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Former President Uhuru Kenyatta and Azimio leader Raila Odinga

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A Rare 1968 Saab 96 Is The Latest Africa Concours d'Elegance Entry

By: MKT Correspondent
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This 1968 Saab 96 entered by newcomer Thomas Frowein is among the rare cars that will be on show at the Africa Concours d'Elegance on September 29th..

Worth Noting:

- The Saab became a highly favoured rally car in Kenya and several contested the Safari Rally. A number were purchased by motorists in East Africa, but the identity of the local agent has been lost in the mists of time. The Saab 96 model was made in limited numbers between 1960 and 1980 and has become a rarity in Kenya and Africa.

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Thomas Frowein a newcomer to the Africa Concours d'Elegance has entered his Saab 96 to compete in the class for small touring cars.

This will be the first appearance of a Saab at the Nairobi Racecourse for many years.

The 2024 Concours is scheduled for September 29th to celebrate the anniversary of Alfa Romeo Owners Club.

The Saab 96 was popular with rally drivers and was driven most famously by Erik Carlsson. He won the RAC Rally three times and the Monte Carlo Rally twice. This established the reliability and toughness of the car which he also drove in the East African Safari Rally.

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Her husband Paul Chemngoren has also entered a Subaru Leone coupe and a 1956 Volkswagen Beetle. Another eye catching machine is the 1966 MGB Roadster entered by Vitafoam Products Limited who will also be competing with a 1974 Austin Mini.

Concours fans will also admire the 1977 Porsche 911 of Mohamed Aslam Khan.

Among the cars contesting the touring car classes will be the Ford Escorts of

Mohamed Shakeel Khan and Farhaaz Khan which were made in 1968 and 1975 respectively. In contrast there has been an influx of Mercedes-Benz entries including Patrick Mweheire's 1959 Mercedes-Benz W180.

He will also be participating with his 1969 Mercedes-Benz 230S Fintail.

Multiple overall motorcycle winner Dominique Antoine has decided to rest his ancient Triumph and instead ride a BSA bike around the motorcycle judging area which will be located in the horse parade ring of the Nairobi Racecourse.

For the first time he will also be contesting a car class with a 1959 Peugeot 203. Knowing Dominique's high standard of preparation it is likely that this old Peugeot will be a contender for a podium place in the small saloon car category.

Tumaini Muthiga, another enthusiastic

car collector and a regular participant of the Concours has entered four classic cars and two motorcycles in different categories. Tumaini is known for pairing his entries with well prepared costumes and has won the costume award several times in past events.

The judging of the cars is based on the level of preparation and will be assessed using the TotalEnergies inspection ramp for the underside. Subsequently they will motor slowly along the judging line in front of the grandstand for experienced officials to check the paintwork, interior, boot, engine and roadworthiness before returning to the competitor's car pad-dock.

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Over 12 women representatives have advocated for peace and unity in the country, noting that women and children are the hardest hit in cases of unrest. Led by Murang'a County Women Representative Betty Maina, the leaders urged their counterparts to embrace the message of peace and work together so as to fulfil their election promises. They spoke in Muthithi Ward Kigumo Constituency during a NGAAF economic empowerment forum aimed at uplifting the lives of women and youth organised by the area Woman Representative.

"The government is still intact and devoted towards fulfilling the promise of uplifting the common Mwananchi," noted Maina. "Our message is that of peace and unity of purpose firmly behind President William Ruto and Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua," she added.



Nakuru County, in partnership with Daraja 360, has conducted interviews for its Textile Hub program for the third cohort at the Nakuru County Empowerment Centre in Bondeni Estate.

Daraja 360 empowers vulnerable families, youths, and children to lead decent and sustainable lives. The program is aimed at individuals with a lower than KCSE level of education and is a catalyst for change, helping to transform the lives of unemployed youth in Nakuru County and foster a more vibrant and sustainable community.

Selected candidates will undergo comprehensive training, covering a wide range of skills including hand stitching, the use of electronic sewing machines and equipment, cutting and fitting, pattern drafting, and branding workshop practices. The Chief Officer for Youth, Sports, and Talent, Alex Maina, appreciated the high turnout, especially the participation of young men, and urged candidates to be punctual and dedicated.



The Kenya National Federation of Sugarcane Farmers' Chairperson, Ezra Okoth. Okoth has urged the new Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Dr. Andrew Mwihia, to reconstitute the Sugarcane Pricing Committee. Okoth said that the cane prices per tonne have drastically dropped from Sh 5,900 in March this year to Sh 5,125 in June, and now Sh 4,950 this month. He said that the high cost of production cannot meet the new prices, noting that farmers are incurring losses. "A farmer cannot benefit if the costs per tonne keep reducing while the cost of production is still high," lamented Okoth. He asked the CS to call for a meeting between sugarcane stakeholders, including millers, the sugar directorate, and farmers, to iron out issues of cane farming in the country.



Spouse of the Deputy President Pastor Dorcas Rigathi with Rwandan gospel artist Israel Mbonyi who paid a courtesy call in her office yesterday. Pastor Dorcas wished the 'Nina Siri na Yesu' well as he continue with his tours. Israel has been in Kenya for the 'Africa Worship Experience Concert' that was held at the Jamhuri Grounds last weekend. He was accompanied by Kenyan Pastor Robert Burale and his band.



Despite the growing demand for computer science courses, local universities are facing a shortage of qualified lecturers. Catherine Muraga, Managing Director of Microsoft ADC, expressed concerns that many students are stranded due to the lack of tutors in their respective disciplines. She urged scholars, industry experts, and policymakers to address the issue on time, as the country might lag behind in its push to become one of the world's largest technology hubs.

Muraga cited the need for expertise in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and quantum computing, stating that institutions are struggling to find enough qualified educators to keep up with the available ones being tapped by the private sector. Zetech University Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Alice Njuguna echoed Muraga's sentiments, stating that the Kenyan market is technologically mature and that the need to address the gaps in the number of highly trained professionals to train students is crucial.



Butere residents are up in arms over the increased space of criminal carried out by unknown people in the area. This comes after two people from Emuleche Sub-Location were murdered in cold blood in the recent past. Area MP Tindi Mwale has condemned the incident and called on the police to arrest the culprits. The residents want the police to increase patrols and respond to their distress calls swiftly before the gangs attack them. However, area OCPD Julius Kiptoo has assured the residents of their safety and has asked members of the public to share vital information with the police to flush out the criminals. He guaranteed members of the public that their reports to the police stations would be held in private.

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RCMRD Hosts 8th RCMRD International Conference On Earth Sciences In Nairobi



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Worth Noting:

The conference is organized around six main pillars: Land Management, Policy & Development, Innovations & Data, Agriculture & Food Security, Biodiversity Conservation and Blue Economy, Disaster Risk Reduction and Health, and Gender and Social Inclusion. These pillars reflect the broad scope of the conference, addressing key issues that are vital for sustainable development.

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Kitui South Member of Parliament Rachael Nyamai, delivering a Keynote address on behalf of Speaker of the National Assembly at the RCMRD International Conference

The Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) inaugurated the 8th RCMRD International Conference (RIC2024) at its premises in Nairobi. The conference, running from yesterday to tomorrow attracted over 1,000 delegates, including Ministers, Principal Secretaries, Government officials, scientists, development partners, researchers, academics, and media representatives. Over the past seven years, RIC2024 has hosted more than 5,000 participants, making it a crucial platform for leveraging geoscience in policy formulation.

This year's conference theme; Earth: Our Only Home underscores the critical role of geoscience in shaping

effective policies for sustainable development. The conference aims to foster understanding among various user domains, both within and beyond Earth Observation (EO), about the interaction between science and policy. Additionally, it seeks to inspire ideas for the effective utilization of Earth observation data in decision-making and to promote integrated approaches for societal benefit.

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sembly Moses Wetangula, emphasized that geospatial technology is not only pivotal for accurate mapping and resource management but also essential for tackling global challenges such as climate change, food security, and urban planning. He noted that the use of geospatial data is instrumental in driving policy decisions that lead to sustainable development and economic growth.

"The integration of geospatial technology in various sectors of our economy is no longer optional; it is a necessity. It provides the data and tools required to make informed decisions, improve efficiency, and ensure that development initiatives are sustainable," Stated Nyamai.

Throughout the conference, delegates will engage in discussions and workshops aimed at advancing the use of geospatial data to tackle issues ranging from land management to disaster risk reduction, and from biodiversity conservation to gender and social inclusion. The RIC2024 is set to be a significant event in promoting the integration of geoscience into policy and practice, driving forward the agenda for sustainable development across the region and beyond.



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Sh1 Billion Set For Last Mile Electricity Connectivity In Murang'a County

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President William Ruto accompanied by a section of Murang'a elected leaders address residents at Kiriani market of Mathioya Sub County

Worth Noting:

- Most of the slated markets, Ruto averred they will be constructed at a tune of Sh. 50 million saying the facilities will offer conducive environment for traders.
- “Modern markets will offer better areas for our traders. Currently business people are operating in substandard shades thus exposing them to unfavorable weather conditions,” said the President asking the lands and urban development CS Alice Wahome to closely monitor and ensure completion of the markets within the stipulated time.
- On coffee and tea, Ruto lauded the ongoing reforms in the two sub sectors assuring tea farmers of better returns in the current year.

The government has allocated KSh1 billion in the current financial year to facilitate last power connectivity in Murang'a County.

President William Ruto, during his development tour in the county, said 15,000 households are set to benefit in the programme.

He said power connections are already going in various parts of the county and by the end of the financial year, the listed homesteads will be connected to power electricity.

Ruto said with the new energy cabinet secretary, last mile connections will be spearheaded in all parts of the country saying the economy is expected to spur with availability of cheap power.

The president spoke as he launched last mile power connectivity at Kiriani in Mathioya and Marewa in Kiharu constituencies where he was accompanied by among others, his deputy Rigathi Gachagua.

“Our target is to attain 100 per cent power connections in a few years to come. Electricity power will help the economy at grassroots grow and open up many opportunities of doing businesses,” he noted.

The Head of State further said an-

other KSh1.2 billion has been allocated to construct 20 new modern markets in the county.

Some of the expected new markets include Mukuyu, Kambirwa, Gikoe, Gatunyu, Muthithi, Kangari among others.

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He said the challenges that were facing tea auction at Mombasa were solved and thus in the current year, earning from tea is expected to shoot from KSh170 billion to KSh210.

“The individuals posing hurdles in

the auction of tea and marketing of coffee are being removed from the value chain so as to ensure our farmers get better returns.

“The KSh2 billion which the government has set to waive coffee debts will be released and I appeal to management of coffee factories to avoid sourcing huge debts at the expense of farmers. Let farmers take advantage of advanced cherry funds which have very minimal interest rates.”

He said this when he addressed residents of Mathioya at Kiriani market.

Meanwhile, the President promised that the Mau Mau link road, which connects four counties of Murang'a, Nyeri, Nyandarua and Kiambu will in the current fiscal year get KSh1.1 billion to progress its construction.

The road stalled almost two years ago after the contractors withdrew from the site owing to delay of payments.

In his visit, the president also commissioned a rehabilitated 30 kilometer Murang'a town – Kiriani road which has been expanded to ease traffic flow.

Mathioya MP Edwin Mugo urged

the government to consider supporting coffee factories to install solar dryers.

Mugo noted through NG-CDF, he has installed one factory with solar dryers saying that by availing the equipment, the factories will cut operations costs.

Kaharu MP Ndindi Nyoro who is also chairperson of Parliamentary Committee for budget lauded the government for factoring funds to spearhead development in Murang'a.

He said in the current budget, KSh2 billion have been allocated to buy milk coolers which will be distributed to various parts of the country adding that another KSh1.5 billion was set to stabilize milk prices.

“The money for stabilizing milk prices will be channeled through KCC, which is government owned creameries. The money will ensure farmers don't get less than Sh. 50 per litre of milk,” said Nyoro.

Raila: I Reached Out To Ruto On GenZ Protests

By: KBC Digital

Azimio leader Raila Odinga has opened up on the recent demonstrations that were planned by Kenyan youth (GenZ) that led to the formation of the now broad-based Government.

Odinga, during a burial service in Elgeyo Marakwet County said that a call from former President Uhuru Kenyatta led him to reach out to the Head of State to quell the protests.

“When the country was in turmoil, former President Kenyatta asked me to reach out to President Ruto about the concerns of Gen Z and Kenyans in general,” Raila said.

Odinga, who formally submitted his bid for the position of African Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson, noted that Uhuru’s call placed him in a position to call for dialogue with President Ruto.

“While I am running for the AUC chairperson’s position, my priority

remains stabilizing my home country for future generations,” he further said.

While reflecting on the recent GenZ protests over 2024/25 Finance Bill, governance and the country’s cost of living that led the President to dissolve his Cabinet, the ODM leader said that he told the President that a majority of Kenyans were unhappy by members of his administration.

“You know I don’t hide my words. I say direct. It’s only the media that are reporting my association is about a handshake. Kenyans are unhappy by the people you have appointed to serve them,” he said.

Both President Ruto and Raila have distanced themselves from sentiments of a handshake government, reports widely spread on the media, according to them.

Speaking in Kisii County, the Head of State said that the ruling Kenya Kwanza Alliance and the Orange Democratic Movement had not entered into a coalition agreement but have agreed to unite the country and serve Kenyans.



Raila Odinga .

The President said the two political formations have agreed to join forces to help confront the challenges facing Kenyans.

He said the arrangement is not guided by selfish, personal or political party interests but by the well-being of the people of Kenya.

“There comes a time when the most important thing is not what benefits leaders or political parties, but what benefits the people,” he said.

PSC Announces Internship Opportunities For Cohort Seven

By: Margaret Kalekye

The Public Service Commission has announced the recruitment of interns under the Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP).

The interns will be the seventh cohort to be appointed to the 2024/2025 programme

They will be deployed in different Ministries, State Departments, Corporations and Public Universities for a non-renewable period of 12 months.

“The interns will be paid a stipend at a rate as determined by the Government. On successful completion of the Internship Programme, the interns will be awarded a certificate” PSC said in the advertisement.

Previous cohorts have been getting a monthly stipend of Ksh25,000.

Eligible candidates

Eligible candidates must have grad-

uated not earlier than 2018 with a Bachelor’s degree in any discipline from a recognized university and must be proficient in computer skills.

Interested and qualified graduates are requested to make their applications through the Commission’s job portal accessible on the website. The application deadline is set for 2nd September 2024.

They are expected to complete duties mutually agreed upon and assigned by the supervisors.

He or she will also document relevant skills acquired in their areas of deployment.

In addition, they will actively participate in any relevant mentorship activities and additional responsibilities designed for the programme.

The Public Service Internship Programme (PSIP) is a Government youth empowerment programme whose main objective is to offer college graduates the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and build skills in order to enhance their chances for employment, networking and

entrepreneurship.

Started in 2019, the programme has benefitted over 25,000 graduates.

Public Service Cabinet Secretary Justin Muturi has pledged to reform the programme to involve the private sector.

The internship programme is one route through which the government can train young people for the job market, Muturi said during vetting by Parliament. However, as it is, it was poorly designed and narrowly implemented.

“This programme should be re-worked, re-looked and re-engineered to involve the private sector,” said Muturi. “The private sector should be incentivised to take interns”.

He added: “If we take this route without re-engineering the programme, we will just be creating more anger for the country. We must think about this programme collaboratively.”

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For appointment to an internship position, a candidate must:

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Kenya Nation Congress Of Pentecostal Churches Rejects The Regulation Report

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Kenya National Congress of Pentecostal Church bishops have rejected the church regulation report presented to the president by task force committee chairman Rev. Mutava Musyimi.

Bishop Njoroge Munyori of Four Square Church who led a delegation of the Pentecostal Church leaders from Nyeri County to present their memorandum to the Central Regional Commissioner.

Speaking after the presentation, Bishop Njoroge said they had voiced their grievances to the Regional Commissioner, hoping it would reach the president.

“We have reviewed the report, but none of our recommendations were included. That’s why we are urging the president not to assent to the bill,” Bishop Njoroge said on behalf of the other bishops.

“As Church leaders, we know how to regulate ourselves, and the gov-

ernment should not interfere with the day-to-day operations of the Churches. If the government wants to identify bad elements among us, they should work with us,” the bishop added.

President Ruto established the task force in May 2023 to review the legal and regulatory framework governing religious organisations in Kenya.

The task force, led by former NCKK Secretary-General Dr Mutava Musyimi also advised revising the education curriculum to include instruction on recognising and countering sects, religious extremism, violent extremism, and cultism.

The task force recommended that all religious institutions in Kenya undergo fresh registration as part of strict vetting procedures the report was handover to President William Ruto.

They noted the need for monitoring religious education teachers to prevent negative impacts on students.

Their recommendations follow the discovery of bodies in the Shakahola forest more than a year ago, negating the need to regulate religious activities and organisations across the



Bishop Njoroge Munyori of Four Square Church who led a delegation of Pentecostal Church leaders from Nyeri County, addressing the media after they had presented their memorandum to the Central Regional Commissioner. Photo/Paul Wanjiru

country.

Additionally, the task force also recommended increasing public awareness about religious extremism.

“Civic education should be conducted through religious institutions, community-based organizations (CBOs), relevant government bod-

ies, and the media,” stated the Bishop Njoroge.

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Gachagua Ouster Bid, I Knew It Was Only A Matter Of Time Before Coup Plotters Chickened Out



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Worth Noting:

- Besides receiving a thunderous applause whenever he invited him to address the crowds in Embu, Muranga and Kirinyaga counties, President Ruto was reported to have received a similar message from 43 local MPs whom he had hosted at State House Nairobi. For some of the MPs, this was U-turn. The change of heart was a political survival strategy.
- Kikuyu MP and Majority leader Kimani Ichungwah and MP Mwangi Kiunjuri and his Mathira counterpart Eric Wamumbi were conspicuously absent. The three were known to be fierce critics of DP Gachagua.
- It is true the DP was missing from President's meeting with the MPs. But attempts by DP's critics to politicize his absence backfired immediately.

The enemy of kikuyu is kikuyu and the events of the recent past once again attest to this.

Though it had started as rumors, many Kenyans later believed the talk of impeaching the Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua was real.

Shockingly, the plot had been hatched by elected MPs from Gachagua's backyard of Mount Kenya region.

While working at the behest of the outsiders the MPs were out to bring down one of their own.

The ouster bid was publicly informed by sheer envy, hatred and raw political ambitions.

For me, I knew the coup plotters were on their own. They were not enjoying the support of the electorate.

Therefore, it was only a matter of time before they chickened out.

This came to pass during President William Ruto's three-day tour of the region.

The President did not mince any word in urging the local leaders to tone down on political rhetoric and instead focus on fulfilling the pre-election promises.

Each one of you have a destiny with the voters. If you don't deliver, they will show you the door come 2027.

A story published by one of the mainstream media had earlier created the impression that the members of parliament from the Mountain plotting to impeach the DP enjoyed the blessings of the president.

I knew President William Ruto was a wise man and a well schooled politician.

So, I would not have expected him to support the ouster bid without first listening to the voice of the Mountain.

During this tour, he realized that majority of the local people were behind Gachagua.

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It emerged that the local MPs had requested the President not to invite the DP. This is because one of the agenda items touched on DP's latest conduct particularly his utterances and body language during his forays in the Mountain.

The MPs wanted to discuss this matter freely.

Media reports indicated President Ruto had communicated this to DP. He had



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua .

no problem and had given him a go ahead.

In his response after the meeting, the President is reported to have told the MPs. I concurs with you and one of the reasons is because the grounds cited do not meet the requisite threshold for impeachment of DP.

I had a few days earlier listened to Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's remarks during a live interview with Mount Kenya vernacular stations.

Regarding his relationship with his boss, President William Ruto, he insisted that it remained cordial and intact.

He however pointed an accusing finger at some unnamed State House based officials. One of these persons was so powerful. He was intimidating and selling fear to even members of parliament. With this, many people posed.

Was DP's working chemistry with his boss really cordial?

He escalated this matter when he disclosed. A senior staff member in my office had been targeted for elimination.

Luckily, he survived. He said the officers from Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and National Intelligence Service (NIS) were not treating this matter with seriousness it deserved.

Responding to reports swirling around that his critics have hatched a plot to impeach him, he stated. I'm not aware of this plot. I'm reading this in the media the same way you are doing.

I have heard those who want me to go home are members of parliament. I want to tell them that they did not elect me. President Ruto and I won 2022 polls on a joint ticket.

So I was elected by people of Kenya. Given this scenario, I would expect members of parliament who want to send me home to first ask Kenyans whether they support the move.

But politics being what it is, I'm not ruling out the possibility of this motion

being filed.

But I would expect justice and fairness to prevail in this process. If I'm impeached, I will go home with my head held high.

In an earlier article in this column, I focussed on how President William Ruto responded during a live interview to the question of whether he had fallen out with his deputy. I'm not aware of any political differences with my deputy.

The truth of matter is that he is my deputy. If you don't trust me, go and look for him. I cannot speak for him.

The DP had been reading a similar script. He had never openly picked a war with his boss.

As a principal assistant to the President, he has been stating. My job is to help the President implement what he promised Kenyans during campaigns. Our was a joint ticket. So, if I don't do this, I will also be blamed.

I had also listened to DP's in Gatanga in Muranga county. He minced no word in warning elected leaders from Mount Kenya region that their days were numbered.

If they fail listen to the ground, they will lose their seats come the next general election in 2027.

As expected, his critics interpreted his remarks to mean taking on his boss, President William Ruto.

I disagree! The truth of the matter is that if election are called today the region will not vote as a bloc for President Ruto as it happened in 2022 polls. If it turns out this is the message he was passing to the President, I would not expect the head of state to feel offended.

Dr President Ruto is a well-schooled politician.

The ground in Mount Kenya region is mainly shifting because a quite number of development projects that the two leaders had made to the residents during the campaigns were yet to be rolled out.

By virtue of being senior most politician in the region, the residents considered Gachagua as their savior.

He may have some weaknesses but this is normal with all politicians. No one is 100 percent perfect.

For residents, the enemies of the Mountain had regrouped and were out to split the region. We will not allow them to have their way.

We will firmly stand behind Gachagua because he is a unifying factor.

The DP's speech in Gatanga came hot on the heels of recent protests organized and led by Generation-Z.

One of the grounds cited by plotters is Gachagua's alleged role in sponsoring these demonstrations.

It is not therefore lost that the campaign took a new height on the day that the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) detectives grilled and recorded statements from three of his top allies.

It remains to be seen whether the information extracted carried any weight that could be used to pin down DP.

In political circles, the diehard supporters of DP have been dismissing the claims, stating the DP was being targeted for political reasons.

At the height of Gen-Z protests, I had an opportunity to listen to Gachagua's remarks when he addressed the press in Mombasa.

The DP stated that he was privy to the information that some state operatives were out to make false claims that former President Uhuru Kenyatta and I were sponsoring the protests.

The DP directed his anger at the top leadership of National Intelligence Service (NIS). If they had relayed correct briefings to the President, the blood-

Waiguru Intensify Fight Against Lifestyle Diseases By Encouraging Fish Production And Consumption

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Worth Noting:

- “We have 505 liners set for distribution across the county with each liner going to one household. We will thereafter issue each of the households with 1,000 fingerlings and fish feeds for the first six months,” the governor added.
- Waiguru said the county has also put up a fish aggregation center at Kiaga where farmers can sell their fish and also carry out preliminary processing and cold storage for further marketing.
- She said Sagana Industrial City will also provide an avenue for farmers to sell their fish for processing thus adding value and earning them better income.
- During the event, the governor also distributed water pipes and fittings for Kangai Ward Domestic Water Connections which will serve 7,500 users.



Governor Ann Waiguru, surrounded by her administration officials and some constituents during the handing over ceremony..

Kirinyaga County Governor Anne Waiguru says the county has intensified fight against lifestyle diseases by encouraging production and consumption of fish.

Waiguru said statistics from the Ministry of Health shows that the county has been ranked as having the highest prevalence of diabetes and hypertension due to consumption of starch and red meat.

Speaking at Kangai while issuing 101 fish pond liners to farmers in Mwea West, the governor said fish consumption in the county is gaining popularity adding that this will go along way in the fight against lifestyle diseases.

Waiguru said the county is spending large amount of its drug supplies budget, purchasing medication for lifestyle diseases and therefore the urgent need to roll out interventions to stop the trend.

“We are not only encouraging our people to engage in fish farming as a way of creating alternative livelihoods but also to increase consumption so as to improve nutritional status in the county,” Waiguru said.

She said that the county aims at increasing its fish production from the current 71.3 tons to 371 in 2027.

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“The pipes and fittings will enhance the distribution of water from KICOWASCO Bulk Water Supply. It will serve about and serve Kangai and Kathiga Locations which include Mbeti, Karikoini, Kombu-ini and Mathigaini Sub-locations,” she said.

As part of the county’s socio-economic empowerment program, he Governor issued 1800 chairs to 18

groups with each receiving 100 chairs.

The Council of Governors (COG) chair also issued two football teams with uniforms, 45 pairs of football boots to 3 teams with each team receiving 15 pairs. 12 sets of uniforms, 20 footballs and 90 pairs of boots had been issued earlier during the Kangai Super League finals held in February at Kangure Grounds.

“Sports not only brings the youth together but also helps them realize their full potential and I look forward to seeing Kangai teams continue shining in various tournaments,” the Governor added.

Moses Chomba, a fish farmer, praised the impact of Governor Waiguru’s Wezesha empowerment program saying it was changing livelihood.

“The fish projects that have been undertaken through Wezesha program have really transformed the lives of many people in our county. As a member of Kariua Youth Group, we had previously received pond liners, 1,000 fish fingerlings, and also had the privilege of getting full training on fish farming from experts sent by the county government. We went on to sell our fish after a good harvest for

over Ksh 100,000, which we shared as a group and also reinvested by restocking our fingerlings. We thank Governor Waiguru for giving us means of earning an honest living,” he added.

Kangai Ward’s MCA James Wambu said issuance of water pipes and fittings, will help supply families with treated water for domestic consumption.

He further highlighted the challenges of water scarcity in the area and expressed his gratitude that more families will be connected to the main bulk water supply line.

“In Kangai, we have faced a lot of challenges due to water shortage. We have a lot of water but not clean for drinking. When there are heavy rains and it floods, residents of this area suffer a lot,” Wambu noted.

Anthony Nyamu, a resident of Kangai, said supply of piped water in the area will reduce water borne diseases preference.

“As residents, we are elated for this project. For a long time, we have had issues due to lack of clean water, but we are happy that we will now be supplied with clean and treated water for consumption,” he added.

M-PESA foundation medical camp in Bomet County

The Foundation's medical camp programme has impacted over 24,000 people in Nairobi, Siaya, Machakos, Bungoma and Kajiado counties since April this year

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Three thousand residents in Bomet benefited from a medical camps hosted by the M-PESA Foundation in partnership with Zuri Health and Lion SightFirst Eye Hospital at Kamureito Primary School.

The Foundation also distributed 100 mama packs at Longisa County Referral Hospital containing essentials for mothers and babies at the hospital as part of its efforts to enhance maternal and child health.

An array of services was offered at the camp including eye care consultations, breast and cervical cancer screening, fistula screening, general doctor consultations, diabetes screening, hypertension monitoring, and elderly and child health consultations.

"Health is one of our key pillars at M-Pesa Foundation. Through our series of medical camps, we continue to realise our purpose of transform-

ing lives and take healthcare services closer to the people, with a focus on non-communicable diseases, reproductive health advice and general health consultations," said Karen Basiye, Executive Director, M-PESA Foundation.

Following a successful series of 12 medical camps held between May 2023 and March 2024, the Foundation began a fresh phase of camps in April this year targeting 12 counties. In the new phase, over 24,000 people have accessed medical services in Bungoma, Siaya, Machakos, and Kajiado counties, and the Nairobi Metropolitan area covering Mathare, Githurai and Kabete.

Leveraging technology, the camps use Artificial Intelligence (AI) screening to monitor vital signs such as pulse rate, blood pressure and body temperature which guide further medical advice, while Zuri Health also offers patients free follow-up consultations with doctors via SMS and WhatsApp for up to six months.



M-PESA foundation medical camp in Bomet County

Gachagua Ouster Bid, I Knew It Was Only A Matter Of Time Before Coup Plotters Chickened Out

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shed we have witnessed could have been avoided.

While roundly condemning the police for using excessive force against the protesters resulting to snuffing out of the lives of innocent youths, the DP echoed the words of the President. These are our children and had not broken any law.

The constitution provides that the motion to impeach a sitting DP can only sail through if it garners two-third majority or above in parliament.

Well, for now, some people argue the motion can sail through. This is because President William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga have buried their differences and are working together.

But there is the issue of whether the grounds cited by his accusers meets the requisite threshold of law.

The motion of the impeachment can only be allowed if the mover manages to convince the house that the actions of

DP amount to gross violation of the constitution and the international treaties.

I heard earlier listened to the remarks by Kiambu Senator Karungo Wa Thangwa. He seemed to confirm that President William Ruto and his deputy Rigathi Gachagua were not reading the same script.

We the people of the Mountain are asking President William Ruto to engage DP Gachagua in dialogue the same way he is engaging Generation-Z and millennials.

The senator, who spoke in presence of the Deputy President in Maragwa, stated. We have heard that the President has initiated a process of reaching out to the young people.

This is after they took to the streets to register their strong reservations with the way the country is being governed.

We want the President to use the same template to engage the DP.

While fondly referring Gachagua as Riggy-G, the senator further noted that Generation-Z and Riggy-G share one thing in common "letter G".

You can therefore ignore Riggy-G at your own peril.

He added: DP Gachagua is our kingpin in the Mountain. I'm therefore answerable to him. So this is what I want to tell the President. You cannot reach me without going through him.

The DP was also accompanied by a host of elected leaders from this region.

To me, Karungo's sentiments which were echoed by all the speakers including area MP Mary Wa maua, were weighty.

As we know, the people of Mount Kenya region voted for President Ruto to the last man and woman during 2022 polls. He garnered 87 percent and these are the votes that catapulted him to the seat of president.

Kiambu senator's point was therefore clear. The DP was a force to reckon with. He helped the President to get those votes. He has not lost that popularity.

So, If the President opts to ignore him he was bound to lose this critical support base. The DP steered clear of this debate.

The youths who had turned up to oppose the Finance Bill 2024 were aged between 18-34 years. They had listed



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

other demands.

This is not the first time we are witnessing this. We had seen similar anti-tax protests rocking the country during the reigns of Presidents Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta.

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The Two Thai Miracle Artists



Thailand

A thirteen year old Thai artist, the Satriwittaya school 's student joins in the biggest art Festival in South Korea . Kate Supanida Paosatheanpan , the Pt& Grand Prize award of the 39th PTT art competition in 2023 and the second place winner of the 38 th PTT art competition in 2023 .

She is also the second place prize in 18th Children and Youth National Art Competition in 2022 and the participation prize in the 17th Children and Youth National Art Competition in 2023 directed by BUNDITPATANASILPA INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS of the Ministry of Culture of the government of Thailand accepts to send her paintings and drawings to show in the 23 td Gangneung International Junior Art Festival 2024 , a youth festival which is held annually at Gyeongpo Beach in Gangneung, South Korea, for six days at the beginning of August. With 300 participants from seven nations and 500 visitors every night.

Suparada Paosatheanpan or Kiddie , a 12 - year - old artist and Sausamphan School 's student , the Bronze Prize from FAI Young Artist Contest 2023 in Switzerland and the the one of 75 prize winner of Kids 4 Human Rights Contest 2023 in Spain as the big event of the 75 th Anniversary of United Nation.

As for Gangneung International Junior Art Festival 2024 or GIAF , it is considered the biggest international youth festival in South Korea.

The IJAF aims at cultural exchange between youths from South Korea and other countries and at communicating Korean culture to the participants.

The festival concept includes both performances of the participating groups in front of a large international audience and a diversified cultural programme: mask dances, paper artwork, taekwondo, museums and other workshops deliver insight into Korean culture. The festival lasts four days. Each group performs twice: one performance on the main stage at Gyeongpo Beach, one performance on the sub stage next to the Gangneung Arts Hall in the city.

The first evening starts with a big parade of all participants through the city towards the beach. The opening and closing ceremony includes a big fireworks at the beach. During festival days, the participating groups attend several cultural workshops. The festival is free of charge for the participating groups and entrance is free for the audience.

In 2002, Mr Jeong, Tae-Hwan, founded the East Asia Junior Art Festival, aiming at cultural

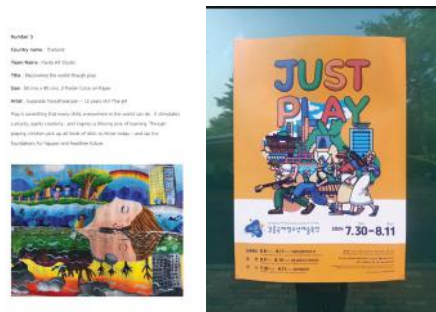
exchange between Asian youth groups. In 2004, a hip hop group and a horn quartet from Germany were invited. Since then, the festival has been continued as the International Junior Art Festival.

Groups from the following countries have participated: Korea, Japan, China, Russia, Germany, USA, Taiwan, Mongolia, Indonesia, Latvia, Lithuania and Australia.

The local section of the Federation of Artistic and Cultural Organization, a cultural organisation operating all over South Korea, is official host of the IJAF. Since 2009, it has been assisted by the Gangneung Culture and Arts Foundation.

The organisation of the festival is the task of the Festival Committee, consisting of members of both partners. The festival is sponsored by Gangwon Province and Gangneung City.

There are co-operations with the local KBS broadcast station, the KSGI Arts Council Korea and the Gangneung Danoje Festival Committee.



Life Is Not A Zebra With Black And White Stripes, But A Chess Board



By: Rahmonaliyev Muhammaddiyor
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Everything depends on one's actions. This is my testimony so I want to share with you how I focused my life on studying.

I have wanted to be a sportsman since I was young, and in a way I achieved this, but I traveled a long way for this, but in the end I focused on my studies. I have been playing sports since I was 8 years old. I went to many types of sports. For example, wrestling, athletics, boxing, swimming, karate, and handball, which made me a sports star. The reason why I went to a lot of sports is that this was one sport that I didn't like, and it lasted for 3 months. After all, since 2013, I have started to play handball and won many places in many competitions, including 5-time regional champion and 3-time national champion. At the same time, I was studying in a regular secondary school. My mother wanted me to study and become a big person in the future. That's why they gave me tutors and encouraged me to study. At the same time, they did not want me to study in an

ordinary school. That's why they really wanted me to enter the 1st IDUMI in Koshtepa district. Why 1st IDUMI because 90 and more of its students were enrolled there. The most interesting thing is that the time has come for me to focus only on studying, that is, I prepared for 2 months to enter this school. mask, but I prepared. The date of the exam was announced and I took part in the exam and became a student of this school. Children from different districts studied in this school. This school was a boarding school, i.e. a boarding school. I was in the era of educated people and I tried to catch up with them, and my studies started to improve by itself. I was very proud of it. But still, I was a little behind my friends because I got into this school almost by luck without strong preparation. But this did not stop me. In this way, I graduated from the 7th grade, and it was announced that the school we studied would become the President's school, so the school we studied became a school in the presidential agency, and I had to retake the exam. However, I did not go to the school in Koshtepa district, but to the specialized school in the city of Margilan, where I was born, and I entered this school in the previous places. I am currently studying at this school and my level of knowledge is increasing. I have become more interested in mathematics and English because we have these subjects for 5 or 6 hours a week. My level of knowledge in mathematics has improved a lot and I won in the Olympiads in the school stage and the city stage. With that, my life became self-contained with reading.

Thank You, Thank You, My Friend



By: Bojirbekova Malikakhan Azizbek

My dear, my dear, my confidant without you
My angel with a pure heart is a beautiful flower
My basil that blooms in chamans
My support is your friend.

What you believe, my heart of secrets
My thirst for knowledge, my source of inspiration
My God-given power lamp
Thank you my friend.

You are the one who removes my worries and sorrows

You are the one who makes me smile
My dear, you are my comforter, the joy of my heart
My support is your friend.

If the bad ones give it, it will hurt and suffer
You are always my protector
A candle that illuminates my dark days
Thank you my friend.

Let there be more friends like you in the world
A comforter for aching hearts
Not fakes, not fakes,
A supporter standing in front of you

When Chorasz left, in a difficult day
Let the pain disappear because of a close friend
A smile on his face with joy
May faith wake up tomorrow.

Stay healthy, my confidant, my friend
My shoulder friend in my difficult days

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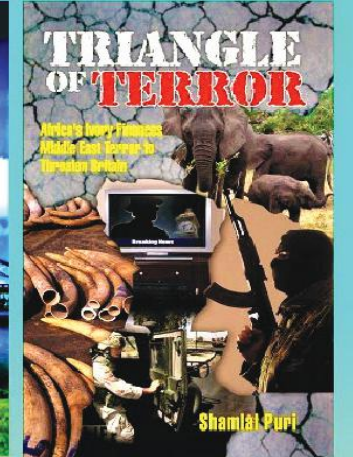
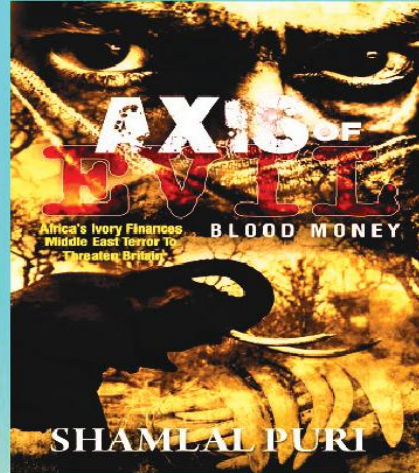
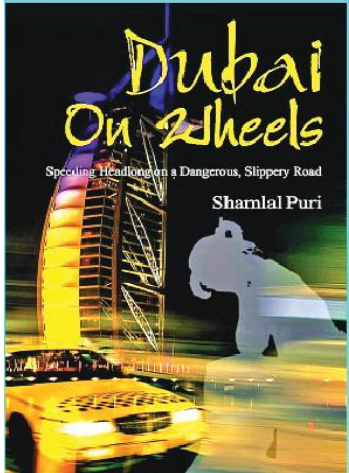
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KeNIA Unveils The Implementation Strategy For Its 10-year Innovation Master Plan

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The Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA) has launched its 10-year Innovation Master Plan, highlighting key initiatives and pillars for collaboration.

The plan includes new courses at KeNIA Innovation Academy and features practical showcasing and pitching by 2023 Presidential Innovation Award finalists.

The plan aims to harness the power of innovation across all sectors of the economy, including human capital, finance, markets, infrastructure, and policy.

Kenya Innovation Week (KIW) is an annual event by KeNIA that showcases the progress of the National Innovation Ecosystem.

The chairperson, Alice Ng'ang'a, expressed her confidence in hosting the event and called for the addition of a new category for public sector innovations to enhance government

responsiveness to service delivery.

"I am thrilled to announce that we are in full support of KeNIA's plans to host Kenya Innovation Week 2024. I specifically championed support for the innovation agency through the supplementary budget, to ensure innovation week planning can start. I am very convinced that it is a valuable initiative for society," said Ng'ang'a.

The Presidential Innovation Award, a platform committed to fostering innovation in all sectors, aims to create 387,000 innovation-related jobs.

KeNIA CEO Dr. Tonny Omwansa emphasised the need for partnerships with the private sector to build capacity and constitutional levels and to use data in policy and regulatory environments to foster a more innovation-friendly environment.

"In one year, more than 10 universities adopted the entrepreneurial education approach and the Commercialisation and Entrepreneurial Institutions Leaders (CEIL) Summit, scheduled to take place on August 29 and 30, 2024, which will greatly



help in capacity building," said the CEO.

He appreciated existing partnerships with various bodies, including the Japan International Cooperation

Agency (JICA), Africa Development Bank (AfDB), Presidential Innovation Award, and Kenya Innovation Week, and expressed the organization's ongoing pursuit of more

partnerships and collaborations to increase innovation, create more job opportunities for the youth, and create wealth.

Youth Urged To Register For The Forthcoming Blue Economy Summit

By: KNA

The 3rd annual Blue Economy Investment and Innovation Summit 2024 (BEIIS) is set to take place in October, with the theme "Building an inclusive blue future."

The forum will focus on innovative solutions and strategic investments in the blue economy to support sustainable development and ocean resource protection.

The Director of Sote Hub, David Ogiga, announced that at least 500 people have registered for the summit, emphasising the importance of registration in advance.

The event will also address challenges facing the blue economy sector, such as plastic pollution, which is a leading menace globally.

The forum will focus on three significant aspects: climate change and ocean resilience, access to capital, and the use of technology for busi-

ness success and job creation in the Coast region.

The Kenya Maritime Authority Chairman, Hamisi Mwaguya, highlighted the 3-year partnership with Sote Hub to improve the blue economy sector and called on youths to register in large numbers.

"Innovation is mainly done by the youth since they belong to the section of people who are curious and innovative; hence, we are asking them to register in large numbers. We want to assure them of our unwavering support, and we look forward to the new inventions," said the chairman.

Sote Hub has played a critical role in acting as a direct link between the county government and the youth, and the upcoming event is a collaboration between Sote Hub, the Kenya Maritime Authority, the Aga Khan Foundation, Tech Bridge Invest, Absa Bank, Slovak Aid, and the UK Kenya Tech Hub.





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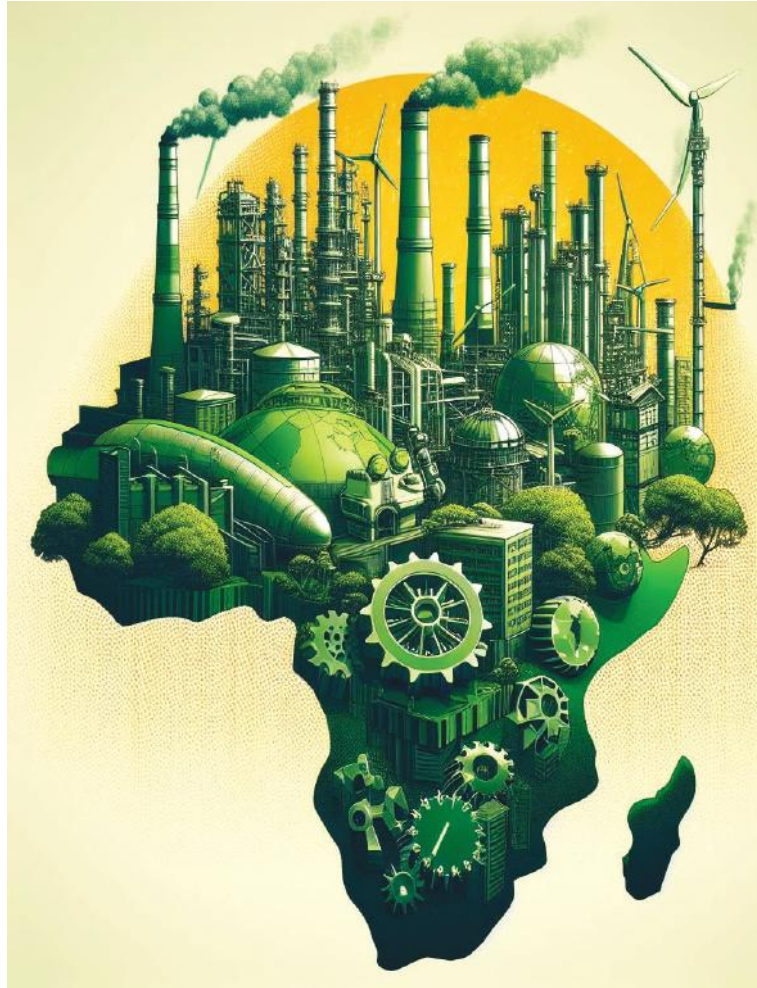
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Green Industrialization As A Pathway To Sustainable Development In Kenya



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Green Industrialization

Worth Noting:

- Water resource management is another critical aspect of green industrialization in Kenya. The Water Act of 2016 establishes a comprehensive framework for the sustainable use and management of water resources. It introduces water use permits and charges, promoting efficient water use in industrial processes.
- The act also mandates the treatment of industrial effluents before discharge, protecting water bodies from pollution. These measures are essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability of Kenya's water resources in the face of increasing industrial demand.
- To promote innovation and technology transfer in green industries, Kenya has implemented several initiatives. The Science, Technology and Innovation Act of 2013 provides a framework for fostering research and development in sustainable technologies.

Kenya, like many developing nations, faces the dual challenge of promoting economic growth while safeguarding its environment and natural resources. Green industrialization offers a promising pathway to address this challenge, enabling Kenya to achieve sustainable development goals while fostering a competitive, low-carbon economy. This article examines the legal and policy framework supporting green industrialization in Kenya, as well as the opportunities and challenges in its implementation.

The concept of green industrialization aligns closely with Kenya's Vision 2030, the country's long-term development blueprint. Vision 2030 emphasizes the need for environmentally sound and resource-efficient economic growth. To this end, Kenya has enacted several key pieces of legislation and policies to promote green industrialization. The Climate Change Act of 2016 provides an overarching legal framework for climate change response and low-carbon development strategies. This act mandates the integration of climate change considerations into development planning, decision-making, and implementation across all sectors of the economy.

Supporting the Climate Change Act is the Green Economy Strategy and Implementation Plan (GESIP) 2016-2030. GESIP outlines specific measures to promote green growth across various sectors, including manufacturing, energy, agriculture, and transportation. The plan emphasizes the adoption of clean technologies, renewable energy, resource efficiency, and sustainable waste management practices. These policy instruments provide a solid foundation for Kenya's transition towards a green industrial sector.

One of the key focus areas for green industrialization in Kenya is the energy sector. The Energy Act of 2019 promotes the development of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures. It establishes a regulatory framework for renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass. The act also provides incentives for private sector investment in clean energy projects, such as feed-in tariffs and tax exemptions for renewable energy equipment. These measures are crucial for reducing the carbon footprint of Kenya's industrial sector and enhancing its competitiveness.

In the manufacturing sector, the adoption of cleaner production tech-

nologies and practices is essential for green industrialization. The Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) of 1999, as amended in 2015, provides the legal basis for environmental impact assessments, audits, and monitoring of industrial activities. The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) is empowered to enforce environmental standards and promote the adoption of best available techniques (BAT) in industrial processes. This regulatory framework encourages industries to minimize waste, reduce pollution, and improve resource efficiency.

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To promote innovation and technology transfer in green industries, Kenya has implemented several initiatives. The Science, Technology and Innovation Act of 2013 provides a framework for fostering research and development in sustainable technologies. The Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI) plays a key role in developing and disseminating green technologies to local industries. Additionally, the Special Economic Zones Act of 2015 provides for the establishment of green technology parks, which can serve as hubs for eco-innovative industries.

Financial incentives and support mechanisms are crucial for accelerating the transition to green industrialization. The Finance Act of 2019 introduced tax incentives for investments in green buildings and renewable energy projects. The Climate Change Act also provides for the establishment of a Climate Change Fund to finance climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, including green industrial projects. However, there is a need for more comprehensive green financing mechanisms to support small and medium-sized enterprises in adopting sustainable practices.

While Kenya has made significant progress in creating an enabling en-

vironment for green industrialization, challenges remain. One major issue is the need for capacity building and skills development in green technologies and practices. The Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Act of 2013 provides a framework for developing technical skills, but there is a need for more specialized programs focusing on green industrial skills. Collaboration between educational institutions, industry, and government agencies is essential to address this skills gap.

Enforcement of environmental regulations and standards remains a challenge, particularly for small and informal industries. Strengthening the capacity of regulatory agencies like NEMA and enhancing coordination between different government departments is crucial for effective implementation of green industrialization policies. Additionally, there is a need for more robust monitoring and reporting mechanisms to track progress towards green industrialization goals.

International cooperation and support play a vital role in Kenya's green industrialization efforts. The Paris Agreement on climate change and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals provide a global framework for sustainable development. Kenya can leverage international climate finance mechanisms, such as the Green Climate Fund, to support its green industrialization initiatives. Bilateral and multilateral partnerships can also facilitate technology transfer and capacity building in green industries.

In conclusion, green industrialization offers a viable pathway for Kenya to achieve sustainable development while building a competitive, low-carbon economy. The country has made significant strides in creating a supportive legal and policy framework for green industrialization. However, effective implementation, capacity building, and financial support remain critical challenges. By addressing these issues and leveraging international cooperation, Kenya can accelerate its transition towards a green industrial sector, setting an example for other developing nations in sustainable development.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moses Kuria's Reflections On The New Cabinet

Former Public Service Cabinet Secretary Moses Kuria has shared his thoughts on President William Ruto's new cabinet, expressing both praise and criticism. Despite being removed from his position, Kuria commended Ruto's decision to include opposition members in the government, stating he remains proud of this move regardless of his own status.

However, Kuria was highly critical of the "terrible" bureaucracy within the Kenyan government, warning that the new cabinet may struggle to succeed if significant changes are not made to address this issue. He described the bu-

reaucracy as "terrible" multiple times, claiming it hinders effective service delivery and implementation of key programs.

Kuria alleged that junior public servants often sabotage cabinet secretaries by making it difficult to execute their plans, with some "accounting officers and directors" intentionally delaying projects. He asserted that some government employees are "trained on how to say 'No'" and start with a negative stance before providing reasons.

The former CS expressed hope that the new cabinet will find an environment where people are willing to do

the right things, but cautioned that even this cabinet will not succeed if the bureaucratic culture does not change. He urged public servants to alter their approach, stating: "If you don't change the way you are doing things, even this Cabinet will not succeed."

Kuria also revealed that he had asked President Ruto to bring the opposition into government prior to the cabinet reshuffle. He stated: "Whether I'm in Cabinet or not, I remain very proud for the President taking this decision."

Despite his criticism of the bureaucracy, Kuria dismissed calls for the impeachment of Deputy President

Rigathi Gachagua, assuring mourners at a funeral that he would never support such a move. He claimed that infighting and miscalculations within the Mount Kenya region, particularly by Gachagua, led to the entry of Raila Odinga's allies into the cabinet.

Moving forward, Kuria plans to lead a private life and focus on writing a book he began in January. He also mentioned receiving invitations to speak at international forums about global issues. The former CS stated that he considers his recent interview to be his "exit interview" and his "last" as he retreats from the public eye.

Kuria expressed pride in the work he accomplished during his brief tenure as a cabinet secretary, stating that in time, Kenyans will appreciate his performance. He drew inspiration from his time as MP for Gatundu South, believing that his reward with the Kenyan people and God is a "deferred promise".

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Senate To Address Impeachment Charges Against Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza

The Senate will convene a special sitting on August 14, 2024, to address the impeachment charges against Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza. This follows a recent vote by 49 out of 69 members of the Meru County Assembly to impeach her, marking the third attempt to remove her from office. The accusations against

Mwangaza include gross violation of the Kenyan Constitution, abuse of office, and gross misconduct. Specific charges involve misleading the public about funds raised for a murdered blogger's family, irregular payments to medical personnel, and employing an excessively large staff, contributing to a wage bill exceeding 500 mil-

lion shillings.

The impeachment motion was introduced by Zipporah Kinya, the Deputy Majority Leader, who cited numerous violations, including failure to appoint key board chairpersons and mismanagement of emergency allowances. Mwangaza's history with the assembly is complex, hav-

ing faced five impeachment attempts, with the previous two unsuccessful due to a lack of evidence. The Senate is mandated to investigate these allegations under Article 181 of the Constitution and Section 33 of the County Governments Act, with a majority vote needed to uphold the impeachment and remove her from

office immediately.

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Fostering Collaboration: Solutions To Curb Political Squabbles Between Governors And MCAs

Political squabbles between governors and members of county assemblies (MCAs) have become a persistent issue in Kenya, often resulting in impeachment motions that disrupt governance and hinder development. To curb these conflicts, several solutions can be implemented to foster a more collaborative political environment.

First, strengthening collaboration is essential. Establishing formal mechanisms for regular dialogue between MCAs and governors can help address grievances before they escalate into serious disputes. This proactive approach encourages open communication and fosters a sense of shared purpose. Regular meetings and joint committees can facilitate discussions on key issues, allowing both parties to voice their concerns and find common ground.

Second, a clear legislative framework must be implemented to define the roles and responsibilities of both MCAs and governors. By minimizing misunderstandings regarding authority, this framework can reduce conflicts and facilitate smoother governance. The constitution and county laws should clearly delineate the powers and functions of each entity, ensuring that there is no overlap or ambiguity that could lead to power struggles.

Enhancing public participation in budgetary processes is another crucial step. When constituents have a say in development priorities, it reduces tensions over project allocations and ensures that funds are directed toward the needs of the community. Regular public forums, town hall meetings, and online platforms can be used to gather input from citi-

zens on their development needs and priorities.

Additionally, forming bipartisan committees within assemblies to oversee major projects can ensure that all political factions have a voice in decision-making. This inclusivity helps to build consensus and reduces the likelihood of partisan conflicts. These committees should be composed of members from different political parties, ensuring that diverse perspectives are represented and that decisions are made based on merit rather than political affiliation.

Implementing conflict resolution mechanisms, such as mediation or arbitration, can also be effective. These frameworks provide a structured approach to resolving disputes amicably before they escalate to impeachment motions. In case of disagreements, both parties should be

willing to engage in mediation facilitated by neutral third parties, such as respected community leaders or legal experts.

Finally, investing in training and capacity building for both MCAs and governors on governance, negotiation, and conflict management can significantly improve their working relationships. Equipping leaders with the necessary skills to navigate political challenges fosters a more collaborative atmosphere. Regular workshops, seminars, and mentorship programs can help develop these critical competencies, enabling MCAs and governors to work together effectively.

By adopting these strategies, counties can reduce political friction, enhance effective governance, and ultimately benefit local communities. Addressing the root causes of con-

licts between MCAs and governors is essential for the success of devolution and the realization of development goals in Kenya.

However, it is important to note that while these solutions can help mitigate conflicts, they do not guarantee a conflict-free environment. Political differences and competing interests will always exist, and it is up to the leaders to manage these differences in a constructive manner. Regular monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of these measures will be necessary to ensure that they remain relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of the county.

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The Evolution Of Kenyan Politics: A Dance With Democracy And Power



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Kenya's Five Presidents From left: Jomo Kenyatta, Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki, Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto.

Worth Noting:

- Kenya's political journey cannot be fully understood without tracing its roots to the colonial period. The British colonization, which began in earnest in the late 19th century, laid the groundwork for Kenya's political structures.
- The colonial administration's divide-and-rule tactics fostered ethnic divisions that persist to this day. Land alienation, forced labor, and the suppression of indigenous leadership were hallmarks of the colonial regime, leading to widespread discontent among the native population.
- The post-independence period was initially characterized by a sense of unity and purpose as Kenyans sought to build a new nation. However, the euphoria of independence quickly gave way to the realities of power struggles and governance challenges.

Kenya's political landscape has undergone significant transformations over the past six decades, characterized by the interplay of power, democracy, and a complex socio-economic fabric. From the era of colonialism to the present-day struggles of governance, Kenya's political context offers a compelling study of how power can shape a nation's destiny. This article delves into the evolution of Kenyan politics, exploring the underlying dynamics, key players, and the impact on the country's development.

The Colonial Legacy and the Birth of the Nation

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The struggle for independence, spearheaded by the Mau Mau uprising in the 1950s, galvanized the Kenyan populace against colonial rule. This period was marked by intense political activism, with leaders like Jomo Kenyatta, who would later become the country's first President, playing pivotal roles. The Lancaster House Conferences in the early 1960s culminated in Kenya gaining independence on December 12, 1963, ushering in a new era of self-governance.

Post-Independence Politics: The Kenyatta and Moi Eras

The post-independence period was initially characterized by a sense of unity and purpose as Kenyans sought to build a new nation. How-

ever, the euphoria of independence quickly gave way to the realities of power struggles and governance challenges. Jomo Kenyatta's presidency, though celebrated for its role in consolidating national unity, was also marked by the centralization of power and the entrenchment of ethnic politics. Kenyatta's government favored his Kikuyu ethnic group, particularly in terms of land distribution and economic opportunities, sowing seeds of discord that would later erupt into open conflict.

Upon Kenyatta's death in 1978, Daniel arap Moi, his Vice President, assumed power. Moi's rule, which lasted 24 years, is often described as a period of autocracy. His administration was marked by a single-party system under the Kenya African National Union (KANU), suppression of dissent, and rampant corruption. The infamous Nyayo House torture chambers and the detention of political opponents without trial became symbols of the Moi regime's brutality. However, Moi's tenure also saw the expansion of education and infrastructure, albeit within a framework of patronage politics.

The Struggle for Multiparty Democracy

The early 1990s marked a significant turning point in Kenyan politics with the clamour for multiparty democracy. Both internal pressure from pro-democracy activists and external pressure from international donors, who threatened to withhold aid, forced President Moi to reintroduce multiparty elections in 1992. The return to multiparty politics was not without challenges; ethnic violence, particularly in the Rift Valley, marred the elections as political leaders mobilized ethnic groups for political gain.

The 1992 and 1997 elections, though flawed, were crucial in opening up the political space and challenging the dominance of KANU. Civil society organizations, religious groups, and the media played

critical roles in advocating for political reforms. The 1997 Inter-Parties Parliamentary Group (IPPG) reforms were instrumental in reducing the powers of the presidency and enhancing the role of Parliament, setting the stage for more substantive political reforms in the years to come.

The Kibaki Era and the Quest for a New Constitution

Mwai Kibaki's election in 2002 marked the end of KANU's four-decade rule and was heralded as a new dawn for Kenya. Kibaki, who ran on a platform of economic recovery and anti-corruption, initially brought hope to many Kenyans. His administration achieved significant economic growth, driven by reforms in key sectors such as education and infrastructure. However, the Kibaki presidency was also marred by allegations of grand corruption, notably the Anglo Leasing scandal.

The quest for a new constitution, which had been a rallying point for political activists since the 1990s, gained momentum during Kibaki's tenure. The 2005 referendum on a proposed constitution, however, exposed deep political and ethnic divisions within the country, with the draft being rejected by a significant majority. These divisions would later explode into violence following the disputed 2007 presidential election, which left over 1,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands displaced.

The post-election violence of 2007/2008 was a watershed moment in Kenyan politics, leading to the formation of a Grand Coalition Government between Kibaki and his main rival, Raila Odinga. The coalition, brokered by international mediators, implemented key reforms, including the drafting of a new constitution. The promulgation of the 2010 Constitution was a milestone in Kenya's political development, introducing a devolved system of

government and enhancing checks and balances within the political system.

The Uhuru Kenyatta Presidency and Beyond

Uhuru Kenyatta's presidency, beginning in 2013, has been shaped by the implementation of the 2010 Constitution and the challenges of devolution. Devolution has been a double-edged sword for Kenya: while it has brought government services closer to the people and reduced the concentration of power in Nairobi, it has also led to new forms of corruption and inefficiency at the county level. Uhuru's tenure has been marked by a focus on infrastructure development, particularly the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), and efforts to fight corruption, though with mixed results. The handshake between President Kenyatta and Raila Odinga in 2018, following the contentious 2017 election, was a significant political event. The handshake led to the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), which sought to address historical injustices and promote inclusivity in governance. However, the BBI has also been criticized as a tool for political elites to consolidate power and undermine the spirit of the 2010 Constitution.

The Future of Kenyan Politics

As Kenya approaches the next phase of its political evolution, several key challenges remain. The issues of ethnic polarization, corruption, and economic inequality continue to pose significant threats to the country's stability. The youth, who make up a significant portion of the population, are increasingly disillusioned with the political class and are calling for a new brand of politics that is more inclusive, transparent, and focused on addressing the real needs of the people.

Kenya's political context is a complex interplay of historical legacies, power dynamics, and socio-economic factors. The journey from colonial rule to the present has been marked by both progress and setbacks. As the country moves forward, the challenge will be to build on the gains of the past while addressing the persistent issues that continue to undermine the promise of true democracy. The future of Kenyan politics will depend on the ability of its leaders and citizens to navigate these challenges and forge a path towards a more just and equitable society.

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UDA County Coordinators Express Support for President Ruto's Broad-Based Government And New Leadership

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The United Democratic Alliance (UDA) has affirmed its support for President William Ruto's decision to form a broad based government.

In a statement that was delivered by the party's County Coordinators, they emphasized the importance of the decision in stabilizing the country and fostering national unity.

"As the founding members of this Party, we support President Ruto, who is also our Party Leader, for his decision to form a broad-based Government," the statement read in part.

"We believe this will not only stabilize the country but unify the Nation towards shared prosperity by ensuring a cohesive environment that allows the government to work. We are optimistic that the members from other political formations included in government will help the President deliver to Kenyans," stated Dr. Kaberia Kubai chairman, UDA County Coordinators Caucus

The UDA coordinators highlighted the President's commitment to the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), which is a key component of the Party's blueprint, The Plan.

They urged the newly constituted Cabinet to act swiftly in transforming the President's promises into actionable policies.

"The President, drawing largely from our Party's blueprint, The Plan, has made significant promises to Kenyans towards the realization of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). We urge the newly constituted Cabinet to now move with speed and convert these aspirations and promises into workable policy papers that will accelerate the delivery of the numerous pledges we have made to Kenyans. Only then can The Plan be implemented," said Kubai.

Additionally, they acknowledged recent changes within the Party, notably the appointment of Senator Hassan Omar Hassan as the new Secretary General. They expressed confidence in his leadership and commitment to



UDA Secretary General Hassan Omar Hassan, Dr. Kaberia Kubai Chairman, UDA County Coordinators Caucus and other members addressing the Media

advancing the Party's goals.

"We wish to formally welcome our new Secretary General Hassan Omar Hassan to his new role. We have full confidence in Sen. Omar as he is not only a founding member of the Party, but has also ably served us as the Vice Chairperson of UDA Party. He

is therefore an insider in this family.

We would like to assure our Secretary General of our unwavering support as he drives this Party forward. We encourage him to now revive all the pending Party programmes and forge forward. In our Secretary General we trust!" They added.

The Coordinators reiterated their commitment to working alongside President Ruto and the newly appointed Cabinet to ensure the successful implementation of the Party's agenda and the overall development of the nation.

Former President Kibaki's Polling Station Set For Refurbishment

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Muna-ini Primary School, which served as the Polling Station for the late President Mwai Kibaki is set for a major rehabilitation.

Through the initiative of the current Othaya constituency Member of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina alias MountKenya, the school is currently undergoing a major transformation.

Yesterday, the MP visited the school, situated near Othaya town, where he assessed the ongoing refurbishment works.

The MP who was accompanied by the local National Government, Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) team led by the chairman Gachihi Ngugi and the school's Headteacher Ms Cecilia Maina said KSh9 million would be used in the rehabilitation works.

The MP said the local NG-CDF had allocated KSh4 million while the

national government had set aside KSh5 million.

"The NG-CDF has allocated four million shillings while due to the respect that President William Ruto has for the former president, he gave us five million shillings for the project," the MP revealed during the tour.

He said the rehabilitation works that involves tiling, painting, erecting a perimeter fence and landscaping among others works is expected to be completed before the schools open for the third term in around two weeks' time.

He said they were also planning to put cabros from the school's gate to ensure it was fully tidy and pupils will always be smart.

Wainaina said by refurbishing the school, they would be honouring the late President for the work he did for the country after being elected several times, all of which, from 1974, he cast his vote at the school.

At the same time, the MP said similar rehabilitation programs have been ongoing in other institutions in

the constituency.

"I have dedicated my time to ensure that public resources are well utilised. I want to make sure that schools are well refurbished so as to give learners a conducive environment for studying," he said.



Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina briefing journalists after touring Muna-ini Primary School yesterday.

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Aaron Wan-Bissaka in action for Manchester United in Singapore.

West Ham United have signed defender Aaron Wan-Bissaka from Manchester United for £15m.

The 26-year-old has penned a seven-year deal with the Hammers.

Wan-Bissaka left Crystal Palace for Manchester United in a £50m move in 2019 and scored two goals in 190 appearances for the Red Devils.

The defender is West Ham's eighth signing of the summer, joining Jean-Clair Todibo, Crysencio Summerville, Luis Guilherme, Niclas Fullkrug, Wes Foderingham, Max Kilman and

Guido Rodriguez in moving to London Stadium.

"It was a no brainer for me to join West Ham - I'm excited and happy to be here," said Wan-Bissaka.

"I can't wait to get on the pitch, get to know the players, and push on from there.

"I see a team that is in it together, that will push each other to win, and a group that has got each others' backs through thick and thin, so being part of that and having that insurance helps a lot when you are surrounded by a good squad."

Wan-Bissaka, who was born in

London, added it was an "amazing feeling" to return to the capital.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer signed Wan-Bissaka when he was Manchester United manager in 2019 and the defender was first choice until the Norwegian's departure in 2021.

Wan-Bissaka lost his regular starting position after Erik ten Hag's appointment in 2022, although he still managed 64 appearances under the Dutchman in the past two seasons.

United's move for Bayern Munich full-back Noussair Mazraoui was contingent on

Wan-Bissaka joining the Hammers and the Red Devils now expect to complete the signing of the Morocco international.

West Ham begin their 2024-25 Premier League campaign against Aston Villa on 17 August, while Manchester United host Fulham on 16 August.

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Haaland And James Nominated For PFA Player Of Year Awards



Manchester City's Erling Haaland applauds fans after their match against Nottingham Forest. PHOTO/MANCHESTER CITY FC TWITTER.

Manchester City's Erling Haaland is in contention to win the PFA player of the year award for a second successive year, while Chelsea's Lauren James could win a historic double.

Haaland has been named on the six-player shortlist for the men's category after scoring 27 goals last season to finish as the Premier League's top scorer.

James' selection in the women's category means she could become the first woman to win both the PFA young player of the year and PFA player of the year awards in the same year.

The 22-year-old was on Monday named on the young player of the year shortlist.

Haaland is joined on the men's shortlist by team-mates Phil Foden and Rodri, while Chelsea striker Cole Palmer, Arsenal cap-

tain Martin Odegaard and Aston Villa forward Ollie Watkins are also included.

On the women's shortlist, James' Chelsea team-mates Niamh Charles and Erin Cuthbert feature, along with Manchester City trio Yui Hasegawa, Lauren Hemp and Khadija Shaw.

The award winners will be announced on Tuesday, 20 August.

Title holders have three players on the list, while Palmer's season recognised

Haaland is one of three players from Premier League winners Manchester City on the six-person shortlist for the men's award.

Foden, a two-time PFA young player of the year, enjoyed a superb season under Pep Guardiola, scoring 27 goals, and became the the youngest player to win six Pre-

mier League titles.

Rodri, a European Championship winner with his country this summer, is included after consistently impressive displays in the heart of Manchester City's midfield.

Former Manchester City youngster Palmer is included after a superb debut season at Chelsea.

The striker, who on Monday was also shortlisted for the young player of the year award, had more goal involvements than any other player in the league with 22 goals and 11 assists.

Arsenal's Odegaard, who was also on last year's player of the year shortlist, is recognised after providing eight assists from midfield last season, as well as scoring eight goals.

Watkins' excellent performances last season was recognised by his fellow players after he helped As-

ton Villa finish fourth in the Premier League. He scored 19 goals and provided 13 assists.

Chelsea and Man City players dominate women's category

The shortlist for the women's player of the year is made up exclusively of players from Chelsea and Manchester City.

James is recognised for scoring 13 goals in 16 games to help Chelsea win the Women's Super League.

Cuthbert's consistent performances in the Chelsea midfield as they won the title has been recognised by her fellow players as she makes the top six.

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The Importance Of Uzbek Folk Tales And Literary Fairy Tales



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Worth Noting:

- In Uzbekistan, folk tales have different names based on regions: "matal" in Surkhandarya and Samarkand, "ushuk" around Bukhara, "varsaqi" in Khorezm, and "cho'pchak" in Tashkent and its surroundings.
- These tales stand out from other genres of folklore with their imaginative and realistic depictions of life, magic and supernatural elements, and the extraordinary heroism of their characters. Fiction is a crucial element in tales, driving the plot and ensuring dynamic conflict resolution. Various fictional samples serve an educational and aesthetic function, acting as a unique artistic tool.



Uzbek oral folk art is incredibly rich and unparalleled. If we say that the oral folk art of any nation vividly shows its history, we would not be mistaken. Folk oral art can be compared to a spring, and those who benefit from it can be likened to seedlings nourished by this spring. Through the works of folk oral art, people learn from the wisdom and bravery of their ancestors, and get acquainted with their great forebears and their way of life. Folklore reveals the people's wisdom, talent, and linguistic wealth. Folk tales serve as an essential source for studying each nation's history, spiritual and cultural lifestyle, inner world, beliefs, social relationships with other brotherly peoples and tribes, customs, climate, and natural conditions of their living place.

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Uzbek Folk Tales and Literary Fairy Tales: A Deep Dive

Folk tales, as one of the ancient epic genres, are widely spread among people, encapsulating centuries-old national values, lifestyle, traditions, and customs in an epic narrative manner. They are mainly narrated in prose by professional storytellers and have formed a unique poetic system with distinct artistic structures and motifs. The earliest forms can be found in Mahmud Kashgari's "Divan-i Lughat al-Turk," indicating oral storytelling traditions.

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Based on the presence of imaginary and realistic fictions, tales can be categorized into two groups: those based on imaginary fictions (magical, miraculous) and those based on realistic fictions. Each tale typically narrates three objectives: the hero's bravery against evil forces to protect the people, romantic pursuits involving foreign princesses or fairies, or quests for medicine or liberation of captives, and finally, the protagonist's fight against injustice and tyranny.

Folk Tales:

Folk tales rightfully serve as a powerful source of historical facts and insights into a people's life and social structure. Every nation, throughout its history, has created numerous exemplary stories for adults and children, passing down its experience and wisdom to future generations. Folk tales reflect human relationships, moral principles, and fundamental values, teaching clear distinctions between good and evil,

joy and sorrow, love and hatred, truth and falsehood. These tales are notable for embedding profound social meanings within simple and easily readable texts, preserving the richness of the folk language.

Types of Folk Tales:

- Animal Tales:** Allegorical tales like "Susambil," "The Wolf and the Fox," "The Fox's Division," and "The Two Owls" use animal characters to depict human traits such as cunning, cruelty, and flattery.
- Magical Tales:** These tales, like "Yalmog'iz," "Simurg," "Devbachcha," and "Kenja Botir," feature magic, heroism, and extraordinary events.
- Humorous Tales:** Some tales, such as "Quloqboy," "Handalak Polvon," and "Uch Yolg'onda Qirq Yolg'on," are comedic, satirizing societal ills and praising virtues like wisdom and resourcefulness.
- Household Tales:** These tales often criticize oppression and injustice, as seen in stories like "Three Brave Brothers," "Oygul and Baxtiyor," "Tohir and Zuhra," and "Farhod and Shirin."

Comparison with Literary Fairy Tales:

While literary fairy tales emerged later than folk tales, they also draw on folk motifs and magical elements.

However, literary the development of plots and character choices strictly follow the author's intentions. By the mid-19th century, literary fairy tales evolved closer to novellas and even short stories. Notable examples include works by A. Hoffmann, C. Perrault, H.C. Andersen, and the Brothers Grimm.

Educational Role of Fairy Tales:

Fairy tales are written in simple language suitable for children, fostering their imagination and teaching moral virtues like empathy, understanding, and kindness. After reading a fairy tale, children learn about the existence of good and evil, loyalty and betrayal, foolishness and cleverness. Fairy tales can also help parents navigate and overcome crisis situations by providing moral lessons.