoned projects are disagreements over terms, the risk that African countries will not pay their share of project costs, concern over African debt levels and the problems in executing thermal power projects because of global warming. The Covid-19 pandemic has complicated the situation with respect to re-

payment of Chinese debt by African countries. Nearly 40 percent of the African countries are now estimated to be at high risk of debt distress. In 2021, 30 of the 48 countries that were part of the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative were from Africa. This initiative allows less developed countries to suspend the payment of the principal and the interest on their debts to G20 member countries. China had to write off 23 loans from 17 African countries and provide debt refinancing and deferring of payment to several other African nations. Kenya has already approached the U.S. for financial assistance.

U.S. President Joe Biden has appealed to the African nations that the U.S. can be a better partner in the economic revival of these nations than China. Loans from Beijing carry high interest rates and other difficult terms. China is reluctant to write off foreign debt and is secretive about how much money it has loaned. The U.S. has called on international financial institutions to coordinate debt relief and support through multilateral funding agencies offering better terms.

India is also coming up in a big way to replace China as the main country helping to bridge the infrastructure gap in Africa. The Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone has made an entry in Tanzania with the signing of a 30-year agreement with Tanzania Port Authority to operate and manage a terminal at the Dar es Salaam Port in the east African country. "We are confident that with our expertise and network in ports and logistics, we will be able to enhance trade volumes and economic cooperation between our ports and East Africa. We will strive to transform Dar es Salaam Port into a world class port," APSEZ Managing Director Karan Adani has said.

Senior executive of India's Shapoorji Pallonji Group S. Kuppaswami has recently said in Washington that infrastructure projects set up by Indian companies in Africa are helping strengthen ties with African countries and called upon American development finance institutions to collaborate with India to ensure early execution of such projects to regain the trust of nations lost out to China. These projects by India have "phenomenally" strengthened India's ties with African nations, he has told PTI in an interview.

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# Feeding Programme Boosts Enrollment In Kajiado

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Light Up Hope introduced a school feeding programme in Kajiado County in 2022 to address the issue of children dropping out of school due to a prolonged drought.

The programme, which was introduced in 210 public primary schools, supported 79,000 pupils by offering lunch.

This balanced diet improves their overall nutrition and health. Since its introduction, enrollment in public primary schools in Kajiado County has steadily increased, from 84% in 2022 to 97% in 2024.

The organisation is education-focused, recognising that hungry children cannot focus in class.

In addition to the feeding programme, Light Up Hope offers educational scholarships for bright and needy learners, from primary school to university.



Light Up Hope aims to alleviate poverty in Kenya and currently supports 260 girls in high schools and 100 uni-

versity students on full scholarships, primarily from underprivileged families.

These girls are rescued from early marriages and given a chance to continue their education.

# Residents Want The National Government To Manage Amboseli Park

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Nakuru residents have opposed a proposal to transfer the management of Amboseli National Park to Kajiado County, arguing that the transfer would downgrade the park's legal status as a globally recognised biodiversity hotspot.

The Baharini Residents Association Chairman, Morris Otieno, expressed concern that the transfer might reverse the conservation that has been maintained by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and the community.

He stated that Kajiado County Council did not have the expertise, resources, and staff to maintain infrastructure, including roads and bridges inside the park, connected to other natural parks.

Conservationist John Kuria argued that the transfer would affect the movement of wild animals from

Mara to Amboseli and Tsavo West, observing that the county government did not have the capacity to manage the park.

He petitioned the national government to re-evaluate the decision and prioritise the long-term well-being of Amboseli and Kenya's conservation efforts.

Johnson Ndegwa, a hotelier, suggested a revenue-sharing deal between the national and county governments to enhance adequate incentives for communities.

The Amboseli ecosystem supports a web of migratory corridors and dispersal areas connecting the park with adjacent group ranches and neighbouring conservation areas like Chyulu Hills, Tsavo West, and Kilimanjaro West in Tanzania.

The views contradict those of Kajiado leaders, led by Governor Joseph Ole Lenku, who insist that Amboseli will be in safe hands under the management of the county government.



14 POEMS

# A Tree

You grow from the ground,  
If you have fruit, you are prey.  
Your head is always proud,  
Proud of you as well.

You stayed in the winter, my dear,  
But you see my house.  
You in the autumn month,  
Get rich in gold.

In the spring you bloomed,  
You sent elegance.  
Even in the summer you are dressed,  
You've had your fill of green.

Ihomova Mohichehra, 8th grade of  
the 9th general secondary school of  
Zarafshan city, Navoi region



# NOT TO SAY...

Unspeakable heartache,  
The moaning of the eyes is not noticeable.  
Irreparable eyelash fracture,  
The smile veil is not visible.

How many unspoken statements,  
There are many untold sorrows  
The door of unopened sorrows,  
Not to mention the cradle of imagination.

Old maple, unopened heart,  
It is as if the word was not said.  
Sometimes the eyes recognize us,  
Those who put it on others are cheating!

In fact, the heart is the house of God.  
And tears are the gates of Heaven.  
His servant has a gift,  
Patience is an example of suffering!

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# Journalism



Annotation

This article discusses the field of journalism, the profession and how it works. Also the article talks about the fields of journalism. Opinion was expressed about the main weapon and relevance of this profession.

Keywords: Journalism, information, profession, media, Newspapers, journalist

The main part: Journalism is the production and distribution of reports on the interaction of events, facts, ideas and people that are the news of the day and that informs society to least degree of accuracy. The word a noun, applies to the occupation professional or not, the methods of gathering information and the organizing literary styles. The appropriate role for journalism varies from country to country as do perceptions of the profession, and the resulting status. In some nations, the news media are controlled by government and are not independent consume news. In others, news media are independent of the government; countries may have differing implementations of laws handling the freedom of speech of the press as well as slander and libel cases. The proliferation of the internet and smartphones has brought significant changes to the media landscape since the turn of the 21 st century.

This has created a shift in the consumption of print media channels, as people increasingly through e-readers, smartphones and other personal electronic devices, as opposed to the more traditional formats of newspapers, magazines or television news channels. News organizations are challenged to fully monetize their digital wing as well as improvise on the context in which they publish in print. Newspapers have seen print revenues sink at a faster pace than the rate of growth for digital revenues. Journalistic ethics and standards comprise principles of ethics and good practice applicable to journalists.

This subset of media ethics and the canons commonly appear in statements by print, broadcast, and online news organizations. There are around 400 codes covering journalistic work around the world. While various codes may differ in the detail of their content and come from different cultural including the principles of truthfulness, accuracy and fact – based communications, independence, objectivity, impartiality, fairness, respect for others and public accountability, as these apply to the gathering, editing and dissemination of newsworthy information to the public.

Conclusion: Like many broader ethical system, the ethics of journalism include the principle of limitation of harm. This may involve enhanced respect for vulnerable. Groups and the withholding of certain details from report, such as the names off minor children, crime victims names, or information not materially related to the news report where the release of such information might, for examples, harm someons reputation or put them at undue risk.

Elnora Khusanova, Ko'chkak neighborhood, Karshi city, Kashkadarya region, Republic of Uzbekistan

# Great Teacher



The light of enlightenment has turned on  
the world,  
He looked at the world with flawless eyes.  
Your love flowed like a river,  
You are that teacher, the great teacher.

May your life be short or long,  
You are always the best in our hearts,  
Your name will be remembered day and  
night,  
You are that teacher, the great teacher.

Many are following in your footsteps,  
Soaking up goodness in your every word,  
Go after you and collect prayers,

You are that teacher, the great teacher.

You are the owner of a priceless thought,  
You are the one who gave hope for the  
future.

You are proud to say that I have a  
student.

You are that teacher, great teacher.

Know that the value of teachers does  
not fade

Don't forget your name,  
Know that the lakes do not move from  
our kitchen,  
You are that teacher, the great teacher.

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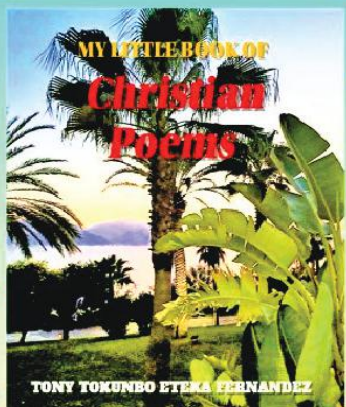
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## FEATURE

# From Motor Industry To Building And Construction, The Story Of Interior Designer Emmanuel Kevine



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## Worth Noting:

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- Unbowed to give up, Kevine opted for several courses in the motor industry while his peers who he beat in the nation exams carried on with their studies in boarding schools.

In several instances, we've moved from one career to another in pursuit of happiness or even better living while others are inspired by curiosity.

Emmanuel Kevine is one of many who quit his career in the motor industry to explore the ever evolving building and construction industry.

Born over three decades ago in Siaya, the first born in a family of four had always hoped to be an engineer when he grew up. That was his childhood dream that he held so dearly.

But Kevin's dream would be thwarted after exemplary performance in his Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams

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"It was a very disappointment as I watched those I had beaten in the exams carry on with their studies when my fate remained unknown but I'm glad I took a challenge to explore the only available opportunity which was to join a polytechnic." He said during an exclusive interview with this publisher

He would set on a journey that was to define not only his childhood dream but also his family's social status.

Emmanuel says he would walk the eight kilometers journey to the polytechnic covering about sixteen kilometers of walk from Monday to Saturday.

The one year journey broomed Emmanuel to a motor savvy in automotive body repair, radiator and brake bonding.

Equipped with these skills, he set out for Nairobi in 2010 to explore the opportunities at the capital, a journey he says was quite challenging.

He would later join Daima Milk, which is owned by Devyani Food Industries Kenya Limited in the production wing.

As a family man at the time, Emman-



Emmanuel Kevine.

uel managed to raise enough money for joining Mathare vocational training to pursue a course in building and construction later to major in interior design.

After successfully completing his training, he quit his job and ventured into interior design.

But juggling in this evolving and demanding career called for patience and this he says, is what has stood for him for the last eight years.

"My first earning from this job was

Ksh. 300 and with a young family and bills to pay, it was apparent to me that it could be one of my worst moves. Ksh. 300 a day was not enough to cater for my family. But I was persuaded by instincts to be patient and work hard." He said

After working under one of his mentors for close to three years, he established his business brand 'Katinah Interiors' named after his maternal grandmother who is currently in her early 90s. He attributes his efforts to

the life lived by his maternal grandmother who he says is his greatest motivation.

Mr. Emmanuel who is keen on being one of the most sought interior designers running a reputable company in the country has urged youths to embrace courses offered in vocational training and institutes as the Industries are still evolving and having such skills would be of great impact in the economy.



# PROJECT CATALOG

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# The Slumbering Sentinel: IPOA's Dereliction of Duty in Kenya's Police Brutality Crisis



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Kenya's Police Brutality .

## Worth Noting:

The concept of democratic policing, as elucidated in the landmark case of *Ransley v Republic* (2018) eKLR, emphasizes the necessity of police accountability to civilian oversight bodies. Justice Mumbi Ngugi, in her ruling, underscored that “the police must not only be accountable to the law but also to the democratic will of the people.” This judicial pronouncement serves as a damning indictment of IPOA's current modus operandi, which seems to prioritize bureaucratic inertia over proactive oversight.

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Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) stands as a beacon of hope for citizens seeking accountability and justice in the realm of law enforcement. In the tumultuous landscape of Kenya's evolving democracy. Established under the Independent Policing Oversight Authority Act of 2011, this statutory body was meant to be the vanguard of police reform, ensuring that the Kenya Police Service operates within the bounds of the law and respects human rights. However, recent events have cast a long shadow over IPOA's efficacy, revealing a stark disparity between its mandate and its actual performance, particularly in addressing the egregious instances of police brutality witnessed during public demonstrations.

The *raison d'être* of IPOA is multifaceted, encompassing the investigation of police misconduct, monitoring police operations, and recommending policy changes to enhance the effectiveness and accountability of the police force. Yet, in the face of mounting evidence of excessive force, extrajudicial killings, and flagrant violations of constitutional rights by police officers during protests, IPOA's response has been lackluster at best and complicit at worst. This dereliction of duty not only undermines the very foundation of democratic policing but also erodes public trust in the institutions meant to safeguard civil liberties.

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The principle of proportionality, a cornerstone of ethical policing, has been egregiously violated in numerous instances of crowd control operations. The case of *Katiba Institute v Independent Policing Oversight Authority & 3 others* [2018] eKLR highlighted IPOA's statutory obligation to investigate such violations *suo moto*. However, IPOA's tepid response to well-documented cases of disproportionate force usage betrays a systemic failure in fulfilling its legislative mandate.

IPOA's apparent somnolence in the face of escalating police brutality can be attributed to a confluence of factors, including but not limited to, inadequate resourcing, political interference, and a lack of investigative zeal. The Authority's failure to leverage its statutory powers to compel cooperation from the police force, as provided for under Section 7 of the IPOA Act, is particularly troubling. This reluctance to assert its authori-

ty perpetuates a culture of impunity within the police ranks and undermines the very rationale for IPOA's existence.

The concept of “command responsibility,” as articulated in international human rights law and recognized in Kenyan jurisprudence through cases like *Robert Alai v The Hon. Attorney General & another* [2017] eKLR, places the onus on senior police officials for the actions of their subordinates. IPOA's failure to pursue high-ranking officers for their role in orchestrating or condoning brutality during protests represents a significant lacuna in its oversight function and contravenes the spirit of command responsibility.

IPOA's inefficacy in ensuring the implementation of its recommendations, as mandated by Section 6(k) of the IPOA Act, has rendered much of its work exercises in futility. The case of *Law Society of Kenya v Inspector General of Police & 3 others* [2015] eKLR emphasized the binding nature of IPOA's recommendations on the police service. Yet, the persistent flouting of these recommendations without consequence underscores IPOA's inability or unwillingness to exercise its full authority.

The principle of police demilitarization, a crucial aspect of democratic policing, has been largely ignored in Kenya, with IPOA failing to adequately address the increasing militarization of police responses to civilian protests. This trend, which runs counter to the ethos of community policing espoused in the National Police Service Act, has been met with a conspicuous silence from IPOA, further cementing its reputation as a feckless oversight mechanism.

The deficiencies of the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA)

extend beyond mere administrative lapses and instead undermine the foundational principles of Kenya's constitutional framework. The constitutional right to life, as articulated in Article 26 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and the constitutionally protected freedom of assembly under Article 37, are routinely infringed upon during law enforcement actions targeting protestors. IPOA's persistent inability to conduct thorough and expeditious investigations into these breaches constitutes a *de facto* abandonment of its constitutionally mandated responsibilities, thereby betraying the public trust bestowed upon it.

IPOA's systemic failures not only jeopardize the sanctity of constitutional guarantees but also erode the rule of law upon which Kenya's democratic governance is predicated. By neglecting to uphold its statutory obligations to investigate and prosecute instances where fundamental rights are violated, IPOA perpetuates a climate of impunity within law enforcement agencies. This climate not only subverts public confidence in the accountability mechanisms designed to safeguard civil liberties but also undermines the credibility of Kenya's legal and judicial systems on the international stage.

In essence, the persistent shortcomings of IPOA do not solely constitute bureaucratic inefficiencies but rather manifest as a systemic failure that undermines the very fabric of Kenya's constitutional democracy. The continued disregard for constitutional protections and the rule of law in the face of recurring violations during police operations underscores the urgent need for comprehensive reform and robust enforcement of accountability measures within Kenya's law enforcement agencies.

In conclusion, the Independent Policing Oversight Authority stands at a critical juncture. Its continued ineffectiveness in the face of rampant police brutality not only jeopardizes the lives and liberties of Kenyan citizens but also threatens the very fabric of democratic governance. The Authority must undergo a radical transformation, shedding its current image as a toothless watchdog and embracing its role as a robust, independent, and proactive guardian of ethical policing. Failure to do so will render IPOA nothing more than a bureaucratic appendage, complicit in the very abuses it was created to prevent, and ultimately irrelevant in the pursuit of a just and democratic Kenya.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Climatic Change

By Ann Mutisya.

Climatic change, commonly referred to as climate change, is one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity today. It encompasses a range of long-term shifts in temperature, precipitation patterns, sea levels, and other aspects of the Earth's climate system. This phenomenon is primarily driven by human activities, particularly the emission of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide into the atmosphere.

The consequences of climatic change are far-reaching and profound. Rising global temperatures have led to more frequent and intense heatwaves, altering ecosystems, and endangering vulnerable species. Melting glaciers and

ice sheets contribute to rising sea levels, posing threats to coastal communities and island nations. Changes in precipitation patterns lead to extreme weather events, including more severe hurricanes, droughts, and flooding, with devastating impacts on agriculture, water resources, and infrastructure.

Addressing the climatic change crisis requires a multi-faceted approach, involving international cooperation, policy changes, technological advancements, and individual efforts. One of the key solutions lies in transitioning to renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower. This shift away from fossil fuels would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the drivers of

climatic change.

Another crucial aspect is the adoption of sustainable land use and forestry practices. Forests act as carbon sinks, absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, so protecting and restoring forests is essential. Additionally, promoting sustainable agriculture and reducing deforestation can help prevent further degradation of ecosystems and biodiversity loss.

International agreements and policies play a pivotal role in addressing climate change. The Paris Agreement, for instance, outlines commitments from nations to limit global temperature rise and enhance climate resilience. Governments must work together to set and achieve emission reduction targets, while also providing support to

vulnerable countries in adapting to the impacts of climatic change.

Individual actions are also vital in this fight. By reducing energy consumption, using public transportation, and adopting more sustainable lifestyle choices, individuals can collectively contribute to reducing carbon footprints. Raising awareness and educating the public about the importance of climate change can foster a sense of responsibility and drive further actions.

Technological innovations are key in developing solutions to the crisis. Advances in carbon capture and storage, renewable energy storage, and sustainable agriculture practices can significantly mitigate the impact of human activities on the environment. Investing in research and development

of these technologies is essential for a sustainable future.

In conclusion, climatic change poses a serious threat to the planet and its inhabitants. However, by implementing a combination of strategies, including transitioning to renewable energy sources, adopting sustainable land use practices, international cooperation, and individual efforts, we can work towards mitigating its effects. It's a collective responsibility that requires immediate and sustained action to ensure a habitable planet for future generations.



## Fight Against Climate Change Is Everyone's Responsibility

Rising global heat has raised concerns globally on how to combat and reduce the excruciating rise in temperatures worldwide. Even as there is general outcry in climate change and its effects mainly on agriculture, marine life, animal and health there's continued emission of greenhouse gases and careless waste dumping in the World.

We need to check on our humanity and attitude in order to bring this global risk to a halt. According to the United Nations Environment program, enhanced mitigation action is

needed to prevent climate change effects on food security and health.

It's through our human habits that lead to harmful emissions and the worst thing us that we're reluctant about changing mentality to combat. Cities that are home to 55% of global population or 4.2 billion people are responsible for up to 70% of human caused emission.

The results are seen every day and seem scary, in Kenya climate change has really affected pastoralist communities farmers and the whole country at large .examples are drought, Lake

Bogoria and Lake Victoria rise of water levels, poor harvest due to change in rainfall patterns there reducing the farmer output in production. The climate change related calamities exacerbate socioeconomic challenges and inequalities.

Globally by 2050s over 1.6 billion people living in over 970 cities will regularly be exposed to 3- month average temperatures reaching at least 35 degree celcius. The gaze has now shifted to the COP27 coming up in Egypt will developed nations who are big effluents emitters chat

the path to change a move that will steer developing countries to adapt to?. This is an indicator that we have to brace by going direct to action oriented approach.

President William Ruto stressed on tree planting which is a strategy that other leaders before him talked about from time to time but did not achieve the expected result. The question remains, what new insights into the issue does he have in store to beat the deadlock? Kenyans should also move swiftly to answer the president's call by being personal ambas-

sadors to climate change mitigation through the daily activities that they do right from proper waste disposal, recycling plastics and conserving domestic environment.

Inculcating a culture of tree planting at home, to school going children, maintaining gardens and tree spaces in schools, churches and in the respective communities is the way to go.

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## The Threat Inside University And College Love Relationships

It concerns that University and College love relationships are becoming rampant and as a basic requirement. Without closing eyes that the students are adults, close awareness and advice is needed. Cases of murder are being reported involving students causing unfortunate setbacks. The freedom and lack of monitoring gives them way to indulge in this.

The moment a form four candidate joins the institutions is innocent until they recognize the existing groups. Indeed you can learn a character and a behaviour is developed. The easy first years drop into relationships with the other years is concerning. We have realized this is prompted by exposure and the freedom. Not only

these relaxes them from persuing their courses but also exposes them to uncertainties.

There are instances students are living together as couples without the knowledge of their parents. But parents pay rent knowing their child stays alone. We approached a student; Benard says they were trying to explore the dynamics of love! This is brought about by peer pressure from fellow students, online love trends and immoral individuals.

According to statistics from the Ministry of Health HIV transmission is high among youths of age 15 to 24 who majority are studying in universities and colleges. The insinuation from fellow students' pres-

ures others for instance when having random group chats and sees you as innocent afterwards they try to mock you. Maybe because of lacking a principled upbringing one falls into the trap and even becomes a notorious love getter. Having unprotected intimacy increases the triple threat of HIV and AIDS. It continues as a series of cycles. An example when a student claims to have a list of those comrades they have been together.

There are also some students depending on older people for money in exchange of sex to 'suspect' that their parents cannot provide for them. For the sake of huge pockets this is becoming enormous and to say at the same time they have either student

boyfriend or girlfriend. All is done in secrecy but nowadays they have started normalizing it. During weekends they are transported to specific towns and returned on a new week.

The cases of students taking life of the other for love are worrying. This can be quoted where some students say that campus is home for cheating and it is normal. Indeed the behaviours exhibited are not normal but strange. This calls for parents and guardians to encourage being near, open and talking to their sons and daughters to understand what they are undergoing such as depression and other issues involving love.

Most of these are setbacks that need to be countered crucially for the

breakthrough of this younger future generation from all these odds. These relationships cannot be recognized fully as bad but the way students are approaching them is threatening. Advice, close awareness, being open to them about love relationships and sensitizing them can impact them positively in their lives.

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# Lewa Marathon Postponed Over Tax Revolt Demonstrations in The Country

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The much annually anticipated Lewa Safari Marathon has been postponed to next year following the current tax revolt across major towns in the country.

In a communication from the sponsor of the Lewa Safari Marathon scheduled for June, Saturday 29, The Lewa Conservancy and Tusk Trust, announced the postponement in respect to the democratic right of Kenyans.

“This decision has been made in light of the current situation in the country. We respect the democratic processes taking place and wish to be sensitive to the matter at hand, this we have decided to postpone the event to next year,” read a part of the statement.

Lewa Safari Marathon is an annual event that brings athletes from various parts of the world and conservation enthusiasts to support wildlife conservation and community devel-

opment initiatives across the country. The conservancy has spearheaded the protection of endangered wildlife species in the country including the white rhino and Grevy zebras, with additional sponsorship of vulnerable members of the community in the country, from the funds raised from the marathon.

The organisation expressed its disappointment to the participants, however assured the registered participants of the money being forwarded to the event scheduled for next year.

“We understand the disappointment this news may cause to participants, partners and supporters looking forward to this unique event. We are committed to ensuring that the Lewa Marathon returns stronger and better next year. The new dates will be announced in due course, and all registrations will be carried forward to the rescheduled event,” Lewa Conservancy and Tusk Trust stated.

The country has witnessed a series of protests in the country following the controversial Finance Bill 2024, which many Kenyans and leaders from different political divide as punitive and a burden to common mwa-



An aerial view of Marathoners participating in the Lewa Marathon. Photo: James Lewin Photography.

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However, President William Ruto did not sign the contentious Bill, calling for its withdrawal from the National Assembly, which had already proceeded to a recess till July 22.

In a statement released by the Kenya

Human Rights Commission (KHRC) on July, Monday 1, the commission stated 24 Kenyans have been killed since the start of the protests, which resulted from gunshot by the police.

Twelve-year-old Kennedy Onyango from Ongata-Rongai, is among the

fatalities reported after being killed by police officers, 32 people reportedly abducted and at least 361 Kenyans injured from the protests.

# Katanha New Book By Beni Dya Mbaxi Arrives In Brazil

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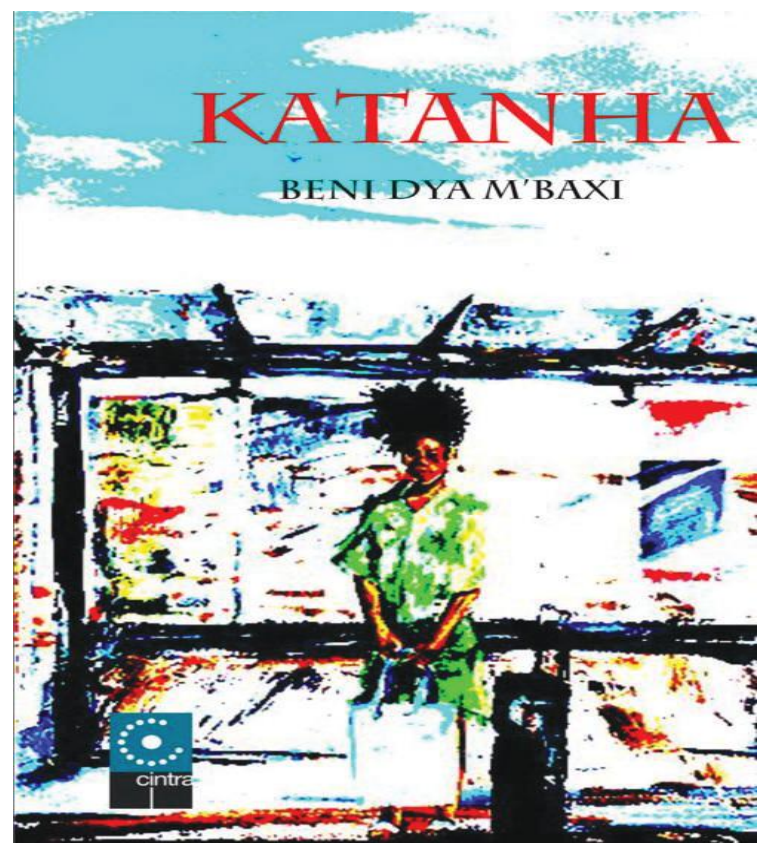
The works of the young Angolan writer Beni Dya Mbaxi are increasingly conquering the South American country, Brazil, with his literary works. This time, “KATANHA” arrives on the Brazilian literary market, with the seal of Editora Cintra, after “A Última Masoxi e a A Menina da Burca”, Beni Dya Mbaxi is the author of seven books, recently he was distinguished as best “Best Activist Lusophone Literary”, in Botswana.

The publisher is located in the state of São Paulo, hired the Angolan author who has published several works and won several awards, and has a wealth of renowned writers in the Brazilian literary market, such as Ricardo Ramos Filho, grandson of the great writer Brazilian Graciliano

Ramose, among others. It is worth remembering that Beni Dya Mbaxi is a regular columnist for the Brazilian blog Choque Cultural Buique, international newspaper The Diáspora Times Global. Writer for Tabanka TV in London, England, ambassador for the “African Writers Round Table” Magazine in Zimbabwe, columnist for the Brazilian blog “Pensamentos e Poesias, and representative and columnist for the Khuluma Afrika-Speak Magazine in South Africa. He has participated in several international anthologies ; Chronicles from Africa, from Zimbabwe, African Poetree, from South Africa, and “Sementes de Paz”, from the international group of writers voices from the diaspora, from England. And highlighted by P.A.W.A “Pan African Writers Association. The publisher and the writer have a contract valid for five years, which was signed in February 2023.



Angolan writer Beni Dya Mbaxi



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## Kenya Beat Zimbabwe In COSAFA, But Semi-Final Hopes On Hold



Emerging Stars players celebrate their win over Zimbabwe in the COSAFA Cup. PHOTO/FKF

Second half goals from the dynamic Gor Mahia duo of Austin Odhiambo and Benson Omalla saw Kenya's U23 team, the Emerging Stars, beat Zimbabwe 2-0 in Port Elizabeth on Tuesday afternoon in their final Group B match at the COSAFA Cup.

The victory took Kenya to second spot in the group, behind group winners Comoros, who beat Zambia 1-0 in the other match played concurrently.

Kenya's hopes of a semi-final place are only dependent on if they can be ranked as the best second placed team in the competition.

The Emerging Stars now hope that one of Angola and Namibia, from Group C, lose their final matches tomorrow, for them to sneak in.

Both Angola and Namibia are on four points. They face Lesotho and Seychelles respectively,

with the two sides having picked only a point each after two games.

Stars were faced with a must win match against Zimbabwe, hitherto group leaders, if they had to rake in any hopes of a semi-final after losing to Comoros on Sunday.

### Cagy first half

The first half was cagy, with few outright opportunities at goal. Kenya had two half chances, Rooney Onyango shooting over from the edge of the box after picking a loose ball while Hassan Beja couldn't control the ball from close range after the keeper had spilled a Geoffrey Onyango cross.

In the second half, Kenya started with pace and they broke the deadlock just six minutes after the restart when Odhiambo rifled in the ball from the right af-



ter picking a cross from skipper Rooney.

Omalla then gave the game a distance in the 69th minute when he extended a foot after running to a long ball, lifting it over the keeper who had come off his line.

The Zimbabweans, who had not conceded a goal in the tournament, gave in a fight to try get back into contention, but Stars defended well to secure the win.

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# Rwanda Secure Second Consecutive Win, Defeating Malawi By Nine Wickets In Kenya Quad T20 Cricket Series



The Kenya Quad T20 Cricket Series entered its fourth day at Nairobi Sikh Union ground with Rwanda securing their second consecutive win, defeating Malawi by nine wickets on yesterday morning. After losing their first two matches to Malawi and Kenya, Rwanda bounced back with an impressive performance. They chased down Zambia's target of 137 runs, thanks to an outstanding opening stand of 122 between Didier Ndikubwimana and

Oscar Manishimwe. The partnership, lasting 16.2 overs, featured 14 fours and two sixes. Oscar Manishimwe continued his remarkable form, scoring his fourth consecutive half-century with 70 runs off 50 balls. Ndikubwimana also excelled, contributing 54 runs from 55 balls. Rwanda's skipper, Clinton Rubagumiya, praised his openers and expressed optimism about their continued improvement throughout the series.

"The top-order batsmen have been up to the task and they have done the work. It's our hope that they will keep on improving with each match," Rubagumiya said. Earlier in the day, siblings Gift Kansonkho (33) and Donnex Kansonkho (17) provided Malawi with a strong start, putting up 59 runs in 9 overs. However, Rwanda made a crucial breakthrough with the dismissal of Gift Kansonkho. Despite contributions of 28 and 38 runs from Aftab Limdawa-

la and Sami Sohail respectively, Malawi couldn't set a comfortable target for Rwanda to chase. Eric Kubwimana was the stand-out bowler for Rwanda, taking 2 wickets for 14 runs. Rwanda's next match is scheduled for Wednesday against hosts Kenya, while Malawi will face off against Zambia.

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# Our Youths Of The Present Days Who Are Living For The Pain Of The Nation



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## Worth Noting:

- Do you know why they live in the heart of the nation? The progressives who came to the field with the noble idea of "Unity in language, thought, and work" held a torch to the Turkic world thirsty for knowledge, thought about the fate of the nation's children, and looked forward to the future of the nation.
- They were able to see the way out of ignorance in education, schools, theaters and libraries. In the most severe system fluctuations, they burned in order to send young people to study in advanced times, to share enlightenment. The ideas of Jadids became a powerful force in the path of national revival and restoration of national ideology and shook the society.



Youths in Uzbekistan.

## ANNOTATION

In general, we need to deeply study the legacy of the revolutionary movement and the enlightened grandfathers. The more we study this spiritual treasure, the more we will find the right answers to many questions that concern us even today. The more actively we promote this priceless wealth, the more our people, especially our youth, will understand the value of today's peaceful and free life.

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After hundreds of years, the history of national identity, the reality of an independent nation, an independent country, and an independent ideology will continue to shine. It is true that their graves, where they cry, have been destroyed, their traces have been erased. But there are souls in which the old ones live - there are

unfading followers of the old ones, who are thirsty for enlightenment - there are unrelenting, old-fashioned literature treasures - they are filled with excitement and read, so they are not dead - they are on the pages we read. is being recreated. Do you know why they live in the heart of the nation? The progressives who came to the field with the noble idea of "Unity in language, thought, and work" held a torch to the Turkic world thirsty for knowledge, thought about the fate of the nation's children, and looked forward to the future of the nation. They were able to see the way out of ignorance in education, schools, theaters and libraries. In the most severe system fluctuations, they burned in order to send young people to study in advanced times, to share enlightenment. The ideas of Jadids became a powerful force in the path of national revival and restoration of national ideology and shook the society.

The happiness of two worlds is in

science and fun,

The pleasure of the soul and the heart is in science and fun,

The glory of the nation is in science and fun.

The focus of the Aghyar people is on science and fun.

We are now protesting and fleeing.

They emphasized that not only boys, but also girls should be educated in order to take a step towards progress. In order for their children to be well-educated, mothers have repeatedly mentioned in their poems that they should also study and be well-educated.

I say that I am in tune with the times, I am ignorant of my own history. Our Zarvoli history is conflicting, it has witnessed both glory and tragedies. I can count the names of my great scholars and grandfathers with my fingers, but I feel resentful that I did not love the country as much as they did, that my heart did not burn for the nation as much as they did. They emphasized that in order to

raise healthy children, they should be knowledgeable, enlightened, and most importantly, parents should help their children acquire modern sciences in time. Munavvarqori Abdurashidkhanov spoke about the responsibility of the parents in the education and upbringing of the child and emphasized that there are those who try their best to make their child enlightened.

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