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Nane Nane Protestors Freed On Bond As Youth Vow To Continue Nation-Wide Protests



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On the far left, wearing a cap, is Booker Ngesa Omole, the National Vice Chairperson of the Communist Party of Kenya. At the centre are the lawyer representing the Law Society of Kenya and Activist Kasmuel McOure, who is delivering the statement.

Dozens of protestors who were arrested during the Nane Nane protests on Thursday were on Friday freed on bond.

The protestors, detained after participating in the demonstrations that took place across the country, faced charges ranging from unlawful assembly to disturbing public order.

The arrests occurred amid growing tensions between the youth and law enforcement, as protests have continued to gain momentum in recent weeks.

The protests, which have been held every Tuesday and Thursday, are driven by a coalition of youth movements advocat-

ing for greater accountability, economic opportunities, and social justice.

Despite the crackdown, a section of the youth has vowed to continue with the nation-wide protests, undeterred by the arrests.

"We had a number of 17 advocates today at Nairobi City Court who had taken to represent the 87 persons who were arrested yesterday as a result of the protest, we have noticed with a lot of concern that the state has launched cases against this the accused persons, ranging from various offenses such as obstruction of traffic, obstruction of free flow, of human

also there is, there's a claim of drunk and disorderly. All these we know there are feverous charges which were leveled against peaceful protesters who were accessing their right under the Constitution, under Article 37 of the Constitution against poor governance, against the lack of accountability, against the excessive use of police force," said Stephen Wanjiru council member LSK

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The protests have been marked by high levels of participation from the younger generation, particularly those from the Gen Z demographic, who have increasingly taken to the streets to demand reforms. The government, on the other hand, has called for calm, urging the youth to pursue dialogue rather than confrontation.

In his remarks, Activist Kasmuel McOure accused NIS of planting posters on social media trying to show that the movement is not United.

"Disregard these malicious posters that the NIS is planting on social media to try and sow disunity. Disregard any posters or any direction that does not come from the collective, and we want to firmly and very, very categorically call out anybody who uses the name of the movement to enrich themselves and so disunity amongst the people. We shall deal with you. As our comrades have said, we will organize at grassroots," McOure remarked.

As the protests are expected to continue in the coming weeks, the situation remains tense, with many watching closely to see how the government and law enforcement will respond to the sustained pressure from the youth. The ongoing demonstrations highlight the growing frustrations among the younger population, who are demanding a more inclusive and responsive governance system.



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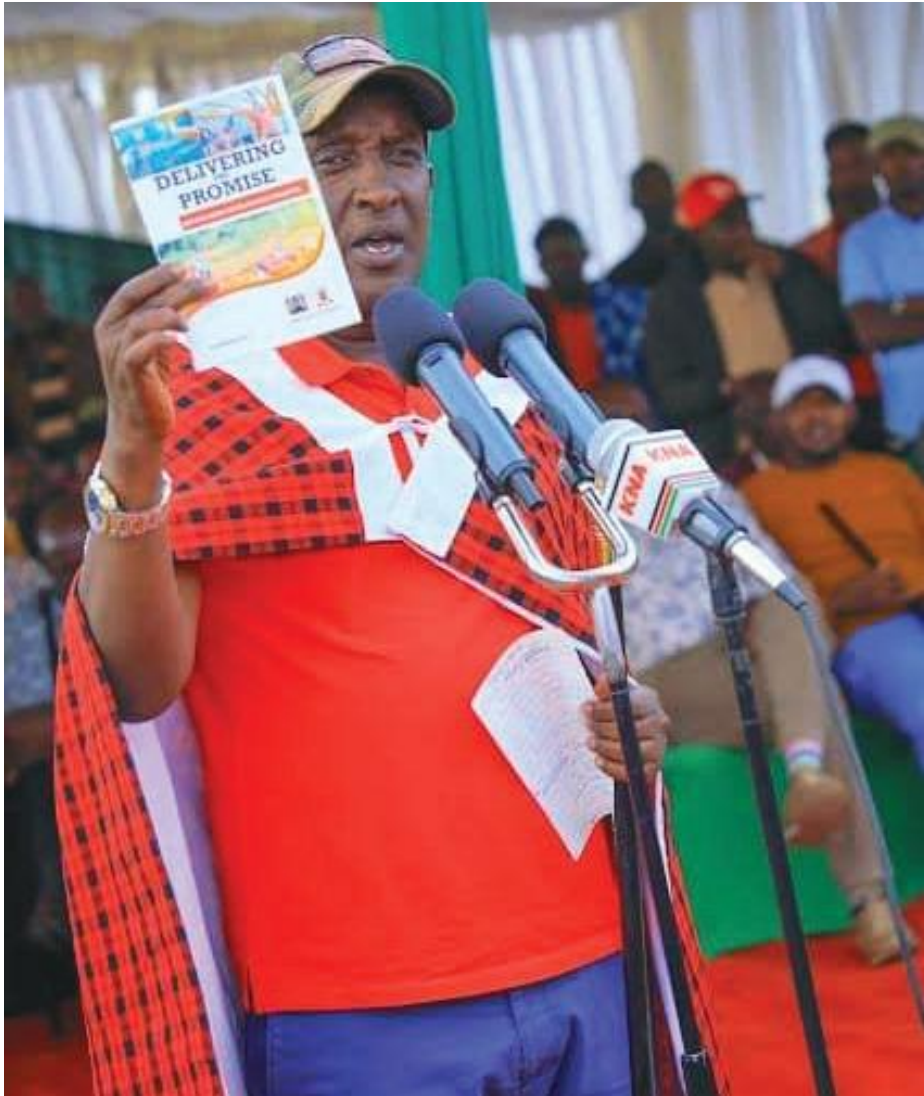
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We are in discussion with the Department of Education to see how we can convert all schools in this Mosiro ward to be boarding schools to give the learners a conducive environment to learn and compete with other learners from other areas,” said Narok County Governor Patrick Ntutu. Ntutu noted that many children would miss school because of wild animals that loiter in the bushy area looking for food and water, hence compromising their performance in national examinations. He said the boarding schools would also help to fight retrogressive practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), early marriages, teenage pregnancies, and child labour as the children would be contained in school. “Sometime we blame our children for not performing well in national examinations, but we do not sit back to look at their learning environment. We need to up our game by creating boarding facilities in all schools that will allow children in the upper school to board,” said Governor Ntutu.



The County Government of Busia through the Veterinary Department has conducted two surgeries including castration and vaccination of two dogs. The surgeries were conducted on two dogs at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) Lab located in Busia town. According to Busia CEC Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and the Blue Economy, Dr. Symplious Mukok the exercise is part of the Agriculture Department’s initiative to manage the dog population and prevent the spread of diseases.



The Education Ministry is in discussions with International Poverty Action (IPA) to establish the Education Evidence Hub (EEH), a hub that will harness the power of data to improve policy actions on education issues. The hub, code-named Education Evidence Hub (EEH), will enable policymakers to analyse and generate usable data to guide policy actions on various aspects of education. The Kenya Education Information System (KEMIS) will be leveraged to provide accurate data for planning and strategic decision-making on various aspects of education. The hub is an innovative approach to policymaking that fosters the identification of cost-effective innovations in education policy, which are piloted and evaluated using administrative data to determine their effectiveness. The hub aims to improve the consolidation, analysis, and synthesis of information to guide decision-making on education matters.

The Principal Secretary in the State Department for Livestock Jonathan Mueke (third left in white dust coat) holds a goat to be vaccinated when he launched a nationwide sheep and goat vaccination exercise at Umai in Mbeere South, Embu County. The animals will be vaccinated against the Peste des Petits Ruminants that largely affects small livestock and camels.



Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Cabinet Secretary Eng. Eric Murithi Muga on Friday held a familiarization meeting with both Principal Secretaries for Water and Sanitation Julius Korir and CPA Ephanthus Kimotho of Irrigation at Ministry headquarters at Maji House. The two PSs briefed the new CS on the planned and ongoing development projects in the Ministry. Also present were Water Secretary Eng. SAO Alima, Irrigation Secretary Eng. Vincent Kabuti, Secretary Administration for Water and Sanitation Stephen Kihara and Secretary Administration for Irrigation David Yatich among other officials.

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Thiba Dam Site Assets Handed Over To Kirinyaga County Government As Waiguru Promises To Convert It Into Hospital

By: MKT Reporter
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National Irrigation Authority Chief Executive Officer Eng. Charles Mwasia (3rd right) handing over keys to Kirinyaga County Deputy Governor David Githanda..

County Government of Kirinyaga has been handed over assets owned by the National Irrigation Authority (NIA) at the Thiba Dam site.

Governor Anne Waiguru said the assets which includes; a medical clinic, residential houses, dormitories, canteen and offices will be converted into a medical facility.

The handing over of the assets follows a directive by President William Ruto during the commissioning of Thiba Dam in October 2022.

In a ceremony held at the site, NIA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Engineer Charles Mwasia, who oversaw the handing over, said the facilities will be of great benefit the local community.

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He further highlighted the success of the Thiba Dam project and its positive impact on the local agricultural sector, noting that “This Thiba dam facility has had great impact on Mwea rice farmers. We have been able to increase immensely the area under irrigation from 25,000 acres too about 35,000 acres.”

During the commissioning of the dam, Governor Waiguru had requested the President to give the construction

site and structures to the County Government for the setting up of a health centre.

Waiguru further requested for KSh50 million support to help the county in transforming the facility into a full medical facility which President Ruto promised to honour.

“As the county government, we will secure funds, and hopefully, the national government can contribute KSh50 million to help revamp the assets into a health center,” she said.

The CoG Chair noted that there had been a significant rise in the number of waterborne diseases and a hospital would help curb these cases.

“The dam has many advantages but has also changed the region’s ecosystem, bringing about diseases such as malaria and other waterborne illnesses. This is why I think it would be ap-

propriate to convert the abandoned offices and assets into a hospital. I assure you, Mr. President, that once we do so, residents of the area will have access to affordable healthcare and will be eternally grateful,” she said.

Deputy Governor David Githanda who represented Governor Waiguru during the handing over ceremony promised that the facility will be put into good use for the benefit of the community.

Githanda expressed his gratitude for the successful transfer of the assets, highlighting the potential impact of a new medical facility on the community’s healthcare services.

“It is a very great gift to us, to the residents of Kirinyaga,” said he Deputy Governor.

He said the assets handed over include six prefabricated residential houses, nine masonry residential houses, two dormitories, and four semi-detached houses, all of which are in excellent condition.

However, transfer of the land on which these assets sits will be concluded later as per the Land Registration Act No. 3 of 2012.

“We are still yet to receive the land. Today we are not receiving the land, but arrangements are being made at a later date, not far from today, I believe. But as from today, the facility is now ours. We have the keys, and we start utilizing,” Githanda said.

Deputy Governor Githanda noted, “We have looked at these buildings, they are in a very good state. All we will do is just some clearing of the bushes, and they are in very good state,” he added.

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Kenya Progresses Toward Vision 2030 With NITA's Successful Youth Training In Bomet

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Principal Secretary of the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime, has stressed the importance of a skilled, productive, competitive, and adaptive human resource base, as fundamental to the government's bottom-up economic transformation agenda and Vision 2030.

Mwadime emphasized that Kenya's ambitious goals' social, economic and political pillars, are deeply rooted in human resource development.

The PS who was joined by Sotik Legislator, Francis Sigei and NITA Acting Director General, Theresa Wasike, highlighted the increasing global demand for domestic workers and their significant socio-economic contributions.

He stated that the growing demand aligns with the Constitutional advocacy for decent work, which promotes gainful employment alongside fundamental rights, adequate income,

representation, and social protection. The graduation ceremony held at Sotik Primary School in Bomet County, reinforced Kenya's commitment to becoming a globally competitive nation with an excellent quality of life for all its citizens by 2030, Thursday, during the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA)-sponsored by Sotik NG-CDF.

"The NITA-Sotik NG-CDF initiative is a vital component of our Vision 2030 strategy," Mwadime said. "By equipping trainees with knowledge and skills, we are enabling them to contribute actively to Kenya's socio-economic development".

He praised NITA for its continuous efforts to meet the evolving industry needs and for its role in training young Kenyans with essential technical skills.

Mwadime encouraged the graduates to leverage their new skills for future success, noting that the true value lies not just in the certificate, but in applying the acquired knowledge.

He described the graduation as a significant milestone and a step towards realizing one's purpose in life, urging the graduates to uphold the principles



Principal Secretary of the State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Shadrack Mwadime conferring certificates during the ceremony

of integrity, innovation, and patriotism.

SotikMember of Parliament Francis Sigei, reported that the training of the 52 graduates, who came from humble backgrounds, cost Sh2.8 million, a significant investment in their future.

Sigei also called on financial institutions, to support young entrepreneurs

in starting businesses, to secure their incomes and contribute to economic growth.

NITA Acting Director General, Theresa Wasike, congratulated the graduates on their achievements, marking the event as a significant milestone in empowering youth with the skills needed for Kenya's evolving indus-

trial landscape.

"This graduation reflects our collective effort to educate and equip the youth, which is crucial for driving productivity and fulfilling our mandate to

provide a well-trained workforce," Wasike said.

Trade CS Salim Mvurya Hosts Kenya-US Chief Negotiators, Expects Trade Agreement Conclusion By Friday

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Trade Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya hosted the Kenya and United States Chief Negotiators for the ongoing Kenya-US Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP) negotiations.

The meeting, held in Nairobi, was a key moment in the ongoing discussions aimed at finalizing a comprehensive trade agreement between the two nations.

CS Mvurya expressed optimism that the negotiations, which have been underway for several months, are nearing completion. He indicated that both sides are committed to concluding the talks by Friday, marking a significant milestone in Kenya's trade relations with the United States.

"The progress made so far is commendable, and we are confident that by Friday, we will have a finalized agreement that will not only enhance trade between our two countries but

also create new opportunities for investment and economic growth," said Mvurya.

The Kenya-US Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership seeks to strengthen bilateral trade ties, boost investment flows, and address key issues such as market access, digital trade, agriculture, and intellectual property rights.

The agreement is expected to provide Kenyan exporters with enhanced access to the US market while promoting US investments in Kenya.

The negotiators, led by senior officials from both governments, have been working to resolve outstanding issues and finalize the text of the agreement.

Mvurya emphasized the importance of the deal in bolstering Kenya's economy, particularly in the wake of global economic challenges.

"The successful conclusion of these negotiations will position Kenya as a key trade partner with the US, ensuring that our goods and services can compete effectively in the global market," Mvurya added.

The anticipated agreement is part of



Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade, and industry Salim Mvurya handing over to Hassan Ali Joho the incoming Cabinet Secretary for Mining and Blue Economy

Kenya's broader strategy to diversify its trade partnerships and boost economic growth through international trade agreements.

The Kenya-US trade deal is particularly significant, given the United

States' position as one of Kenya's largest trading partners.

As the Friday deadline approaches, all eyes are on the negotiators to deliver a deal that will set the stage for enhanced economic cooperation be-

tween Kenya and the United States.

The outcome of these negotiations is expected to be announced at a joint press conference, where details of the agreement will be unveiled to the public.

Government To Provide Medical Cover To All School-Going Children

By: PCS

Healthcare will be free for all Kenyans from birth till the age of 18 when the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) begins in the next three months, President William Ruto announced on Friday.

The President said Kenyans will soon begin to enjoy free medical cover under the Social Health Insurance Fund.

President Ruto also pointed out that the EduAfya medical cover that was being provided to secondary school students will be expanded to include learners in primary schools.

Speaking during a tour of development projects in Mathioya, Kiharu and Gatanga constituencies of Murang'a County, he said: "We are changing the old formula, which provided medical insurance for secondary school students only. Now, the government will provide medical insurance to all school-going children up to the age of 18."

President Ruto said the Linda Mama

programme will be expanded for women to enjoy 10 pre-natal and post-natal visits up from the current six.

At the same time, the President encouraged coffee co-operative societies to borrow affordable credit from the KSh3 billion Coffee Cherry Advance Revolving Fund to lend to farmers instead of going to the commercial market.

He noted that the Fund will not only revolutionise coffee farming, but also cushion farmers from predatory lenders.

The Head of State, in the company of his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua, Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Governor Irungu Kang'ata, MPs and MCAs, addressed the people and traders in various towns in the county.

The President launched and commissioned various projects, ranging from roads, electricity and markets which are meant to unlock our country's entrepreneurial potential, boost value addition and manufacturing, expand employment opportunities and power our economic growth.



President William Ruto

Coffee Farmers Earn Ksh 718M At The Auction

By: KNA

Coffee drawn from various estates and cooperative societies have earned Ksh 718 million during this week's auction at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE).

In the auction, 19, 478 bags were traded, where a bag weighing 50 kilos was bought at an average of Ksh 31, 070.

The highest price paid for coffee in the auction, which happened after a three-week recess was Ksh 50, 764 per bag of grade AA.

Grade AA coffee sourced from Kimathi, Kiairia, Mihuti, and Gatomboya factories marketed by Alliance Berries Limited, earned the best prices during the sale.

Kimathi factory achieved the highest price of Ksh 50, 764 for each of its 33 bags of grade AA followed by produce from Kiairia that fetched Ksh 50, 634, Mihuti Ksh 50,375 and

Gatomboya Ksh 48, 044.

At the same time, Kathinhiuku factory produce marketed by the New KPCU achieved Ksh 49, 857 for each of its 109 bags of AA grade.

NCE Chief Executive Officer Lisper Ndung'u confirmed that by closure of the auction, each 1, 203 bags earned above Ksh 39, 000.

During the sale, grade AA coffee traded accounted for 28.9pc after the coffee agents brought 4,710 bags and 7,487 bags of grade AB, translating into 39.15pc of the volume traded during the auction.

"High quality coffee attracts more buyers and usually fetches better prices. It's the humble appeal of the NCE to farmers to produce quality and quantity coffee that will attract many international buyers for competitive prices," said Ndung'u.

Ndung'u further revealed that eight coffee agents and 20 local and international buyers participated in the auction.

In the category of agents, New KPCU and Alliance Berries Limited, presented 7, 053 bags and 6,486 bags

of the coffee respectively.

The NCE report indicated that in the dealer's category, Ibero Kenya led the pack after it bought 6,391 bags of coffee at Ksh 216 million, while C-Dorman bought 2,861 bags for Ksh 123.6 million.

Among other top buyers included Sasini 2,552 bags for Ksh 11.3 million and Taylor Winch, 1,738 bags for Ksh 65.6 million.



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Revamp Curricula To Meet Industry Demands, Universities Challenged

The Microsoft ADC Managing Director Catherine Muraga Spoke At Zetech University, Mangu Campus During The launch Of New Masters And Doctorate Programmes In Computer Science

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Institutions of higher learning that are yet to align their curriculum to job market demands have been challenged to be conform to enhance the employability of their students. Education stakeholders raised the concern saying despite technological advancements the world over, some universities are still stuck in offering non market responsive programmes. Speaking at Zetech University, Mangu Campus in Juja Sub County during the launch of new Masters and Doctorate Programmes in Computer Science, the stakeholders said education managers should network with industry to understand job market needs. “It is a concern that some universities are still stuck with offering archaic degree programmes that are not

marketable, making their students unemployable. They need to link up with the industry and understand job market demands and review their programmes accordingly,” said Catherine Muraga, the managing director Microsoft ADC. She said Microsoft will continue partnering with local universities to assist them in reviewing their curriculum as well as proposing market oriented programmes. Kiambu Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika said skills gap continue to widen due to new technological advancements thus the need for universities to always be responsive in order to remain relevant. She stressed that a collaborative approach between educational institutions and corporate entities is crucial in shaping the future workforce. “We are looking for candidates with expertise in Artificial Intelligence (AI), data analytics, and digital marketing. Unfortunately, many graduates lack these crucial skills, leading



Microsoft ADC Managing Director Catherine Muraga, Kiambu County Deputy Governor Rosemary Kirika and Zetech University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Njenga Munene and other leaders during the launching ceremony.

to a mismatch between what the job market needs and what universities are producing,” said Kirika. Zetech University Vice-Chancellor Prof Njenga Munene called on the industry to offer students industrial attachment to give them exposure and opportunities to showcase their expertise citing that this is a major challenge. On the new academic programmes

that the university has introduced, Prof Munene said they were necessitated by the huge demand for technology courses. He said they are poised to make the institution a market leader in technology, ensuring that the students are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing global landscape. “There is a huge demand in tech-

nology courses globally due to their marketability. The programmes have been meticulously designed and rigorously evaluated, culminating in their recent approval by the Commission for University Education (CUE). The university will not hesitate to introduce new courses if market demand calls,” he said.



I Knew Gen-Z Was A Passing Cloud And It Won't Make Any Major Impact



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When the Generation-Z started their protests, many Kenyans were caught off-guard.

But at the back of my mind, I knew euphoric revolutionary mood which GenZ seemed to have created would fizzle out as fast as it came.

I had a number of reasons.

First, besides casting a picture of being leaderless and faceless, the members had no plan and knowledge of where they wanted to take the country.

The other great undoing was that they believed in themselves and hence treated those who did not fall within their age-bracket with utter contempt and disrespect.

Besides a good number of those leading these protests disrespected the places of worship.

In what would be seen as despising the church leaders, in many occasions, they lived to their word of occupying the churches.

They would push their way to the Altar of God and demand to address the congregants.

If Ruto goes, what next? If you ask them this question, they would tell you. We don't care what happens after we have completed our mission.

Stop telling us that DP Gachagua or military personnel will take over and both were ruthless. Even if the military takes over, we won't mind. Here, they were answering ODM leader Raila Odinga.

It was also widely believed that GenZ protests were sponsored by foreign powers. The aim was to plunge Kenya into anarchy and mayhem. This explains why many Kenyans also opted to distance themselves from these protests.

For me, I would only credit GenZ for their weird and unguided pronouncements; Ruto and Gachagua Must Go. Those who are not within our age-bracket are enemies of Kenya. We do not need them. We will also ensure they do not vote in future elections.

The other glaring weakness of Gen-Z was that they had underestimated President William Ruto's capability to vanquish them. Dr Ruto had a bagful of arsenals. He was waiting for the opportune time to unleash them.

To me, he had won. 'Nane Nane' had been touted as mother of all protests. This did not come to pass. It is only in the capital city of Nairobi where pockets of protestors showed up.



Gen Z protests.

I had earlier written an article in this column. The history of independent Kenya is replete with popular agitations for institutional, administrative, legal reforms and expansion of democratic space.

The notable ones were the clamor for multiparty democracy and new constitutional dispensation.

The common thread in these struggles was that they were all realized within the framework of the constitution and other laws of the land.

In 1991, then President Daniel Arap Moi steered the process that led to repeal of Section 2A ushering in political pluralism.

This paved the way for the first multiparty election held in 1992. President Moi won this election and he was also re-elected in subsequent election held in 1997.

The independent party KANU was however vanquished in 2002 polls.

President Moi was not eligible in this elections because he had served his two-terms of five years each as provided in the constitution.

Earlier in August 1982, an attempt by the Kenyan military (Airforce) to overthrow the government of Moi had flopped.

In the aftermath of 2007 presidential election, President Mwai Kibaki, who had succeeded Moi, faced the worst post election violence in Kenya's history.

Again, the solution to this political crisis was achieved through the parameters of the law.

During President Uhuru Kenyatta's era, there was a handshake. The law was also followed to the letter and spirit in clinching that deal.

In all these processes, members of parliament would play their role in introducing the changes that were needed.

GenZ had shown that they have no time for the constitution and other laws.

They are hellbent on using unconsti-

tutional means to topple the democratically elected government of President William Samoei Ruto.

To me, they are setting stage for anarchy, mayhem and bloodbath.

The bids to topple previous governments failed to materialize because Kenyans do not subscribe to the ill-advised concept of overthrowing government.

So I would not expect them to support Generation-Z.

President Ruto had earlier stated "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.

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 stakeholders.

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.

President Ruto agreed to their terms.

He later 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 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.

The constitution does not 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 bloodbath 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. The new cabinet, which is reflecting the face of Kenya, has since been sworn in. It has two Gen zeers.

Erick Muuga, a 30 years old, is the cabinet nominee for Water and Sanitation.

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

The prerogative to appoint the cabinet 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.

Besides reconstituting the cabinet, President Ruto 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.

If the military takes over, there is no guarantee it will 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 uprisings.

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?

Let me give free advice. As media reports indicated, GenZs 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.

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Chuka Traders Decry Poor Working Environment, Urge Gov't To Expedite Market Construction

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Traders at Chuka Market, who were relocated to operate on the streets to make way for the construction of a modern market for the Marikiti business group, are lamenting the deplorable conditions in which they now work.

During a spot check by Mt.Kenya Times, traders primarily dealing in fresh farm produce were seen operating under continuous rain, exposing them to harsh weather.

The visibly cold traders expressed frustration, stating that it is inhumane to force them to work on the streets without proper shelters, leaving them vulnerable to the elements.

This exposure not only damages their goods leading to financial losses, but also poses health risks to both the traders and their customers as fruits and vegetables become contaminated in the mud.

Transporters are also complaining about their clothing being soiled during work, while being unable to increase their service charges to compensate.

The affected traders whose catchment areas extend to Meru and Embu Counties, are now appealing to the Tharaka Nithi County government to provide them with temporary shades during market days so they can operate in a more conducive environment and make a profit.

They are also urging the government to expedite the construction of the Marikiti Market so they can return to their former location at the Chuka Open Air Market.

However, according to the CECM for Physical Planning and Urban Development Eng. Giti Kijiru, they were late to provide a tent for the traders today but assured that the issue will be addressed in the upcoming market days.

Chuka Market operates on Tuesdays and Fridays only.



Chuka traders, who are currently operating on the streets under harsh weather conditions, were relocated from their former market to make room for Marikiti market business people while their new market is being constructed.

KSh1 Billion Affordable Housing Project Takes Shape In Nakuru

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The over KSh 1 billion affordable housing projects in Bahati and Molo sub-counties in Nakuru, are 60 per cent complete.

The projects which are scheduled to be completed in November this year are part of plans by the government to construct more than 50,000 low-cost housing units in the county within the next 10 years.

President William Ruto launched the construction of the more than 220 housing units which will cost Sh504 million in Bahati Sub-County on August 22, 2023.

Another 220 housing units at Elburgon town in Molo Sub-County will also cost Sh 504 million once completed.

Speaking after a tour of the sites Governor Susan Kihika indicated that the two sites will also host recreational areas for children, green spaces, schools and healthcare facilities.

Governor Kihika indicated that the two multimillion projects that cumulatively sit on 10-acres of land have created employment for over 1000 residents.

She said those who have benefited from job opportunities include mechanical engineers, plumbers, masons, steel fixers, carpenters and welders, adding that the projects have been a hub for technology transfer that has empowered workers and residents.

“The housing projects have become a hub of knowledge and skill transfer for self-development and empowerment. An example is Ms Anne Njoki who started as a casual labourer, and has gradually graduated to a steel fixer supervisor,” stated the Governor.

She added “The housing projects have also created job opportunities for the local residents and once completed, are expected to provide much needed housing for the residents of Bahati and Elburgon as well as contribute to the economic development of the areas.”

The County boss observed that the projects have yielded an opportunity for masons, carpenters and other skilled workers to be registered and accredited by the National Construction Authority (NCA).

She noted that accreditation by NCA will facilitate skilled workers to get jobs in other State agencies or private construction projects within and outside Kenya.

Kihika said that locals have been economically empowered as national and county governments have been awarding tenders for construction materials to small and midsize enterprises (SMEs) instead of importing them.

She said the two projects employ at least 200 youths every day as the personnel keep changing depending on the tasks performed.

Ms Kihika explained that the two projects will each consist of 60 studio units, 20 one-bedroom units, 120 two-bedroom units and 20 three-bedroom units.

“We do not want people to come here and buy houses to rent them to you. We want people to buy houses



es and own them, including Mama Mbogas,” said the Governor.

She further said that the projects will have social amenities area, social halls, kids playing areas, commercial areas and tree nurseries.

Chief Officer of Housing and Urban Development Kamau Kuria said the acquired skills were crucial as the county plans to accredit local artisans through a collaborative effort with the NCA.

He was optimistic that the affordable housing project will not only promote economic gain through employment but also boost development in the area.

This comes as the government completed the construction of 605 affordable housing units on an 8.5-acre land in Bondeni slums.

The housing project comprises 45 one-bedroom houses which will be sold for Sh1.55 million, 180 two-bedroom units which will go for Sh3.25 million and 380 three-bedroom units which will cost Sh4.3 million per unit.

President Ruto said the next housing project in Kivumbini will comprise 5,000 houses.

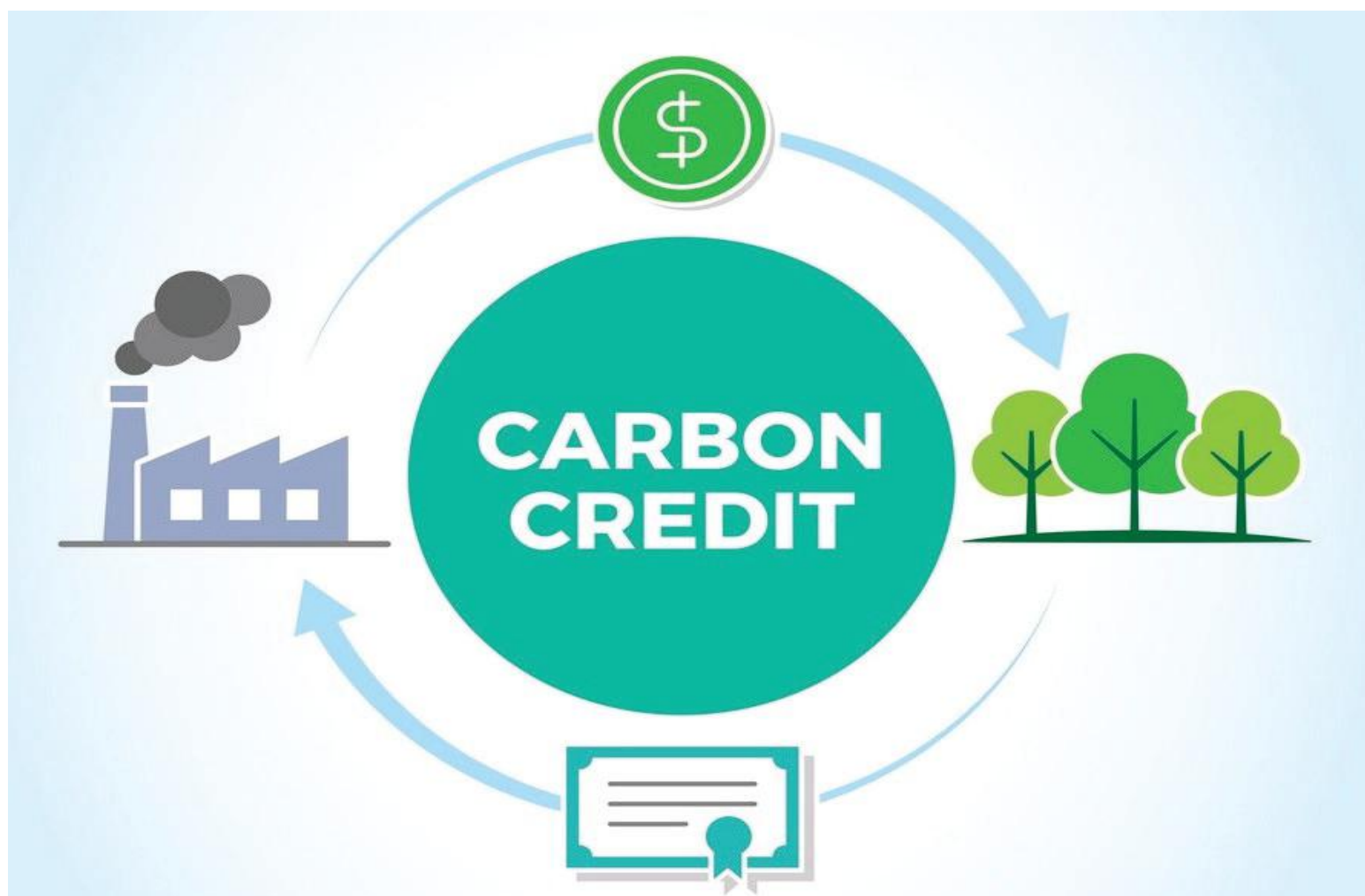
Carbon Credits: Understanding The Carbon Credit Market



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Worth Noting:

- Polluters who operate with carbon credits below the allocated amount are subjected to heavy penalties. To avoid the penalties they must spend money to buy carbon credits to cover the shortfall. Some companies produce less emissions than the amount allocated. They therefore find themselves with surplus carbon credits which they can either keep for the future or sell to those ones in need of them.
- The carbon credits marketplace comprises two segments; The Regulated market and the Voluntary market. The regulated market is set by the cap-to-trade regulations and is at the regional or state level. The voluntary market is where individuals or enterprises buy carbon credits to offset their carbon emissions and is optional.



Carbon credits - refers to measurable, verifiable emission reductions from certified climate action projects. These are projects that reduce, avoid or remove CO₂ (Carbon dioxide) or greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions into the environment. Carbon credits also commonly known as carbon allowances work like permission slips for emission of GHG. These are marketable permits that each reflect one metric ton of CO₂ (or GHG) that a business is allowed to emit. The Kyoto Protocol of 1997 and the Paris Agreement of 2015 are the two International accords that laid out international CO₂ emission goals creating the first international carbon market. This monetisation of pollution is effectively an environmental tax designed to change human behaviour for the better.

The Carbon credits assign value to actions that reduce, avoid or remove GHG emissions. The scheme rewards the 'good guys' who clean the environment while imposing the cost of the 'bad guys' (perpetrators).

A carbon credit represents the right to emit GHG equal to one ton of CO₂ which is equivalent to a 3,862 kms (2,400 miles) drive in terms of CO₂ emissions according to Environmental Defense Fund. Carbon credits are given under what is known as "cap-and-Trade" programs. These are regulations that set a limit on carbon (or GHG) emissions per enterprise each year- the cap. The cap gradually decreases over time making it harder

and harder to stay within the cap. Enterprises are thus compelled to reduce emissions to stay under their caps.

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Carbon offsets are created when individuals or enterprises undertake or finance projects that reduce GHG emissions. Projects that reduce carbon emissions can be categorised into; Mechanical and natural. Natural projects include activities to do with reforestation and restoration of wetlands - they collect CO₂ from the environment. To capture one ton of CO₂ emissions one should grow approximately 50 trees for one year.

Mechanical solutions include investments in new technology that result in higher operational efficiency that in turn lower emissions for example

renewable energy projects and direct carbon capture technology projects. Carbon offsets can be considered as a measurement unit to 'compensate' businesses investing in green project initiatives (natural or mechanical) that eliminate emissions.

Once an offset has been produced, it can either be kept by the producer or traded in the voluntary carbon credit market.

Renewable energy projects, energy efficient projects, carbon and direct methanol capture, and land use and reforestation are some of the popular projects used for carbon offsets. There are third party independent auditors who collect, verify and analyse data to confirm validity of each offset project both for regulated and voluntary markets.

Kenya has been active in the carbon credit market primarily through projects that generate carbon offsets for instance in sustainable land use, reforestation, renewable energy and energy efficiency. In June 2023, through the Nairobi Auction, Kenya became the largest issuer of carbon credits in the voluntary market in Sub Saharan Africa by selling a record 2.2 million tons of carbon credits to Saudi Firms valued at US\$25 million.

Enabled by the Climate Change Act 2023 and the finalising of regulations to create an enabling environment for carbon trading in the country, the Kenyan carbon market is poised to join the other leading global carbon markets.

The Carbon Market Guidebook for Kenyan Enterprises was launched on 12th April 2024 by the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) in conjunction with The World Bank Group to promote the Kenyan Carbon Market. It provides practical insights on carbon project development aimed at catalysing more sustainable business practices and more importantly offering the much needed non-debt, results based financing especially to Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs). Carbon avoidance projects in Kenya have for some time been working with local communities to avoid emissions by distributing more efficient devices like improved cook stoves (jikos), home biogas and solar systems.

Water filters that provide access to clean safe water without the need to boil the water have also been done in many areas. In these cases the communities involved have been benefiting financially from selling their carbon credits.

The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) is also working tirelessly towards positioning Kenya as a global carbon credits hub in Africa.

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The Role Of The Family In The Upbringing And Education Of The Young Generation



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Abstract: In this article, the influence of family, parents and environment on the development of young people, their learning and the direction of a profession is described.

First of all, the role of the young generation is incomparable in the prosperity of our country, in gaining a strong place among many countries and in its development, in raising the flag of our country to the heights. Education has a strong place in youth education.

In teaching children to be humble and wise, it is useful to use as a basis the life examples of our scholars, such as the great Uzbek thinker Abu Ali ibn Sina, and the masterpieces that they have left us as a legacy. He points out that traits such as arrogance, boasting, and overestimating one's knowledge are signs of a person's low morals. Ibn Sina devoted a large chapter of his work "Tadbirul Manozil" to the issues of family education.

In the family, parents should teach children to be good and virtuous from a young age.

After all, there is a saying in our people that "birds do what they see in their nests".

Parents should be role models for their children.

Paying attention to family, morals and education is one of the duties that are ingrained in our blood. The proverb "One child has seven neighboring parents" is typical of our nation. This proverb itself shows how important it is for us to raise children and raise a family. Our ancestors were great thinkers in forming a healthy way of life, respect for national and universal values in the hearts and minds of young people, and educating them in all aspects. Heritage is of great importance. Parents are an example for children, because if the father teaches them to be righteous and good, if they raise children in the spirit of goodness, if the mother is an example for them by citing books, fairy tales and narrations, then the children of that family will also be educated and righteous and good children. Muhammad (peace be upon him):

"Educate your children, because they were born for a time that is not yours," they urged every parent not to be indifferent to the science and education of their child.

It is necessary to teach our children honesty, sweet speech, good manners and always respect adults, to learn and to respect those who give knowledge.

Teachers



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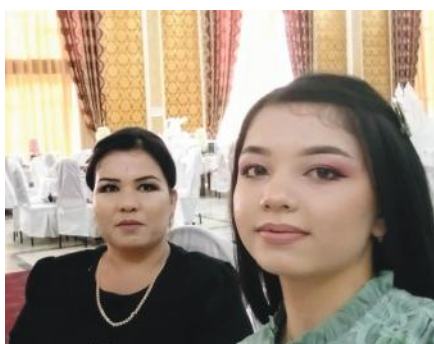
Taught the alphabet,
The light of science
Sleepless night and day
Created by the Khorezms.
Ungrateful knowledge giver,
He did good without ceasing,
Fill in the diary
rated "5",
Homework left,
You are a student.
Constantly preparing
Expected great achievements.
If the student has a place,
He shot himself,
Even if you lose
"Okay" he said.
A star in the sky,
who introduced the worlds,
Babur, Fuzuli, Bedil,
Introduced Kubros.
Do what you say
As good as your mother,
Go and tell me every day
Thank you for having a teacher.
May you have a teacher like you,
I am as old as my mother,
May it be as beautiful as you,
I love you like my father.
Your existence is happiness,
Stay healthy, teacher.
Every word is a pleasure to the soul,

Always be there, teacher
Heaven bless you
May your name be epic,
May the faces of the youth be filled,
Always be happy.
Go beyond the faces,
to my mistakes,
please me
Sometimes I hurt your heart,
Master forgive me
Let's go to Hajj,
Pilgrim mother child,
Forever in your heart,
We will stay with the lamp.
Do you still remember
When the leader comes
Even if you say that,
When I was my daughter:
You are proud to say
I taught it
A big man was born,
It made everyone happy.
He reached his dream,
Rayhan became a scientist.
He has a good reputation.
It has gone up.
was good at school
He always screamed at 5,
She is also very beautiful.
He recited the verses.
The prayer of my parents,
Because of your hard work,
We have come to these days
Above is our place.
One verse from here,
My best wishes to you,
Thank you very much, teacher.
You made my faces shine.

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An Earthly Angel



Mother Nature the greatest is an
invention.

The mother is the owner of a unique character. God has blessed the mother with the grace of a flower, the warmth of the sun, the strength of a storm, and the height of a star. With it, we find comfort, our soul sinks into the world of silence, and our eyes are happy. No matter how many worries, pains and sorrows we

have, when we lay our heads on her lap, all problems seem to be solved and all pains are forgotten. Isn't that so? As Howard Johnson said, "Mother is a word that means the world to me". Our yesterday, today and tomorrow are with him. When we come home, first of all, what do we say, who do we ask? Of course, we start looking for the warm face of our mother, who is rich in love, patient, and kind. In fact, we children always need our mothers. Without them, our hearts are empty.

A mother's love is as sweet as honey, sparkling as a diamond; a river is wide and clear as dawn. A mother's imagination is deeper than the depths of the sea, her endurance is stronger than steel, and her love is a symbol of greatness that surpasses the whole universe. Indeed, mother can replace everyone, but no one can replace her.

Do you know that a baby talks to God during the last moments of her mother's womb? He asked him: "O my Lord, you are sending me to the world, but I do not understand their language, how can I speak, how can I protect myself?" God the Creator answered: "Don't be afraid! I hired an angel for you, she will always be with you, protect you, protect you, tell you what you don't know in the world." And when the baby says, "What is her name?", Allah says, "Her name is not important. The important thing is that you call her Mother." No wonder we call our mother an angel for this reason.

Everyone may abandon us, but our mother will never abandon us. She is always with us. "There were times when I didn't have many friends. But my mom was always there for me. Always." These words of Taylor Swift prove my point above.

Mothers never expect anything from us, they don't mind if we hurt their hearts, they just love us, they just consider us their world. In conclusion, I would like to emphasize about my mother. The most patient person in the

world is my mother. She is the greatest woman who can smile at me and say, "I'm fine", even if her heart is full of pain and suffering, and she never complains. That's why happiness surrounded me, that's why luck smiled on me. My mother is the only thing that turns my spark of hope into fire. If they say there is a paradise in this world, I would show my mother without hesitation. The treasure I found in my book of life is my mother's trust and love. No one in this world believes in me, and I am only a part of my mother.

Every step turns white,
Sometimes I looked happy, sometimes I cried,
I'm still a kid, kid
Sometimes it's a lie, sometimes it's true, this
world

No words, no ink, not even my life is enough
to describe your love MY MOTHER.

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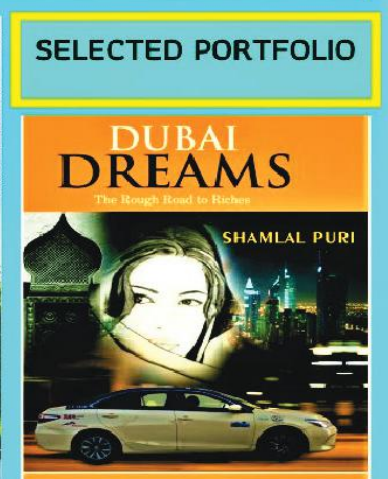
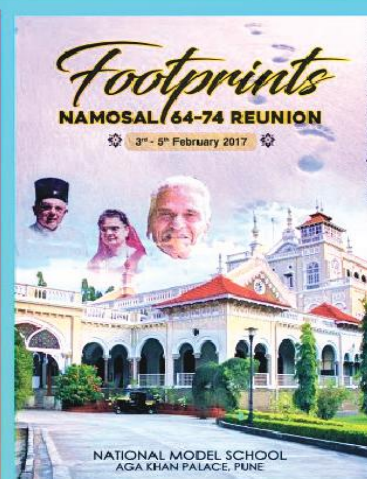
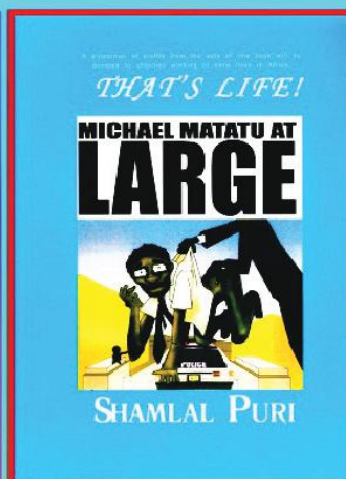
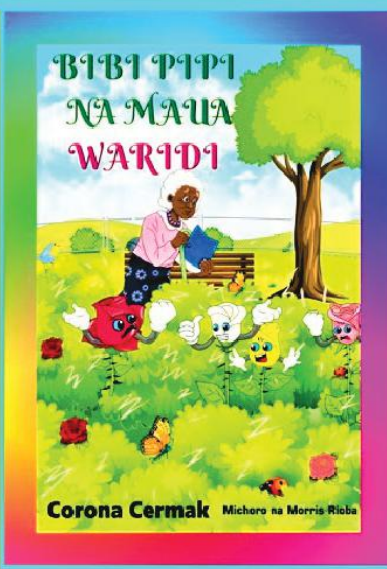
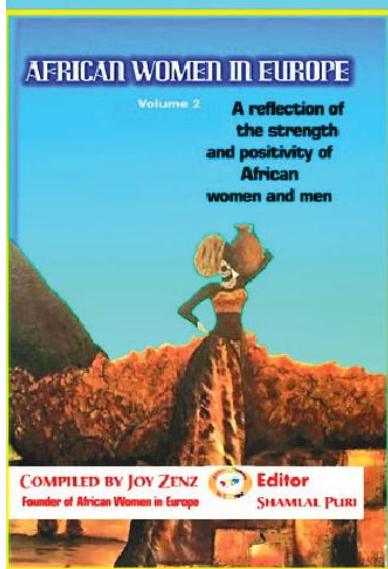
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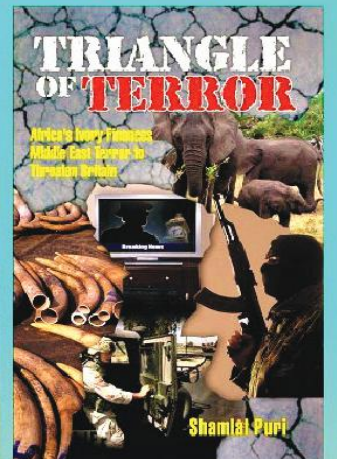
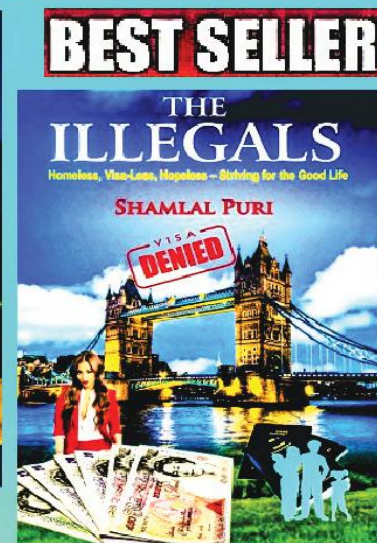
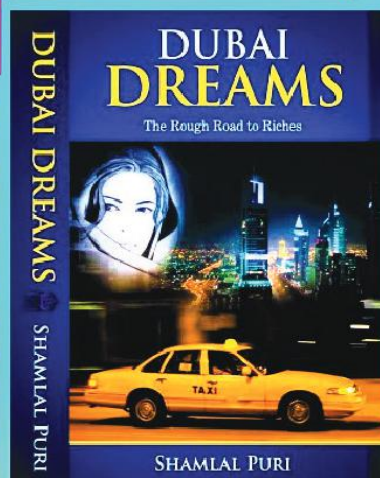
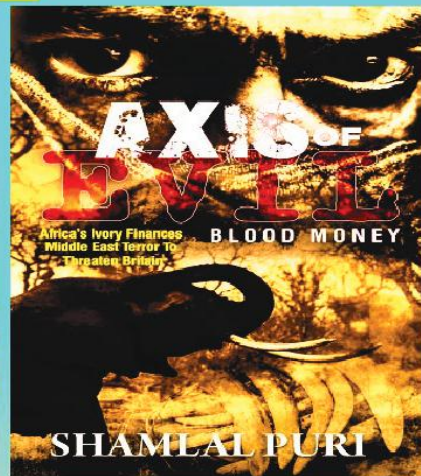
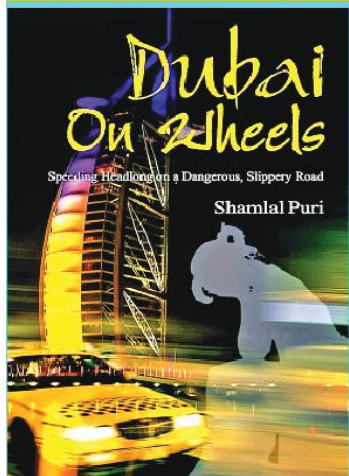
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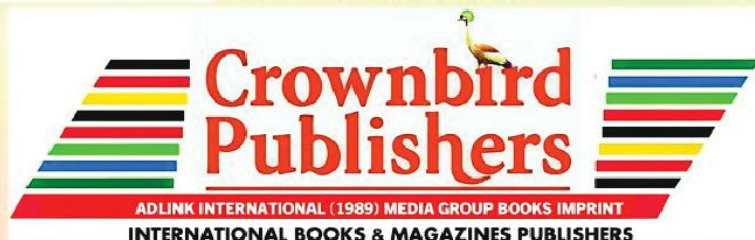
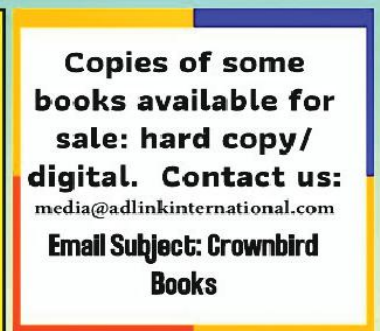
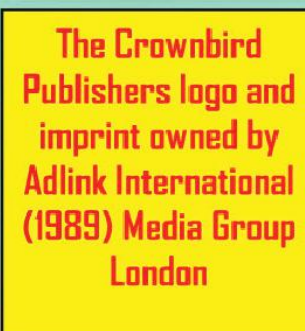
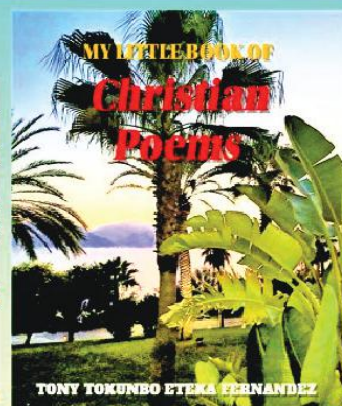
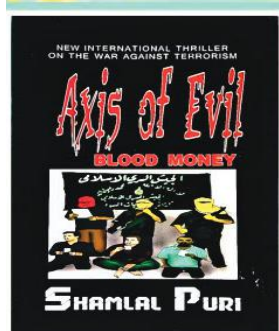
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NCA's 5th Exhibition Set To Promote MSMEs And Tech In Sustainable Construction

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The National Construction Authority (NCA) has announced the 5th International Construction Research Conference and Exhibition (ICORCE), scheduled to take place next month.

The three-day forum themed "Leveraging the Potential of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Technology for a Resilient and Sustainable Construction Industry" aims to showcase cutting-edge research, innovative technologies, and sustainable practices in the construction industry a platform for construction industry stakeholders to showcase their ideas via discussion papers, presentations, and exhibitions.

It will take place from September 25th to 27th, 2024 at Pride Inn Paradise Beach Resort.

Speaking on behalf of the Principal Secretary for Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, Architect Oliver Okello, Director of Kenya Buildings Research Centre, noted

that ICORCE brings together all the players in the Construction industry including the Academia, developers, and contractors where they share ideas to maintain a sustainable built environment which can be useful to not only the present generation but also for the future generation.

"The theme of this year's conference captures the essence of our collective aspirations and it reflects our commitment to build a construction industry that is not only resilient and sustainable but also inclusive of key players that drive our economy who are the Micro, small and medium enterprises," stated Oliver.

In addition, he highlighted the sub-themes geared towards guiding the various discussions during the upcoming conference including Micro, Small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as a pillar of development, resilient infrastructure that is adapting to climate change, artificial intelligence(AI), automation in the construction industry as well as embracing diversity and inclusion in construction.

"While the sector has received policy attention since 1965, it is yet to achieve its full potential hence the development of this sector is cen-

tral to the realization of National development goals anchored in Kenya Vision 2030 and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)," reiterated Oliver.

However, he noted that the construction sector directly contributes to 24 per cent of the National GDP, constitutes 90 per cent of private enterprises, and accounts for over 90 per cent of jobs.

NCA Executive Director, Morris Aketch, highlighted that the conference will act as a host for at least 1,000 delegates, various exhibitors in the construction industry, manufacturers, banks, and contractors, innovators considering Ai as a sub-theme, MSMEs, and the Blue Economy.

"We call upon various construction stakeholders to register as delegates and to reach out as exhibitors to benefit from the richness of what we have put forward to showcase during the ICORCE 5th Edition," urged the Executive Director.

NCA Vice Chairperson, who doubles up as acting Chairperson, Mercy Okiro, stated that the Agency has picked Mombasa County as the host of the 5th ICE Conference aiming to reach out to Mombasa Contractors



in the comfort of their home as they have previously held the Conference in Nakuru and the 4 others in Nairobi County.

"Mombasa is strong on a round of issues of sustainable construction including the usage of local materials from the County hence alongside our building code that was launched last month we are hoping to hear from construction stakeholders in Mombasa County, especially regarding how they are realigning in terms of Climate Change, sustainability and affordable building materials," noted the Vice Chair.

ICORCE is the Authority's biennial flagship program which takes place every two years and is geared towards acting as a platform for the dissemination of research in the construction industry, collation of data, information and concepts about the development of Construction industry in the Country, profiling Kenya as a Center of excellence in Construction business in Africa and promoting research and innovation culture in construction industry.

Sugarcane Farmers Have Opposed New Pricing Rates By Agriculture And Food Authority (AFA)

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Sugarcane farmers have opposed the new pricing rates that were announced by the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA).

In the new rates, expected to take effect from this month, AFA has directed millers to pay farmers 4,950 shillings as opposed to 5,125 shillings per tonne.

But the Kenya Sugarcane Growers Association and the Kenya National Federation for Sugarcane Farmers Association have rejected the new prices saying this was a drawback to the gains that had been achieved under President William Ruto.

Speaking to the media, the Association's Secretary General Richard Ogendo said that the price per ton of sugar had been raised to Sh6,100 per ton after the President announced reforms in the sector.

"The price per ton of cane was

6,100 shillings after the President announced the reforms in line with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with sugar stakeholders with the Kenya Kwanza regime", he said.

"Unfortunately, the price fell to 5,200 shillings, then to 5,125 shillings and now 4,950", he lamented.

Ogendo raised concern that the current reduction is a result of flooding of the local market with imported cheap sugar.

The Unionist blamed the Ministry of Agriculture top officials for failing to study the local market systems before approving importation of cheap sugar.

"It seems there are people in the ministry of agriculture who do not appreciate efforts being made by President Ruto to put more money in the pockets of sugarcane farmers as per the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto," Ogendo added.

Kenya National Federation for Sugarcane Farmers Association chairman Soul Busily said that the association will be forced to call its members to

protest at the ministry of agriculture offices and millers unless the government reverses the directive.

Kenya National Federation for Sugarcane Farmers Association first deputy national chairman Ibrahim Juma, said that he had gone through all stores of local millers and realized that they are full of sugar because the millers are not operating optimally.

"Some farmers are already up in arms in some regions because the millers are unable to harvest their cane," he said.

"Importation of sugar into the country should only be sanctioned after a thorough research to ensure that what comes into the country does not hurt the local industry", he added.

In a notice dated August 7, 2024, the government through AFA, announced reduction of sugarcane prices in the month of August.

The notice, reads, "Following the expiry of the interim sugar pricing committee and in absence of a cabinet secretary to appoint the same, the price of cane per ton in the interior for the month of August is guided at



Sh 4, 950," and signed by acting director June Chesire.

The letter is addressed to sugar millers and copied to the principal secretary, state department of Agriculture and AFA Director General.

Kenya has 16 sugar industries spanning, western, Nyanza, Rift valley and coastal regions, state and privately owned.

Stakeholders in the industry have been seeking to reinstate the Sugar Act which was repealed through the enactment of the Crops Act 2013 and established the Food Authority Act 2013.

The Sugar Bill 2022, co-sponsored by Navokholo MP Emmanuel Wangwe and Bungoma County Senator David Wakoli seeks to, among other things, restore the roles of the Kenya Sugar Board currently undertaken by the Sugar Directorate of the Agriculture and Food Authority established under the Agriculture and Food Act 2013.

The Bill also provides for the development, regulation and promotion of the sugar industry to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the Kenya Sugar Board.



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Constitutional Quintessence: The Bulwark Of Liberty And Egalitarianism In Kenya's Jurisprudential Landscape



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Thomas Paine once opined the following immortal words: "The constitution of a country is not the act of its government, but of the people constituting its government." In the tapestry of modern governance, constitutionalism stands as an indomitable fortress, safeguarding the precepts of freedom and justice against the encroachment of arbitrary power. This article delves into the intricate nexus between constitutionalism and the preservation of a free society, with a particular focus on the Kenyan context, elucidating how this fundamental legal doctrine serves as a bulwark against tyranny and a beacon of equitable governance. The multifaceted nature of constitutionalism, transcending mere legal frameworks to embody a profound commitment to enduring principles of justice and equality, will be meticulously examined through the lens of Kenya's constitutional evolution and contemporary jurisprudential landscape.

The concept of constitutionalism, deeply rooted in the annals of political philosophy, finds its modern expression in the Kenyan Constitution of 2010, a document that represents the culmination of decades of struggle against authoritarianism and the aspiration for a more just and equitable society. This progressive constitution, hailed as one of Africa's most liberal, enshrines the principles of popular sovereignty, the separation of powers, and the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. The document's preamble, invoking the sovereign will of the Kenyan people, sets the stage for a governance framework that is not only legally binding but morally compelling, creating a social contract between the governed and the governors that transcends mere positive law and enters the realm of natural justice and inalienable human rights.

The doctrine of constitutionalism, as manifested in Kenya's legal system, operates as a multifaceted constraint on governmental power, effectively circumscribing the exercise of authority within predefined parameters. This limitation is not merely a negative restriction but a positive affirmation of the people's sovereignty, ensuring that power, when exercised, is done so in furtherance of the public good and in accordance with the col-



lective will of the citizenry. The Kenyan Constitution's robust system of checks and balances, including an independent judiciary empowered with the authority of constitutional review, serves as a formidable bulwark against the concentration and abuse of power, epitomizing the Montesquieuian ideal of separated powers as a safeguard against tyranny.

Central to Kenya's constitutional framework is the principle of the rule of law, a cornerstone of constitutionalism that ensures the supremacy of law over arbitrary will. This principle finds expression in various constitutional provisions, including Article 2, which unequivocally declares the constitution as the supreme law of the land, binding all persons and state organs at both national and county levels. The entrenchment of the rule of law in Kenya's constitutional fabric serves as a powerful antidote to the specter of tyranny, ensuring that governance is conducted not through capricious decrees but through established legal norms that are publicly promulgated, equally enforced, and independently adjudicated.

The Kenyan Constitution's Bill of Rights, enshrined in Chapter Four, stands as a testament to the document's commitment to justice and equality. This comprehensive catalog of fundamental rights and freedoms, ranging from the right to life and equality before the law to socio-economic rights such as the right to housing and healthcare, represents a paradigm shift in Kenya's constitutional jurisprudence. The justiciability of these rights, coupled with innovative provisions for their enforcement, including public interest litigation and the expansive locus standi doctrine, underscores the constitution's role not just as a limiting document but as an empowering charter for the realization of human dignity and social justice.

The principle of devolution, a hallmark of Kenya's 2010 Constitution, exemplifies the document's commitment to dispersing power and ensuring accountable governance. By creating a two-tier system of government with 47 county governments,

the constitution effectively decentralizes power, bringing decision-making closer to the people and enhancing participatory democracy. This structural arrangement, underpinned by the principles of subsidiarity and equitable resource allocation, serves as a bulwark against the centralization of power that has historically been a precursor to tyrannical rule in many African states.

Kenya's constitutional framework incorporates robust mechanisms for ensuring governmental accountability, a crucial aspect of constitutionalism that serves to prevent the abuse of power. The establishment of independent commissions and offices, such as the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Office of the Auditor-General, creates a web of oversight that holds public officials accountable to the highest standards of integrity and fiscal responsibility. These institutions, deriving their mandate directly from the constitution, operate as sentinel organs, vigilantly guarding against the misuse of public resources and the erosion of ethical governance.

The concept of unenumerated rights, implicit in Article 20(3)(b) of the Kenyan Constitution, which allows courts to develop the law to the extent that it does not give effect to a right or fundamental freedom, represents a progressive approach to constitutionalism. This provision acknowledges the dynamic nature of rights and the need for constitutional interpretation to evolve with societal changes, ensuring that the document remains a living instrument capable of addressing emerging challenges to freedom and justice. The judiciary's power to invoke this provision serves as a potent tool for expanding the frontiers of constitutional protection, ensuring that the spirit of constitutionalism prevails even in the face of unforeseen threats to liberty.

The principle of constitutional supremacy, enshrined in Article 2 of the Kenyan Constitution, serves as the linchpin of constitutionalism in the country's legal order. This principle not only establishes the constitution as the paramount law of the land

but also nullifies any law, including customary law, that is inconsistent with its provisions. The far-reaching implications of this doctrine are evident in landmark judicial decisions such as the Supreme Court's nullification of the 2017 presidential election, a decision that underscored the judiciary's role as the ultimate guardian of constitutional integrity and the rule of law.

The Kenyan Constitution's provisions on public participation, including Article 10 which lists public participation as a national value and principle of governance, exemplify the document's commitment to participatory democracy. This principle, extending beyond mere electoral participation to encompass ongoing civic engagement in governance processes, serves as a critical safeguard against the insidious creep of authoritarianism. By mandating public involvement in policy formulation and implementation, the constitution creates a governance framework that is inherently resistant to tyrannical tendencies, fostering a political culture of openness, accountability, and responsiveness to the will of the people.

The constitutional entrenchment of judicial independence in Kenya, articulated in Chapter Ten of the constitution, stands as a bulwark against executive overreach and legislative excesses. The judiciary's insulation from political interference, coupled with its expansive powers of constitutional interpretation and review, positions it as a crucial counterweight to the other branches of government. This institutional arrangement, reflective of the Hamiltonian conception of the judiciary as the "least dangerous branch," nonetheless endows the courts with the formidable power to check unconstitutional actions, thereby safeguarding the integrity of the constitutional order and the rights of citizens against potential abuses of power.

The Kenyan Constitution's provisions on the amendment process, particularly Article 255 which identifies certain protected clauses requiring a referendum for amendment,

reflect a profound commitment to constitutional stability and the preservation of core democratic values. This entrenched amendment procedure serves as a safeguard against capricious alterations to the fundamental structure of governance, ensuring that any changes to the constitutional framework reflect a broad societal consensus rather than narrow political interests. The recent judicial pronouncements on the "basic structure doctrine" in the context of the Building Bridges Initiative further underscore the judiciary's role in preserving the essential features of constitutionalism against attempts at fundamental alterations.

The principle of constitutional interpretation, as elucidated in Article 259 of the Kenyan Constitution, mandates a purposive approach that promotes the constitution's purposes, values, and principles. This interpretive directive ensures that the constitution is not read as a mere legal document but as a charter of governance imbued with transformative potential. The judiciary's embrace of this approach, evident in landmark decisions such as the Advisory Opinion on the Two-Thirds Gender Rule, demonstrates the constitution's capacity to serve as an instrument of social change, progressively realizing the aspirations of justice and equality embedded in its text.

In conclusion, the Kenyan constitutional framework, with its robust provisions for limiting governmental power, protecting individual rights, and ensuring accountable governance, stands as a testament to the transformative potential of constitutionalism. As a living document, the constitution continues to evolve through judicial interpretation and civic engagement, constantly reaffirming its role as the bedrock of a free and just society. The challenges that lie ahead in fully realizing the promise of constitutionalism in Kenya are significant, requiring ongoing vigilance, civic education, and a commitment to the rule of law. However, the foundation laid by the 2010 Constitution provides a solid basis for optimism, offering a path towards a more equitable, democratic, and prosperous future for all Kenyans.

Let me end with a proverb which states: One cannot roast the seeds they have planted with their own hands. This proverb encapsulates the essence of constitutionalism - the idea that a society, having established a constitutional order through collective will, must nurture and protect it, for it is through this constitutional framework that the seeds of justice, equality, and freedom can truly flourish.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Why Must Love End In Goodbye

By: Devina Adhiambo

Love is capable of making everything clear even the hidden areas of the soul that are usually filled with darkness. It blossoms and can develop into something completely different, from the warmth of friendship to the passion of love. Despite how gentle and soothing love can be, am still consumed by the weight of the question why does love have to come with the Harsh reality of goodbye?.

Why do we have to fall in love with somebody so intensely and passionately just to be made to let go of the person. Why must we let go of the joy that gives us giggle, peace and cries too at the same time?.The hush whispers and the soft caresses, it doesn't make sense. I've heard people say that sometimes you have to let go of something precious because it's not good for you.

But what does that even mean? Why is it that something that makes me calm and gives me purpose is considered to be wrong for me? How can something that makes me feel so alive, loved, and happy be a burden?

Have witnessed it in my friends, former sweethearts, and even close relatives people whose hearts have been broken into pieces, lovers who have been treated like garbage, and families who have been cast out without any reason. It's as if love is just a temporary solution to loneliness, a sore that is going to get infected again.

And as the darkness descends upon me, I know that I'll continue loving. I'll keep reaching out. And even when it ends again which it inevitably will I'll keep getting back up again. Because what choice do we have? We are creatures driven by our hearts, desires, and the necessity of love.

It's still great to be in love even if it

feels like dying when it is over. Even if I feel like my world is falling apart when they leave me behind. Even it feels like I'm left with nothing but pieces of glass and shattered dreams.

It's still worth it to risk everything for that one moment of happiness to feel the gentle warmth of love despite its bittersweetness.

But at what cost? What price do we pay for this momentary emotion? Our happiness? Our souls? I have witnessed people get lost in love, get lost in the process of looking for love. And I've seen people disappear in heart-break, disappear in the wake of love.

Get yourself a perfect shade and ask yourself why does love have to end in Goodbye, Tears and a broken heart.

Devina Adhiambo
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War Against Drug And Substance Abuse

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's campaign against drug and substance abuse in Kenya is a vital initiative aimed at safeguarding the future of the nation, particularly its youth. His commitment to closing illicit alcohol factories and regulating sales near schools reflects a proactive approach to combatting the alarming rates of substance abuse that threaten the health and productivity of young people. Gachagua has highlighted tragic stories, such as families devastated by addiction, to underscore the urgency of this issue. His government has implemented a comprehensive set of measures, including the closure of illegal alcohol outlets and the enforcement of regulated drinking hours, which have already shown positive results.

However, while the government's actions are commendable, it is crucial to involve the youth in this fight. Young people can serve as powerful advocates for change, providing insights into effective prevention and rehabilitation strategies. Engaging them in community initiatives fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility, making the campaign more impactful. Collaboration with religious and community organizations is also essential, as these groups can enhance support systems for those struggling with addiction. Gachagua's call for unity among leaders and citizens emphasizes the need for a collective effort in this battle.

The Deputy President has put leaders on notice, emphasizing that anyone who attempts to obstruct the fight against drug and alcohol abuse will be publicly shamed. This zero-tolerance policy is essential to restore public trust in law enforcement and ensure that the fight against substance abuse is taken seriously. The government has also emphasized the need for strict penalties for those who produce and distribute illicit substances. By holding offenders accountable, the administration sends a strong message that substance abuse will not be tolerated.

Ultimately, a comprehensive approach that includes youth participation, community collaboration, and robust law enforcement will be vital in eradicating substance abuse and ensuring a healthier future for Kenya. Gachagua's commitment to this cause is commendable, and it is now up to all Kenyans to lend their support and work together to create a society free from the devastating effects of drugs and alcohol. The future of the nation depends on the health and productivity of its youth, and decisive action must be taken to protect them from the threats posed by substance abuse.

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Ngugi Wa Thiong'o's Prediction About Mt Kenya Region's Division



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Ngugi Wa Thiong'o

Worth Noting:

- I find it both fascinating and perplexing. It is as though the oilskin that was once kept strictly within the house is now being freely shared with strangers. These leaders, with their platform and influence, are no longer keeping the “magic” and rituals of the mountain within.
- Instead, they are laying it bare for all to see, perhaps believing that transparency and openness will lead to greater power or influence. But I can't help but wonder if they've forgotten the wisdom encapsulated in the phrase “Kagutui ka Mucii gaihakagwo Ageni.”
- In their bid to remain relevant or to gain political favor, have they lost sight of the importance of guarding the very essence of their community?

In *The River Between* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o, the depicted scene speaks volumes about the intricate and secretive nature of the communities residing in the hills and ridges of Mount Kenya. These geographical formations were not just physical landmarks but symbolized the very essence of the tribes' identity and culture. Ngugi illustrates how the people of these hills maintained a strong bond within their community, safeguarding their traditions and rituals from the prying eyes of outsiders. The passage emphasizes that these communities shared laughter, blood, and warmth amongst themselves, but they were equally adept at keeping their secrets hidden from those who did not belong.

The phrase “Kagutui ka Mucii gaihakagwo Ageni”—meaning “the oilskin of the house is not for rubbing into the skin of strangers”—serves as a powerful metaphor for this guarded nature. It reflects a deep-seated belief that certain aspects of their culture and knowledge were sacred and meant to remain within the tribe. To outsiders, they appeared silent and unyielding,

revealing nothing of their inner workings or the “magic and rituals” that were central to their way of life.

This guardedness can be seen as a double-edged sword. On one hand, it protected the community from external influences that could dilute or corrupt their traditions. On the other hand, it may have also isolated them, creating a barrier between themselves and potential allies or broader understanding. Ngugi seems to be suggesting that this insularity, while preserving the community's essence, may also lead to their vulnerability. By keeping their knowledge and strengths confined within, they may have inadvertently limited their capacity to engage with the outside world effectively, leading to their eventual defeat despite their significant numbers.

But what are we seeing today? The leaders from the mountain, like Moses Kuria, Kimani Ichung'wa, and Ndindi Nyoro, seem to be spilling out these once-guarded secrets to the valley. They have, perhaps unwittingly, become the conduits through which the deep-seated traditions and strengths of the people of Mount Kenya are being exposed. The same principles that once bound the community tightly together are now being unraveled, not by outsiders, but by the very leaders entrusted with the guardianship of these secrets.

I find it both fascinating and perplexing. It is as though the oilskin that was once kept strictly within the house is now being freely shared with strangers. These leaders, with their platform and influence, are no longer keeping the “magic” and rituals of the mountain within. Instead, they are laying it bare for all to see, perhaps believing that transparency and openness will lead to greater power or influence. But I can't help but wonder if they've forgotten the wisdom encapsulated in the phrase “Kagutui ka Mucii gaihakagwo Ageni.”

In their bid to remain relevant or to gain political favor, have they lost sight of the importance of guarding the very essence of their community? The valley, once a distant and perhaps even indifferent observer, now has access to the very strategies, vulnerabilities, and internal dynamics that were meant to be kept within the mountain's fold. It's as if the ancient hills and ridges, once the bastion of secrecy and power, are slowly being eroded, not by natural forces, but by the very people who were meant to protect them.

As I watch this unfold, I can't help but draw parallels to Ngugi wa Thiong'o's narrative. He might have foreseen this very scenario, where the internal cohesion that once made the mountain people strong is being compromised from within. What

does this mean for the future of Mount Kenya's political influence? Will the spilling of these secrets lead to a new form of power, or will it signal the beginning of a decline that was once unthinkable?

Ngugi wa Thiong'o's wisdom is once again reflected in his words: “They became strangers to the hills. Thereafter, the oilskin of the house was not for them.” This is a chilling reminder of what happens when the guardians of a community's secrets betray their trust. Those who once belonged to the inner sanctum of the mountain, who were privy to its mysteries and strengths, find themselves alienated. They become strangers to the hills they once called home, no longer entitled to the protection and unity that these sacred places provided.

Ngugi insists that the oilskin of the house, the very fabric that held the community together, is reserved for those who remain within the bounds of trust. When leaders like Moses Kuria, Kimani Ichung'wa, and Ndindi Nyoro step beyond these boundaries, revealing what was once hidden, they risk becoming outsiders in the very community they sought to represent. The passage poignantly describes how the trees, the birds, and the beasts—symbolic of the natural world that once resonated with the language of the people—now listen in silence. The hills no longer echo with the familiar sounds of unity and strength, but instead with the eerie quiet of secrets lost and trust broken.

Ngugi's narrative suggests that by forsaking the unity of the mountain and spilling its secrets, these leaders may find themselves disconnected from the very source of their power. The joyful applause or angry roar that once greeted them may turn to silence, or worse, to a response of indifference or rejection. The hills, with their deep-rooted wisdom, may no longer speak to them, and the lan-

guage they once knew may become foreign.

In this light, Ngugi's words serve as a powerful warning. The consequences of betraying one's community are severe, and those who do so may find themselves lost, without the support of the very people they were supposed to lead. The secrets of the mountain are not just words or rituals; they are the lifeblood of the community, and once spilled, they cannot be gathered back. Ngugi's narrative is a testament to the enduring truth that leadership comes with the responsibility to protect, not to expose.

We all know that Ngugi wa Thiong'o was a Kikuyu patriot, a deep lover of his culture and people, as vividly portrayed in his writing. His stories are not just fictional tales but reflections of the very fabric of society, echoing the truths and values that have shaped the Kikuyu community for generations. Ngugi's portrayal of the guarded secrets of the mountain is not just a literary device; it is a window into the soul of a culture that has long understood the importance of unity and the dangers of betrayal.

In Kikuyu culture, as in many African traditions, the community is paramount. The secrets and rituals passed down through generations are more than just traditions; they are the essence of identity, the glue that holds the people together. When Ngugi writes about those who become strangers to the hills, he is speaking to a very real fear—a fear that once the bonds of trust are broken, there is no going back. The community that once embraced you may no longer recognize you as one of their own.

Literature, as Ngugi has shown us, is not just an art form; it is a mirror of society. It reflects the values, the struggles, and the consequences of our actions. When leaders betray their community by revealing its inner workings to outsiders, they are not just breaking a trust; they are tearing at the very fabric of their identity. This is what happens in the culture, and Ngugi, through his writing, captures this reality with a clarity that resonates deeply with those who understand the weight of such betrayal.

In essence, Ngugi's work reminds us that literature is real—it is rooted in the lived experiences of the people, and it carries the wisdom of generations. The stories he tells are not just about the past; they are a warning for the present and the future, a reminder that the choices we make today will shape the destiny of our communities for years to come.

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Startimes Launches ‘Furahia’ Kids Campaign To Delight Young Viewers

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Startimes, a leading digital TV provider, has unveiled its latest initiative, the “Furahia Startimes Kids” campaign, designed to enhance the viewing experience for children across all Startimes Kids channels.

This exciting campaign, running until the end of this month, is set to offer a month full of engaging and educational content tailored for young audiences.

Myke Mwai, Head of Content and PR Syndicate at Startimes, shared his excitement about the initiative, emphasizing the company’s significant investment in creating and broadcasting a diverse range of programs for both children and adults.

The campaign features an array of popular programs, including Power Puff Girls Airs on Boing. Boonie

Bearson ST TOONS and ST Kids. Bluey on CBeebies. Batman: the animated series on Toonami. Wild Kratts on ST KIDS. Shuke and Beta on ST KIDS and many more.

“We are thrilled to launch the FURAHIA STARTIMES KIDS campaign, which reflects our commitment to providing high-quality and engaging content for children. This initiative is designed to cater to the diverse interests of young audiences, offering everything from adventurous cartoons to educational programs,” Mwai said.

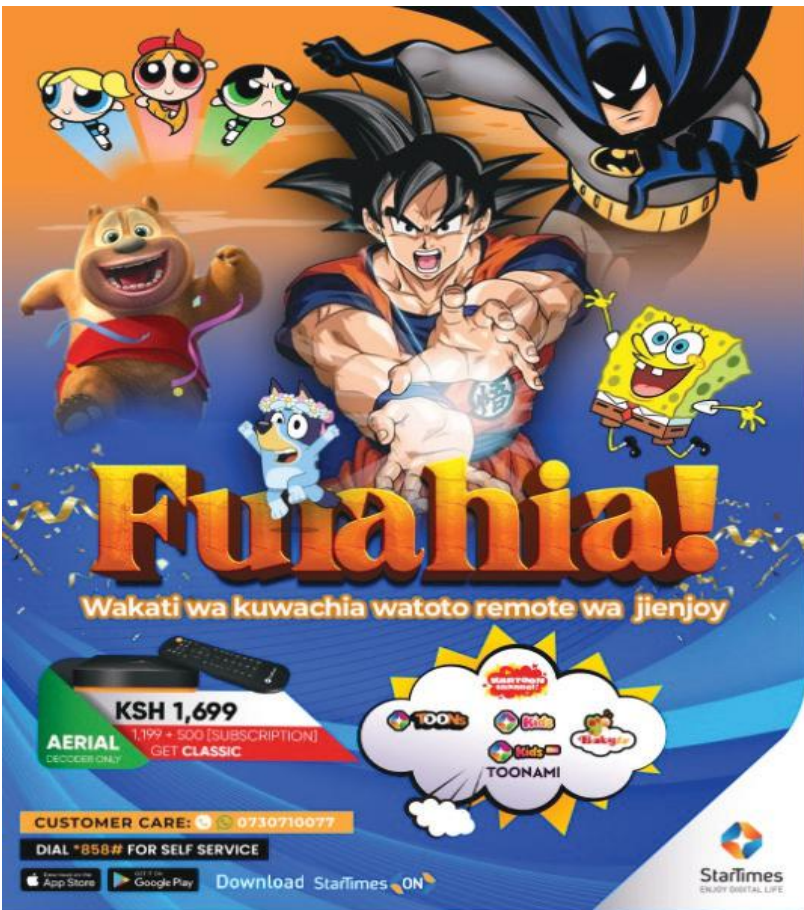
He emphasized that the campaign will feature a blend of beloved animated series and exciting new content, ensuring a rich viewing experience for children throughout the month.

He said that with the kids campaign, Startimes aims to offer a diverse and entertaining lineup that will engage and delight children throughout the month.

Mwai highlighted that the campaign is designed to deliver a

mix of beloved animated series and fresh new content, ensuring a month full of entertainment and education for young viewers.

“Our goal is to bring a mix of beloved animated series and exciting new content to the screens of young viewers.” He said.



AG Nominee Vows To Reform Criminal Justice System If Appointed

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Attorney General nominee Dorcas Oduor has vowed to reform the criminal justice system in a bid to resolve the inequity between the rich and the poor in courts.

Appearing before the National Assembly Committee on Appointments, Oduor said one of her key priorities will be reforming the limitations around the rights of arrested persons to end delays in courts.

Oduor took pride in her performance as the Deputy Director of Public Prosecution including enhancing the human resource capacity from 94 to 1600 as well as decentralizing the office of DPP to all 47 counties.

The MPs urged the nominee to consider proposing a legislation that will guide how parliament should

conduct public participation to avert embarrassing nullification of the law by courts like the recently witnessed finance act of 2023.

The MPs also vetted the CS nominee for East Africa community and Asakul Moe a former County Executive Committee member for Water in Turkana County on policies she would introduce to help communities living in arid and semi arid areas.

Further the committee sought to know how the nominee will protect local farmers from cheap imports from neighboring countries.

The committee is expected to submit its report to the house on Tuesday.



Attorney General nominee Dorcas Oduor

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Sports >> *Kenya's greatest javelin thrower of all time Julius Yego says the support system of athletes prior to gigantic championships needs to change for the better.

Kenya Must Embrace The Ever Changing Sporting Trends, Yego Says After Reaching Final In Paris Olympics



Kenya's Julius Yego in action at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Photo/TEAM KENYA.

Kenya's greatest javelin thrower of all time Julius Yego says the support system of athletes prior to gigantic championships needs to change for the better.

The 2015 World Champion wrapped up Paris Olympics in 5th place after throwing a season best of 87.72m, highlighting some technical challenges he believes could have been avoided.

The Rio 2016 Olympics silver medallist, says he resorted to Google Translate with a local coach in Miramas due to language barrier, something he believes impeded his progress.

"For me, I don't want to talk about it anymore because if I do, it becomes an issue. But I hope it will change because the level of competition is very high," the record five-time African Champion said after her competition.

He added, "I see many complaints back home about us, but I think we just need to be appreci-

ated for where we have reached." "Everything keeps changing with time. Training trends are changing. The approach to competition has really changed. For me, I did it alone to where I am today. I'm happy I'll go home, celebrate and join my family," Yego said.

The 35-year-old began with a throw of 80.29m but improved to 87.72 to briefly occupy the bronze medal slot before two-time world champion Anderson Peters overthrew him with a 88.54m throw.

After three more attempts, Yego did not beat the 87.72 of the second attempt, bowing out with head held high.

Pakistani Arshad Nadeem became the surprise new Olympics champion with a new Olympics record of 92.97m.

India's Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo's gold medalist, took silver Lso with a season's best 89.45m

"I expected stiff competition. Like I said, during qualifications that in the finals you need to throw 90 meters to get a medal. And you saw today (Thursday), very tough competition. It's the best ever in my career. You know somebody with 88.50m not even getting a bronze medal it shows how high the competition is. I'm going home a happy man I think I should go and celebrate considering where I have been this season, so can't complain."

—Yego oozed confidence and went for all six throws—

"Congratulations to the winner, it's the first time that we are having a European champion and no European athlete in the top three, so that goes to show that javelin has really evolved and gone global. But if you see the support system around these athletes, is quite big. I think for me, it was a joke that I was in this Olympics,"

Yego said..

Yego says India and some countries in Asia have invested heavily in javelin hence the good results in Paris.

He added: "The difference is always about the support system. Their athletes will have the support system, they'll be there to compete at a high level. India has really invested in javelin."

"When Chopra came in to the limelight, they really invested into it. You can see the technology they adopted is from Germany. They are using the same German equipment at the moment and that is the difference, it just about infrastructure and development of the sport. We can't continue the same way we are doing things, we will continue losing."

Asked about next year's World Championship, Yego commented: "I don't have to change my training. So, I really have to continue with the same kind of training. You know what really happens is when I got injured, the treatment took a toll on me financially. I really had to be helped to compete here. That's the part where I say I complained."

—Julius Yego Fact File—
Name: Julius Yego.

Sport: Javelin

Born: January 4, 1989

Weight: 96kgs

Height: 5.8ft

Personal best

Javelin Throw: 92.72m (Beijing 2015)

Finished 12 th at the London Olympic Games

Finished second at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games

Finished 24 th at the Tokyo Olympic Games

—Alex Isaboke is reporting from Paris, France—

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Sports >>> *Botswana's Letsile Tebogo claimed a surprise Olympic 200m gold medal as Noah Lyles was denied a sprint double at Paris 2024.

Olympics: Tebogo Wins Stunning 200m As Covid-Hit Lyles Denied



Letsile Tebogo celebrates after winning the 200m gold at the Olympic Games. PHOTO/BBC

Botswana's Letsile Tebogo claimed a surprise Olympic 200m gold medal as Noah Lyles was denied a sprint double at Paris 2024. Tebogo, 21, stormed clear of his rivals to clock an African record of 19.46 seconds and finish ahead of American Kenneth Bednarek, who crossed the line in 19.62. Lyles, crowned the world's fastest man by five-thousandths of a second in a historically quick 100m final on Sunday night, was unable to compete at the head of the race and matched his Tokyo bronze in 19.70. It emerged after the race that Lyles had tested positive for Covid and the 27-year-old had to be helped off the track in a wheelchair. Having burst out on to the track to huge cheers before the race, Lyles was seeking to become the first man since Usain Bolt in 2016 to complete a 100m and 200m double at an Olympic Games. But Tebogo had other ideas. A world bronze medallist over

the distance last year, Tebogo also took 100m silver in Budapest as Lyles completed a golden treble. That was a dazzling return for Tebogo at his first senior global championship, but it was nothing compared to his achievement at the Stade de France as he marked his first Olympics with a gold. Tebogo, sixth in the Paris 100m final, lined up with a 200m personal best of 19.50 – notably down on the favourite's 19.31. Lyles keeps to his showman best Showman Lyles made his entrance to huge excitement, seemingly ready to seize his moment with the eyes of the world fixed upon him, but he remained third throughout following a slow start. Bednarek held out to equal his silver of three years ago in Tokyo – a medal he also won at the 2022 World Championships – but could not overhaul Tebogo, who sprinted clear to win Botswana's first ever Olympic gold medal. Tebogo dedicated Olympic gold

to his mother Seratiwa, who died in May of this year after a brief illness, and held up his spikes, displaying her date of birth, to the camera following his victory. "It's basically me carrying her through every stride that I take inside the field," Tebogo said. "To take her [with me], it gives me a lot of motivation. She's watching up there, and she's really, really happy." Having ended Lyles' 26-race winning streak over the distance in the semi-finals, Tebogo announced himself on the global stage as he repeated that victory over the man who has long been tipped as Bolt's heir apparent. **Tebogo finishes in emotional triumph** Tebogo entered the home straight with an advantage and, as his rivals threatened to pull alongside, he surged away in the closing stages to clinch an emotional – and hugely significant – triumph. Lyles, the fastest man over 200m

this year before this race and a three-time reigning world champion over the distance, produced his usual theatrics before the serious business began. But this performance in his favoured event was not at his usual world-beating standard and it soon became apparent why as news broke of the American's illness. Bolt, the fastest man in history and winner of eight Olympic gold medals, completed the sprint double at three successive Games in Beijing, London and Rio – and he remains the only man to ever enjoy such a dominant streak. Lyles had targeted a remarkable four golds in Paris, including both the 4x100m and 4x400m relays, but it remains to be seen whether he will be fit to contest those finals. **BBC**

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Police Raid Jimi Wanjigi's Home After His Involvement In Nane Nane Protests



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Worth Noting:

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Businessman Jimmy Wanjigi and his wife Irene Nzisa during a press briefing at his home, Muthaiga on August 9, 2024.

Businessman cum politician Jimmi Wanjigi has attributed the Thursday night raid in his Muthaiga residence to his participation in the Nane Nane protests. Speaking to the press from his residence, Wanjigi explained that he had joined the protests briefly to show support for the Gen Z movement, but his involvement was cut short by police intervention.

Wanjigi reportedly stated that the police targeted him almost immediately after he joined the demonstrations, forcing him to flee back to his home. He described how the police pursued him from the city center to Muthaiga, where they subsequently laid siege to his home. He recounted that within minutes of his arrival at the protest, police fired tear gas at him, and he was forced to retreat.

Wanjigi criticized the police for their approach, suggesting that if they genuinely wanted to question him, they should have issued a summons instead of raiding his home.

He reportedly stated that he was more than willing to comply with a summons and would appear wherever required, but he stressed that searching his home was unnecessary and disrespectful.

Moreover, Wanjigi accused the police of planting incriminating evidence in his home during the raid. He claimed that the officers planted items in an attempt to implicate him in criminal activities, but he reassured the public that the truth would come to light, thanks to modern technology. Wanjigi mentioned that the alleged planting of evidence had been caught on CCTV, and despite the police's attempt to vandalize the cameras, the footage had been securely stored in the cloud. He suggested that the police were behind the times in understanding how technology works.

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Following the raid, Opposition leader Raila Odinga visited Wanjigi's home to offer his support. The visit occurred just a day after a multi-agency security team broke

into Wanjigi's residence on Thursday night in what appeared to be an attempt to arrest him. Wanjigi later told journalists that police had claimed to recover tear gas canisters from a vehicle parked at the entrance to his home, a claim he strongly denied by stating that the vehicle did not belong to him.

In response to the raid, Wanjigi reportedly obtained a court order on Friday that barred the police from arresting him or restricting his movement. The businessman has maintained that the police's actions are politically motivated, a claim that is likely to further intensify the ongoing legal and political drama surrounding the incident.