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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

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AFA Launches A Five-Year Strategic Plan Aimed At Transforming Agricultural Sector



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In a move that is set to reshape Kenya's agricultural landscape, the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) has officially launched its five-year Strategic Plan.

The launching of the 2023-2027 strategic plan was graced by senior government officials, stakeholders, and industry experts, who hailed the new plan as a transformative step for the sector.

The Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Paul Ronoh was in attendance, lending his support to the initiative.

The keynote address was delivered by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture, Dr. Andrew Karanja, who emphasized the critical role of agriculture in Kenya's economy and the importance of the new strategy in achieving food security and economic growth.

The Strategic Plan comes at a crucial time when Kenya's agricultural sector is facing significant challenges, including climate change, dwindling productivity, and limited access to markets and finance.

The new plan outlines a comprehensive approach to addressing these issues, focusing on innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity.

In his address, the CS highlighted the key objectives of the strategy, which include enhancing agricultural productivity, promoting value addition, and improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.

"This strategic plan will serve as a blueprint for transforming agriculture in Kenya. It emphasizes the adoption of climate-smart agriculture, greater access to markets, and the use of technology to boost productivity and reduce post-harvest losses," said Dr. Karanja.

The CS further noted that agriculture remains the backbone of Kenya's economy, contributing about 33 per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employing over 40 per cent of the total population. He expressed confidence that the strategic plan would help achieve the government's goal of ensuring food security and improving the welfare of farmers.



The Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr. Andrew Karanja, PhD and The PS of Agriculture Mr. Paul Ronoh officially launches Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) 2023-2027 Strategic Plan..

The PS reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting the implementation of the strategic plan, noting that it aligns with Kenya's broader national development goals as outlined in Vision 2030 and the Big Four Agenda. He emphasized that the successful implementation of the plan would require collaboration among various stakeholders, including the private sector, development partners, and farmers themselves.

"The government is committed to ensuring that the necessary resources are allocated to support the implementation of this plan. We will work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that the objectives

set out in the strategy are achieved," said Dr. Ronoh.

The launch event was attended by representatives from various agricultural organizations, financial institutions, and development partners, who expressed optimism about the strategic plan's potential to drive growth in the sector.

Many stakeholders noted that the emphasis on climate-smart agriculture, value addition, and market access was timely, given the changing dynamics of the global agricultural landscape.

The AFA 2023-2027 Strategic Plan sets a clear roadmap for the future of agriculture in Kenya. With a focus on innova-

tion, sustainability, and inclusivity, the strategy promises to unlock new opportunities for farmers and contribute to the country's overall economic growth.

However, the successful implementation of the plan will depend on the commitment of all stakeholders to work together towards a common goal: transforming Kenya's agricultural sector for the betterment of all.

As the government and AFA move forward with the implementation of the plan, all eyes will be on how these ambitious goals translate into tangible benefits for Kenya's farmers and the broader economy.

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Mama Judith Ongoro



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The Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy has launched the Ajira Digital Training Program in Mandera County, aiming to equip local youth with digital literacy skills and online income-earning tools. The initiative aims to deter youth from a dependency culture and encourages them to avoid harmful behaviours. The program, conducted in partnership with the Mandera County Government, will train nearly 1,000 young people over the next five days. The county government is committed to ensuring all youth are equipped with essential ICT and digital skills and plans to establish innovation hubs across the county to further empower young people. The Ajira Digital Program also includes education on identifying legitimate online opportunities and avoiding scams, ensuring participants protect their intellectual property and maximise their potential.



Nyandarua County Assembly has approved a County Bursary Fund Amendment Bill (2024) to ensure all learners with disabilities in the county receive a share of the fund. The bill was prompted by a motion sponsored by Ms. Joyce Munyua, a representative of PWD interests in the House, which urged the Committee on Education, Children, Gender Affairs, Culture, and Social Services to consider an amendment to the Nyandarua County Bursary Fund Act, 2019. The amendment mandates the fund administrator to ensure there is a fund earmarked for affirmative action for persons living with disabilities, thereby ensuring equal access to education. The proposal also includes a new subsection 2d in Section 17 of the principle Act, which protects learners who are awarded full or partial scholarships and then withdraw without justifiable reasons. The proposal aims to emphasise the principles envisioned by Section 22 of the principle Act, including openness, accessibility, and transparency.



Juja level 4 hospital, a 200-bed facility, is now 80 per cent complete. The facility will serve approximately 500,000 people from the area and neighbouring counties. The facility will offer a full spectrum of services, including outpatient care, inpatient accommodations, radiology, maternity, laboratory, and theatre services. The facility is expected to reduce the strain on Gatundu and Thika Level 5 hospitals, which have been overwhelmed by patients from Juja. The construction of a Level 3 hospital in Theta Ward and the expansion of Juja Farm hospitals are also underway. The facility is also expected to serve as a training centre for medical professionals, improving the overall quality of healthcare in the county.



The National Chairperson of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), who is also Homa Bay Governor Gladys Wanga, says the ODM came in handy when the government was facing tough Gen Z protests that threatened national stability. Wanga noted that ODM Party Leader Raila Odinga agreed to President William Ruto's request to form a broad-based government characterised by an all-inclusive cabinet, a move which saw relative peace resume in the country.



Prices of Super Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene remain unchanged in the latest EPRA price review; to retail at Ksh188.84, Ksh171.60 and Ksh161.75 respectively in Nairobi.



Parliament approved the appointment of Patrick Amoth as Director General for Health. This comes after serving in an acting capacity for five years; he has been in the role since 2019 following the exit of Former DG Dr John Masasabi.

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Former NHIF Boss Endorsed To Contest Top Seat In Nakuru



Former NHIF CEO Geoffrey Gitau Mwangi (left) receiving a Kikuyu leadership stick from elders.

By: MKT Reporter
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Former National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) Chief Executive Officer Geoffrey Gitau Mwangi has been fronted to contest the Nakuru governor seat in the next General Election.

Mwangi was endorsed by elders from different communities during a ceremony held at Ka-Mwaura area in Njoro constituency on Monday.

The elders, led by Mzee Samuel Tesot and Mureithi WaNjoro handed over the former CEO a Kikuyu leadership traditional stick known as 'Mũthigi' which

signifies power to lead.

The elders said that after a long scrutiny, they had settled on Mwangi as the most formidable person who would be able to champion for the interests of all residents of Nakuru County.

They noted that the county being cosmopolitan required a leader with good track record, who is from the area and who could easily identify the needs of the locals.

They noted that past holders of the position have all been from outside the county and thus don't have the interests of the locals at heart.

The elders, who were drawn from different parts of the vast county called for unity among the locals saying without peace

and unity, it was practically impossible for the region to prosper.

WaNjoro who is the chairperson of the county's Peace Initiative team said they supported the move by President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua who have been calling for peace and unity amongst all Kenyans for the country to prosper.

The elders said they would be criss-crossing the county calling on all residents who live and work harmoniously.

On his part, Mwangi thanked the elders saying he was equal to the task and would not let them down, once given the mandate when the time comes.

MPs Approve Appointments Of CS Beatrice Moe, AG Dorcas Oduor



R-L: Dorcas Oduor as the Attorney General and Beatrice Askul

By: Kevin Wachira
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The National Assembly has approved the nomination of Dorcas Oduor as the Attorney General and Beatrice Askul Moe as the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community Affairs and Regional Development.

The MPs adopted the report by the Committee on Appointments tabled by Minority Leader Junet Mohammed calling on

the two nominees to serve with integrity and accountability.

"The National Assembly has approved the appointment of Beatrice Askul Moe as the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community Affairs and Regional Development and Dorcas Agik Odhong Oduor as the Attorney General of the Republic of Kenya," a statement by the National Assembly reads.

Similarly the National Assembly has approved the appointment of Dr. Patrick Amoth as the Director General for Health. Meanwhile, the National As-

sembly Administration and Security Committee now wants the national government to carry out an intelligence led disarmament process in the North Rift region to eradicate illegal arms.

The Gabriel Tongoyo led committee tabled its report on inquiry into insecurity in the North Rift that also recommends deployment of modern security surveillance systems like drones to combat banditry.

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Nyeri Senator Supports Creation Of Official Opposition Office

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Nyeri Senator Wahome Wamatinga has expressed support for the creation of an official Opposition office. Wamatinga stated that the current circumstances in the nation, along with ongoing discussions with the younger generation, have encouraged leaders to rethink their approach to politics.

The Senator also praised the inclusion of opposition members in cabinet positions, saying that having ODM join the government is a positive step. He believes that this move will not only strengthen the government's numbers but also aid in the implementation of the bottom-up economic model and introduce nec-

essary political changes.

Speaking to journalist in Nyeri, Wamatinga highlighted the importance of having Cabinet Secretaries from the opposition take on significant roles, such as managing the Finance docket.

"We recently had the new Cabinet Secretary for Finance John Mbadi mention that the rejected Finance Bill was not inherently flawed; the issue was in how it was introduced to the public," the senator remarked.

"As we continue implementing the Kenya Kwanza manifesto, we must all recognize the importance of the prudent use of taxpayers' money," Wamatinga added.

This statement follows revelations by former Treasury CS Njuguna Ndung'u, who exposed significant corruption cases within the Treasury.



Nyeri County Senator Wahome Wamatinga addressing Kiandu Baptist Church faithful last Sunday

Rebecca Miano Hands Over Investments, Trade, And Industry Docket To Salim Mvurya



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Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano officially handed over the reins of the Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI) to her successor, Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya. The handover ceremony took place at the Ministry of Trade Offices in Nairobi, marking the transition as Miano prepares to take up her new role as the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and Wildlife.

In her farewell speech, Miano expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve and highlighted key achievements during her tenure. She noted the strides made in enhancing trade relations, promoting industrial growth, and fostering a business-friendly environment in Kenya. "It has been an honor to serve in this capacity and contribute to the growth of our nation's trade and industry sectors," She said.

She also expressed confidence in Mvurya's ability to continue the min-

istry's momentum and build on the foundation laid during her tenure.

"I am confident that Hon. Salim Mvurya will steer the ministry to even greater heights, I wish him all the best in this new role." Miano added.

Salim Mvurya, who officially took over from outgoing CS Miano, lauded Miano for her dedicated service and outlined his vision for the ministry moving forward. He emphasized the importance of driving economic growth through strategic investments, fostering trade relations, and supporting industrial development. Mvurya also pledged to work closely with stakeholders to ensure the ministry continues to contribute to Kenya's economic transformation.

"I will provide leadership which will guarantee acceleration in the manufacturing sector besides working hard to bring in new investors. Kenya will continue to open new markets for local products abroad and at the same time facilitate the private sector to take advantage of these markets to increase exports." Mvurya added.

The Cabinet reshuffle, announced by President William Ruto, is part of broader efforts to align government priorities with the administration's vision for economic growth and sustainable development. Miano and Mvurya's new assignments are seen



Outgoing Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Miano handing over reigns of office to the incoming Investments, Trade and Industry Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya.

as strategic moves to bolster key sectors of the economy.

The event marked the conclusion of Miano's tenure as the Cabinet Secretary for Trade, where she reflected on her accomplishments and the future

of the ministry under new leadership and new chapter for Hon. Salim Mvurya.

The transition in the Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry signals continuity and renewed vigor as

Kenya navigates the complexities of the global economy while striving to position itself as a leading investment and trade hub in Africa.

Focus On Delivering Development, DP Urges CSs

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Head of Public Service Felix Koskei and Cabinet Secretaries after the induction course on Tuesday.

Worth Noting:

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“This induction comes after reconstitution of the Cabinet, following a moment of great reflection and introspection for this country. It follows a season of dissatisfaction and anger against the government and its intentions. We are one team under one captain (President Ruto). There is nothing personal. It is about service to the people of Kenya. Vindicate the President that he made the right decision appointing and reappointing you,” he said.

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Against the backdrop of public uproar on some Cabinet Secretaries displaying opulence and arrogance, Mr Gachagua asked the ministers to dignify the President in people-focused service.

“Loyalty to the Head of State and Government is not negotiable. Loyalty means being a faithful, honest and truthful counsel to the President. We must bring Dignity and professionalism to the task at hand, honesty and honour to all endeavours. We must be servant leaders, projecting humility, sensitivity and empathy for the people who we serve,” he said.

To achieve this, the Deputy President, who was accompanied by the Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei, asked the Cabinet Secretaries to be in touch with the reality of the Kenyan people through regular field visits, instead of waiting for reports from officials.

“Don’t lock yourself up in your office – move around and find out what is really going on. Interact with ordinary Kenyans from all walks of

life. The feedback you can receive from the watchman, farmer, or Uber driver can be a million times better than reports and briefings of officials – because it is honest, unfiltered, and based on lived experience and not just observation,” Mr Gachagua said.

The Deputy President, who is also the chair of the Cabinet Committees assured the ministers of his support, saying he is ready to work with them, especially in aligning policy matters before they are presented in the full Cabinet, presided over by the Head of State.

“I have the duty of chairing the Cabinet Committees. The Committees are critical platforms for deep interrogation of proposed policies, legislation and government action.

As guided by President Ruto, we must dedicate ourselves fully to the conduct of Cabinet Committee business, and break down for full Cabinet consideration, papers that have benefited from sufficient debate, analysis and examination,” he said.

While asking the Cabinet Secretaries to improve communication on government projects, Mr Gachagua said in case of challenges, he expressed his readiness to lead discussions with other constitutional bodies and counties for seamless service delivery.

Mr Koskei said the workshop was designed to appraise the Cabinets Secretaries with expectations in as per their dockets as they start working.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

Busia County Ready To Host Senators For Senate Mashinani

By: MKT Reporter
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The Senate Board of Management, led by the clerk of the Senate, Jeremiah Nyegenye, has confirmed that Busia County is ready to host senators for the Senate Mashinani function, scheduled to take place on September 23.

Nyegenye stated that the county is well-prepared in terms of hospitality and facilities, as it is the border county.

During the period, the senate will hold committee sittings and enquiries, and senators will visit different parts of the county to observe development.

Nyegenye emphasised the importance of the senate having connections with the counties and government through senate mashinani.

He asked residents of Busia to at-

tend senate sessions and committee sittings, where they will have the opportunity to participate in various bills, present memoranda on bills, and connect with their legislators.

“They will have the opportunity to give their voice on several bills through public participation. They will also be able to present their memorandum on different bills and connect with their legislators,” he said.

This will be the fourth session of senate mashinani, having been held at Uasin Gishu County in 2018, Kitui County in 2019, and Turkana County in 2023.

The team visiting for the second time will also assess other facilities in the county.



Senate Board of Management, led by the clerk of the Senate, Jeremiah Nyegenye.

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In 2022, Gachagua Was Ready To Bit The Bullet As He Championed The Political Agenda Of President Ruto



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Worth Noting:

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- Whenever I read these stories, two questions would come to my mind. Were they enjoying the blessing of the President? Did they stand a chance of having their way?

In the countdown to 2022 General Election, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua was the team leader of the allies and diehard supporters of Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate William Ruto drawn from Mount Kenya region.

While curving a niche of being a truthful man, he never feared or shied away from facing the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta head-on.

As a community, what we hate is betrayal. We promised this great man-Dr William Ruto that we will support him and ensure he takes over from President Uhuru when he completes his constitutional two- five-terms.

I'm therefore ready to pay ultimate price while pushing his agenda.

Gachagua meant his words. He never let down his boss, Dr William Ruto.

He always recalled the famous words of the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta. 'I will do 10 years and then pass the baton to my deputy President William Ruto to run the country for another 10 years'.

The opposition leaders led by Raila Odinga would hit out at the President for making these pronouncements but Uhuru would not change his position.

At one point, Uhuru openly clashed with Raila during the burial of former Minister and the leader of Maa community William Ole Intimama.

Hon Ruto is my deputy. The allegations you are making against him are malicious and do not hold any water.

The two leaders had even signed an agreement reaffirming their position.

Things however changed in the beginning of their second term when President Uhuru abandoned his deputy for no good reasons.

Uhuru instead opted to reach out and work with his main competitor Raila Odinga.

This led to birth of the 'handshake government' and President Uhuru later threw all his weight behind Raila Odinga's presidential candidature.

But hon Gachagua remained firm, bold undeterred.

He repeatedly termed the decision to abandon Ruto as a great betrayal.

This man (read Ruto) had played a prominent role during the campaigns to catapult Uhuru Kenyatta to the seat of power.

It is therefore wrong to throw him under the bus in the hour of need.

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questions would come to my mind. Were they enjoying the blessing of the President? Did they stand a chance of having their way?

In my view, it was hard to impeach DP Gachagua because of changing political dynamics.

DP Gachagua's strategy of mending fences with opposition leaders was already bearing fruits.

ODM leader Raila Odinga had already thrown his full weight behind DP's push for one-man, one-vote, one-shilling.

Reliable reports also indicate he had made tremendous progress in reaching out former President Uhuru Kenyatta.

He had also reached out to Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

The duo's remarks and body language during the consecration of Bishop Benson Kamau (Kiengei) would attest to this.

This means the anti-Gachagua motion was bound to receive a strong opposition from members of the three parties-Jubilee, Wiper and ODM.

It is also worth noting that the DP had managed to change the narrative of Mount Kenya region.

One of the reasons is because he has up to date maintained his position that he is a truthful man. As such, his popularity in the Mountain is going up.

Given this scenario, you would expect the MPs from the Mountain to shoot down the motion.

Besides, if it turns out the President supported the motion, many members were bound to interpret this as a big betrayal.

Apart from leading his campaign, the DP bankrolled his campaigns. Why abandon him so soon? This demonstrates no one is safe in Ruto's government.

I had earlier watched and listened to how President William Ruto responded to the questions posed by top editors of three mainstream media houses during a live interview at State House Nairobi.

One of them touched on his relationship with his deputy Rigathi Gachagua.

Joe Ageyo of Nation Media Group (NMG) wanted to know whether they were really reading from same script.

Ageyo referred him to a statement that the Deputy President had released while in Mombasa. Mr President, a few minutes earlier you had addressed a televised press conference at State House Nairobi.

Both of you focussed on the same subject matter of Generation-Z protests.

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

During the interview President Ruto avoided responding to the question and told Ageyo.

I'm not aware of this story of fallout between me and my deputy.

He is my deputy. He is not here and he is the one supposed to respond to that question.

I cannot speak for him. You are free to look for him and engage him if there is something else you want to know.

President Ruto's interview came at a time when Weekly Citizen newspaper had featured a screaming headline: Gachagua was being blocked from accessing State House.

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.

There is also 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. The DP has never committed or linked to such gross misconduct.

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.

So, If the President opts to ignore him he was bound to lose this critical support base.

We recall that President Ruto made a raft of promises to the voters in this re-

Senate To Hear Meru Governor's Impeachment Case In Plenary

By:PSCU

The Senate yesterday opted for a full-house hearing of the impeachment case against Meru Governor Kawira Mwangaza, rejecting a proposal to form a special committee. The decision sets the stage for a high-stakes public scrutiny of the allegations levelled against the governor.

A motion by the Majority Leader,

Senator Aaron Cheruiyot to establish an 11-member committee to probe the impeachment charges was defeated. Senate Speaker Amason Kingi subsequently announced that the matter would proceed to plenary.

"The motion having been negated, the route of a special committee is abandoned," Kingi declared. "This now implies that the Senate will investigate the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Hon. Kawira Mwangaza in plenary."

The Meru County Assembly impeached Mwangaza on Thursday last week, citing gross constitutional

violations, misconduct, and abuse of office.

Specific allegations include unauthorized dismissals, disregard for county assembly resolutions, and misleading the public about funds raised after a blogger



CS Joho Meets US Ambassador

By: MKT Reporter

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Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs Hassan Joho yesterday held a consultative meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Meg Whitman.

During the meeting held at the ministry headquarters, they discussed pertinent matters relating to the Kenya-U.S. partnership on investment in the areas of mining, blue economy and maritime affairs.

These areas contribute to Kenya's economic growth and equally has the potential of creating jobs for our young people.

Over the years, Kenya and the U.S. have enjoyed cordial relations and commitment towards that flourishes and deepens for the benefit of our two great nations.

In attendance during the said meeting were Principal Secretaries Mr. Elijah Mwangi (Mining), Ms. Betsy Njagi (Blue Economy and Fisheries) and Geoffrey Eyanae Kaituko (Maritime Affairs and Shipping).



Governor Achani Launches Construction Of 200M Diani Market

By: MKT Reporter

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Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani has launched the construction of a KSh200 million modern Diani market in Mvindeneni, Msambweni Sub County, to boost commerce and economic activities.

The project, part of the county's economic stimulus programme, aims to support small-scale traders' businesses.

Other projects include the construction of the Diani Bus Park, the Mvindeneni-Lotfa road street lights project, upgrading feeder roads, and a flood-light project.

"We have high hopes that the new modern markets will bring much-needed jobs and economic growth to the areas they will be located," she said, adding that it would be a relief to traders who are desperate for ways to enhance their businesses.

The devolved government plans to establish similar ultra-modern markets across six sub-counties of Kwale for the benefit of traders and the people.

The new markets represent a model solution to the perennial problem of street trading and hawking, transforming the sub-counties into commercial hubs and fostering economic growth.

The devolved unit will enforce a ban on trading, hawking, and unauthorised displays of merchandise

on walkways, streets, and highways across the coastal county to ensure the free flow of traffic and personal safety.

"We want our traders to do business in a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment that also ensures the comfort of customers," she said.

The initiatives are part of the bottom-up socio-economic model to empower small and micro enterprises at grassroots levels.

Achani urges the contractor to complete the Diani market within the stipulated time frame to ensure it becomes a beacon of progress and prosperity for the entire region.



Kwale Governor Fatuma Achani .

Be Good Ambassadors, CS Water Tells Ministry Staff

By: MKT Correspondent

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The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Eng. Eric Murithi Mugaa has called on the Ministry Staff to be the true ambassadors of the institution.

During a meeting held yesterday at the Ministry Headquarters' Maji House, with the two Principal Secretaries and Heads of Departments from the two State Departments, the CS emphasized that Ministry Staff should be good ambassadors who should not keep quiet when misinformation about the Ministry is being spread out there.

Murithi, who was meeting the Heads of Departments for the first time since taking over the reigns of the Ministry, urged all the staff to serve wananchi diligently and to fulfill their mandates to the people of Kenya to the letter as service to Kenyans is a solemn responsibility entrusted to them as the

current office bearers.

The CS said that the Ministry has turned a new leaf and it is no longer business as usual for all the members of staff.

He emphasized that for the Ministry to forge forward, "we have to work as cogs in a machine. If one cog is not aligned with the others, the machine cannot function."

Noting Kenya's new paradigm shift in the offing, the Cabinet Secretary urged all the employees to embrace change and seek to leave a mark in their time in office and also rededicate themselves to serving Kenyans with humility, honesty and transparency.



Cabinet Secretary Eric Murithi Mugaa with senior ministry officials during yesterday's meeting

In 2022, Gachagua Was Ready To Bit The Bullet As He Championed The Political Agenda Of President Ruto

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gion during campaign.

The position of the DP is that most of these promises have not been fulfilled.

As a community, what we hate is betrayal, he was once quoted as saying.

I'm therefore sure the issue of unfulfilled promises would feature prominently if President agree to engage him in a formal and structured manner.

Besides the DP would demand to be respected and recognized as the senior most leader in the Mountain.

In Mombasa, the DP laid the blame squarely on the doorsteps of the Director General of National Intelligence (NIS).

If he gave the President the correct advice, this bloodshed could have been avoided. The President could have moved with speed to preempt the killings.

The DP also sent heartfelt messages of condolences to the families of those who lost their loved ones.

Some days earlier, the President had

attended a church service in Nyahururu. He reiterated: "I have listened to what the young people are saying. These are our children and we have to listen to them. I'm going to engage them and I want to assure them of my commitment to address the concerns they had raised"

He spoke as Generation Z piled pressure on members of parliament (MPs) to reject the Finance Bill 2024.

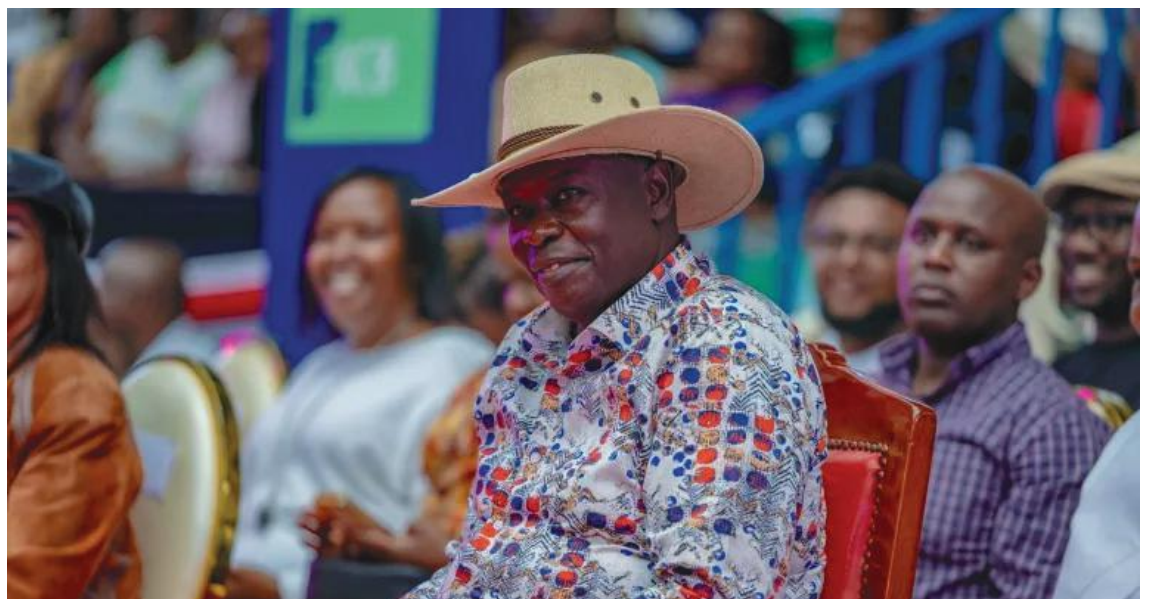
They have also listed a raft of demands that they want President Ruto to address.

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

It is worth to note some protestors were armed with smartphones and according to some politicians some had been dropped by Uber taxis.

The church service in Nyahururu was presided by ACK archbishop who was quoted in a post on social media as saying that his son was taking part in these protests.

A renowned political analyst had alleged the protests were being sponsored by a foreign power. He did name this power and what it intended to achieve.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua .

But organizers were quick to dismiss these claims. By then, the protests had been held in 35 counties.

This is not the first time we are witness-

ing this. Similar protests had rocked the country during the tenures of former Presidents Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta.

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A Scientific Woman Is The Nation's Arm



By: Khalbuayeva Sevinch
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There is a lot of talk about the wonder of women or girls, about protecting them. In practice, these ideas are not always confirmed. Harsh treatment of women, oppression with no end in sight, and bans on their education are a clear proof of my above words.

Of course, the opposition to women's education is hard to ignore. Unfortunately, in some families, the rude attitude of a girl to a child, a woman to a man as a simple housewife, and in some families to show the righteous to their elders, makes a person's mind rush. In fact, it should be mentioned that our women and girls are responsible as well as men.

They are also given suggestions, obligations, and duties. If a woman does not receive education, it is difficult for her to fulfill these duties and feel responsible for her responsibility in the Day of Resurrection. As stated in our holy book: «O you who believe! "Save yourselves and your people from the fire of hell, keep them." It is known that one can avoid hellfire only with knowledge.

Our righteous people, who have deeply understood the meaning of this word, are creating conditions for acquiring both worldly and religious knowledge. It should be noted that there is no verse or hadith in which it is not necessary for girls to get knowledge, it is not necessary for women and girls not to get knowledge, it is not necessary for them to stay at home and be busy with housework and raising children.

It should be understood that the thinking of every woman who is removed from spiritual life and restricted in the way of learning begins to narrow, her personal thoughts, world view, become wrapped in a certain shell. Everyone who opposes the education of women should first ask themselves, "Doesn't the deterioration of

the level of mothers deprive us of our hopes of growing a knowledgeable community for the future?" should be able to ask this question.

As Allama Abdulhamid Ibn Badis said: "If you educate a boy, you educate a person. If you educate a girl child, you will educate the whole ummah."

Therefore, why in today's society do they set limits on the aspirations of a girl child in the path of knowledge. The girl is mentally oppressed. As our Prophet said, "Learning is obligatory for every Muslim man and woman.

A woman of knowledge is the pillar of the nation. Nowadays, wide and convenient opportunities are being created for women to learn.

On March 1, under the chairmanship of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, a video selector meeting was held on the issues of the support system for our women and further strengthening of their position in society.

After this video selector, spiritual freedom entered the lives of our women. Two thousand girls were admitted to higher education on the basis of a separate grant. In order to increase the number of female scientists in our society, a target quota of at least 300 was allocated

for women in the field of doctoral studies every year. From the new academic year, for the first time, seven-year interest-free loans were introduced for girls to pay for education contracts. For this, 1 trillion 8 billion soms will be allocated to banks from the same seminar day, and 8 trillion soms will be allocated in the next five years. The President's proposal to organize the "Smart Women" movement was the main factor for women and girls to learn. In his speech at this seminar, Shavkat Mirziyoyev emphasizes that: "This movement should become the "conscience of the neighborhood". Because an enlightened society cannot be built without enlightened mothers"

The following words gave real strength to all our women. After the seminar, the actions of our women and girls began to be felt in public affairs. Every society and every person should realize that: "Learning is not a choice of a person, race or profession. A man does not separate from a woman." "Getting knowledge is also a duty. It is the duty of every Muslim to fulfill the obligation.

I Love My Country



By Smita G Naidu,
India

We call you mother, O great mother India.
Your devotees are us.

Your fields, Great leaders, and soldiers
show your strength and calibre, but at
the same time proves your mercifulness
too.

We call you mother, O dear mother India.
Hence, Just like I bow to my mother,
I bow to thee, without hesitation, and
utmost respect and love.

We call you mother, O great mother India!
Your devotees are we!

You are a symbol of diversity and peace.
We welcome people irrespective of caste,
color and creed.
Such is your greatness!

We call you mother, O dear mother India!
Hence, Just like I bow to my mother,
I bow to thee, without hesitation, and
utmost respect and love.

I want to be born as an Indian again, as
we are are a true symbol of humanity and
peace,

We never quench for invading borders.
But yet are fearless, wise and well known.

We call you mother, O dear mother India.
Hence, Just like I bow to my mother,
I bow to thee, without hesitation, and
utmost respect and love.

We call you mother, O dear mother India.
Hence, Just like I bow to my mother,
I bow to thee, without hesitation, and
utmost respect and love.

We call you mother, O great mother India.
Your devotees are we!

We are from your land, in which world
renowned Mahatma Gandhi Ji showed the
pathway of non violence on one hand.
And on the other hand, the greatest
leader of all times Subhash Chandra Bose
Ji proved that we can be violent too, to
defend our motherland, and our silence is
not weakness.

We call you mother, O dear mother India.
Hence, Just like I bow to my mother,
I bow to thee, without hesitation, and
utmost respect and love.

Books



By: Orinbayeva Dildara, Uzbekistan

My book, oh my book!
My dream beach
"Between Two Doors"
My heart is tormented.

I think my thoughts are endless,
I read you
You are the reason
I'm still alive.

Sometimes from these people,
Books are better.
They say "Book is your friend"
Arilma is from your friend.

I read books,
Works of the world,
Read till the end,
All faith.

My Father



By: Orinbayeva Ogulnar, Uzbekistan

Stay healthy Father:

We are perfect.
Enter the hundred youth
Don't get old, laugh!
My father is the king of my world.

I am the only one in the universe.
I am united in my heart
The world is my world.

You did nothing than anyone else.
You didn't stop saying baby
Making dreams a goal
Dear Father.

The pillar of our house.
You are kind.
The king of my heart.
You are the only one.

Put a crown on your head.
Be proud.
Lucky for your daughters,

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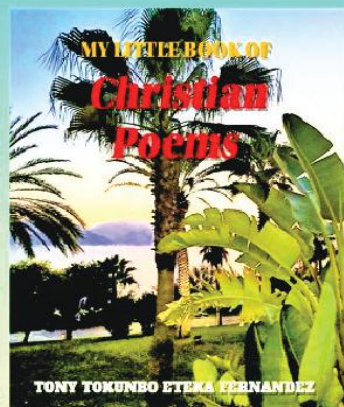
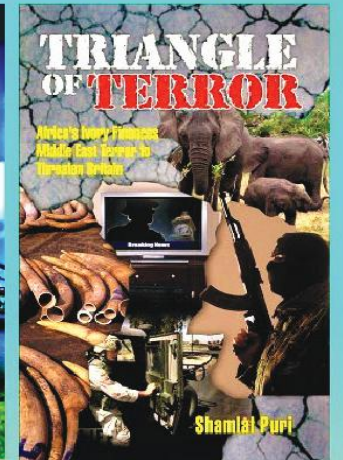
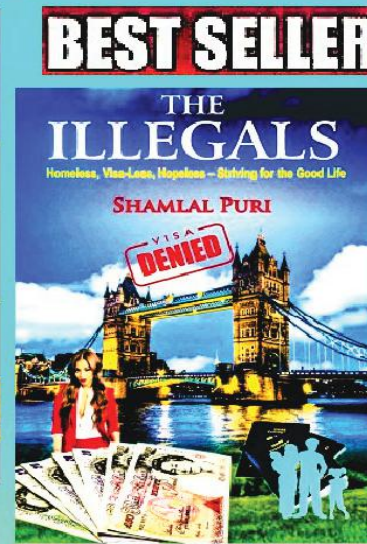
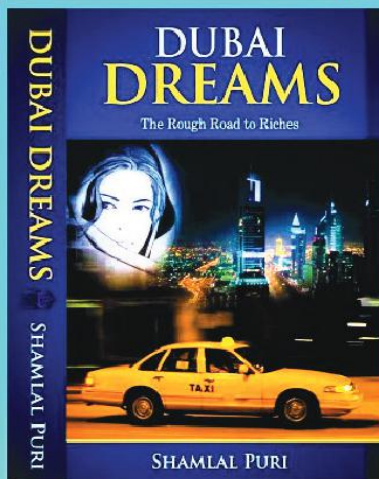
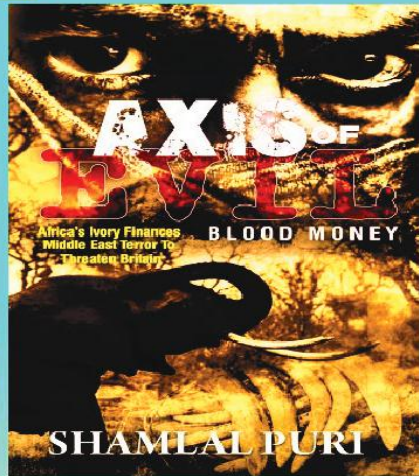
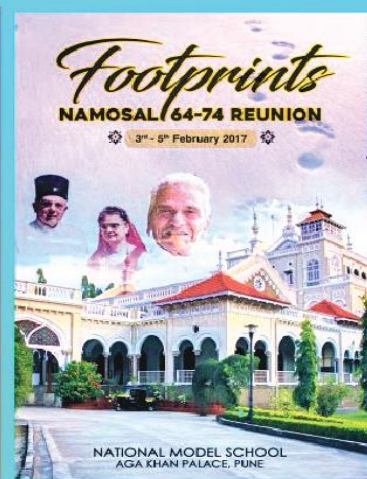
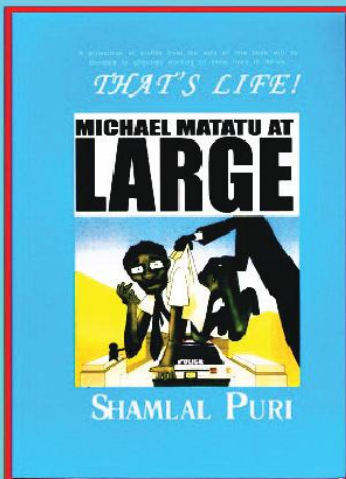
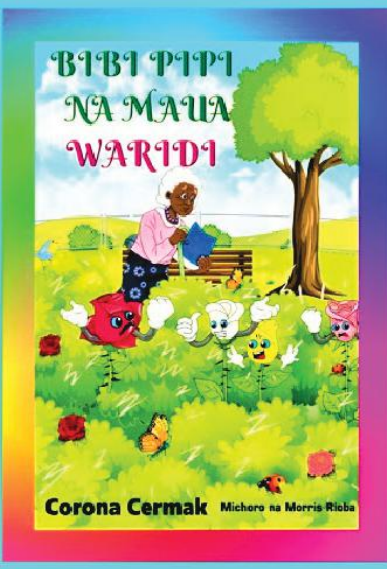
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Youth To Seize Opportunities In The Blue Economy

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State Department of Investment Promotion Principal Secretary Abubakar Hassan has urged young people and fishermen to explore job opportunities in the blue economy sector, particularly in the fishing and sale of ornamental fish.

“We are seeing a lot of opportunity here, and we are telling our fishermen that when they go out fishing, they should not only focus on fish that can be eaten, but should also look for these ornamental fish,” the PS said.

He highlighted the potential for increased profits in this niche market, noting that ornamental fish sales could yield 20 per cent more profit than fish sold for consumption.

Farm Africa has launched a Sh2.6 billion programme in Kilifi to empower young people by equipping them with the skills and resources needed to access employment oppor-

tunities in the aquaculture industry.

The initiative, funded by the Mastercard Foundation, aims to benefit 150,000 youth over the next five years.

Farm Africa Director Mary Nyale emphasised the program’s potential to significantly reduce youth unemployment in the country and expressed optimism that the initiative would bridge the gap between education and employment by providing practical training and support.

“I am welcoming this programme into the county because it will greatly benefit the people of this county. They have 3 million dollars that will be used for grants in the aquaculture industry and 5 million dollars which will be used to issue loans to young people that want to start a business in aquaculture,” said Kilifi County Governor Gideon Mung’aro.



State Department of Investment Promotion Principal Secretary Abubakar Hassan

Regional Tourism Conference To Take Place In Uganda

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Uganda-Kenya Coast Tourism Conference is set to take place in Kampala, Uganda, in November.

The conference, a continuation of the successful two previous conferences, has already attracted over 300 registrations, aims to build on the successes of previous editions in Mombasa and Diani, which have played a crucial role in enhancing cross-border tourism and trade between the two countries.

The Uganda Consul General at the Kenyan Coast, Ambassador Paul Mukumbya, emphasised the importance of economic and commercial diplomacy, stating that Kenya is Uganda’s number one source market for tourists and Uganda is Kenya’s second biggest tourism source market.

“This year’s venue reflects how seriously we in Uganda take the Kenyan market,” Mukumbya stated,

urging all tourism stakeholders to register for the event.

The conference aims to build on the successes of previous editions, focusing on fostering trust and collaboration among tourism stakeholders. “In the past, diplomats used to engage in political diplomacy. However, we are now focusing on what we call economic and commercial diplomacy, which can only be done physically when you are on the ground,” said Mukumbya.

Dr. Sam Ikwaye, Executive Director of the Kenya Association of Hotel Keepers and Caterers, emphasised the positive impact of familiarisation trips and business-to-business engagements facilitated by the conference.

Gertrude Shuwe, Taita Taveta County Executive Committee Member, highlighted the unique attractions of her county and encouraged Ugandan tourists to explore the region’s hidden treasures, such as battlefield tourism sites and the Big Five in Tsavo National Park.

The Uganda Consulate in Mombasa is also organising a trade and investment mission to Uganda early next year, aiming to attract Kenyan



The Uganda Consul General at the Kenyan Coast, Ambassador Paul Mukumbya.

businesspeople and manufacturers to explore opportunities in Uganda and strengthen economic ties between the two nations.



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Harnessing Public Debt For Sustainable Development: Kenya's Path Forward



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Worth Noting:

- Prudent macroeconomic management is crucial for ensuring that public debt remains sustainable and contributes to economic growth. Kenya must maintain fiscal discipline by implementing realistic revenue projections, controlling recurrent expenditure, and improving tax collection efficiency.
- The success of countries like Rwanda in expanding its tax base and reducing aid dependency offers valuable lessons. Kenya should also focus on maintaining a stable macroeconomic environment through sound monetary policy and exchange rate management.
- A stable economic environment attracts foreign investment, reduces borrowing costs, and enhances the country's ability to service its debt. Furthermore, Kenya should prioritize structural reforms to improve its business climate, as measured by indicators such as the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index.

"Public debt, when managed wisely, can be a powerful tool for national development. However, its misuse can lead to economic stagnation and financial crises," asserts Njuguna Ndung'u. This statement encapsulates the delicate balance that nations, particularly developing countries like Kenya, must strike when leveraging public debt to spur economic growth and development. The prudent use of public debt is essential for Kenya to achieve its Vision 2030 goals and to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability. This article explores strategies for Kenya to effectively utilize public debt to drive development while maintaining a manageable debt burden. We will examine constitutional provisions, case studies from other nations, and relevant data to provide a comprehensive analysis of this critical issue. By adopting a disciplined approach to public debt management, Kenya can harness its potential to accelerate economic growth, improve infrastructure, and enhance the quality of life for its citizens.

Kenya's Constitution of 2010 provides a framework for public finance management, including provisions on public debt. Article 201 emphasizes the principles of public finance, stating that there should be prudent and responsible use of public money. Article 214 establishes the Public Debt Management Office, tasked with ensuring that the national government's borrowing is done in accordance with the Constitution. These constitutional safeguards are crucial in guiding Kenya's approach to public debt. However, implementation remains a challenge, as evidenced by the country's rising debt-to-GDP ratio, which stood at 68.1% in 2021, according to the World Bank. To address this, Kenya must strengthen its institutional capacity for debt man-

agement, enhancing transparency and accountability in the borrowing process. This includes rigorous cost-benefit analyses for proposed projects, stricter adherence to debt ceilings, and improved reporting mechanisms to track the utilization and impact of borrowed funds. By aligning its borrowing practices with constitutional principles, Kenya can ensure that public debt serves as a catalyst for development rather than a burden on future generations.

The strategic allocation of borrowed funds is paramount in ensuring that public debt translates into tangible development outcomes. Kenya should prioritize investments in sectors with high economic multipliers, such as infrastructure, education, and healthcare. For instance, the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project, partially financed through Chinese loans, has the potential to significantly boost regional trade and economic integration. However, to maximize returns on such investments, Kenya must address issues of project selection, implementation efficiency, and corruption. A study by the World Bank (2018) found that countries that allocate a higher proportion of borrowed funds to productive investments tend to experience faster economic growth and improved debt sustainability. Kenya can learn from countries like Ethiopia, which has successfully leveraged public debt to finance its industrial parks and hydroelectric projects, contributing to rapid economic growth. By focusing on high-impact projects and ensuring their effective implementation, Kenya can create a virtuous cycle where debt-financed investments generate sufficient returns to facilitate debt repayment and drive overall economic development.

Diversification of funding sources is crucial for Kenya to optimize its debt

portfolio and reduce vulnerability to external shocks. While concessional loans from multilateral institutions like the World Bank and African Development Bank offer favorable terms, Kenya should also explore innovative financing mechanisms. Green bonds, for example, can be used to fund climate-resilient infrastructure projects, aligning with global sustainability goals and attracting environmentally conscious investors. The successful issuance of Kenya's first green bond in 2019 demonstrates the potential of this approach. Additionally, public-private partnerships (PPPs) can help share the financial burden of large-scale projects while benefiting from private sector expertise. The case of the Lake Turkana Wind Power Project, Africa's largest wind farm, illustrates how PPPs can mobilize private capital for critical infrastructure development. By diversifying its funding sources, Kenya can reduce its reliance on any single lender, improve borrowing terms, and enhance its fiscal flexibility.

Effective debt management requires robust institutional frameworks and capacity building. Kenya can draw lessons from countries like Indonesia, which established a Debt Management Office (DMO) in 2006 to centralize and professionalize its debt management functions. This move led to improved debt sustainability and lower borrowing costs for Indonesia. Kenya's Public Debt Management Office, established under the Public Finance Management Act of 2012, should be further strengthened with enhanced autonomy, technical expertise, and analytical capabilities. Regular debt sustainability analyses, stress tests, and scenario planning can help policymakers make informed decisions about borrowing levels and terms. Moreover, Kenya should

invest in building the capacity of its public officials in areas such as financial modeling, risk management, and negotiations with creditors. By enhancing its institutional capacity for debt management, Kenya can optimize its borrowing strategy and ensure that public debt remains within sustainable limits.

Transparency and accountability in debt management are essential for maintaining public trust and ensuring the effective use of borrowed funds. Kenya should adopt best practices in debt reporting and disclosure, in line with international standards such as those set by the International Monetary Fund's Public Sector Debt Statistics Guide. Regular publication of comprehensive debt reports, including contingent liabilities and state-owned enterprise debts, can help stakeholders assess the true extent of Kenya's debt obligations. The Open Budget Survey, which measures budget transparency globally, ranked Kenya 50th out of 117 countries in 2019, indicating room for improvement. Enhancing public participation in the budget process and debt-related decisions can lead to better project selection and increased accountability. Countries like New Zealand and South Africa have implemented participatory budgeting processes that could serve as models for Kenya. By fostering a culture of transparency and accountability, Kenya can improve the quality of its debt-financed investments and build public support for its development initiatives.

Prudent macroeconomic management is crucial for ensuring that public debt remains sustainable and contributes to economic growth. Kenya must maintain fiscal discipline by implementing realistic revenue projections, controlling recurrent expenditure, and improving tax collection efficiency. The success of countries like Rwanda in expanding its tax base and reducing aid dependency offers valuable lessons. Kenya should also focus on maintaining a stable macroeconomic environment through sound monetary policy and exchange rate management. A stable economic environment attracts foreign investment, reduces borrowing costs, and enhances the country's ability to service its debt. Furthermore, Kenya should prioritize structural reforms to improve its business climate, as measured by indicators such as the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index. By creating a conducive envi-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The Power Of Radio As A Medium Is Undeniable

By: **James Kilonzo Bwire**

The power of radio as a medium is undeniable, transcending generations and adapting to the ever-changing landscape of communication. In an age dominated by digital technology, radio continues to hold a unique position in society, serving as a vital source of information, entertainment, and community connection. Its immediacy, accessibility, and ability to foster community engagement make it an invaluable tool for disseminating information and shaping public opinion.

One of the most significant strengths of radio is its capacity for immediate communication. Unlike print media, which can take time to produce and distribute, radio broadcasts can deliver news and information in real-time. This immediacy allows listeners to stay informed about current events, weather updates, and emergency situations, making radio a critical resource during crises. For instance, during natural disasters, radio can provide lifesaving information to communities that may not have access to other forms of media. Its ability to reach people on the go—whether they are driving, working, or engaging in daily activities—ensures

that important messages are heard when they matter most.

Accessibility is another hallmark of radio. It reaches a diverse audience, including those in rural and marginalized communities who may lack access to the internet or other media platforms. Radio does not require literacy or expensive technology, making it an inclusive medium that can engage everyone, regardless of socioeconomic status. This inclusivity is particularly crucial in regions where educational resources are limited, as radio can serve as an educational tool that disseminates vital information about health, agriculture, and civic rights.

Radio also plays a pivotal role in fostering community and promoting dialogue. Local radio stations often reflect the culture and interests of their communities, providing a platform for local voices and stories. This localized approach helps build a sense of belonging among listeners, as they can relate to the content being broadcast. Furthermore, interactive programs that allow listeners to call in and share their opinions create a participatory environment where community members can engage in meaningful discussions. This interaction not only strengthens

community ties but also empowers individuals to express their views and influence public discourse.

Moreover, the trust that listeners place in radio is a significant factor in its enduring relevance. Radio personalities often become trusted figures in their communities, providing a sense of familiarity and reliability. This trust translates into a loyal audience that turns to radio for news, entertainment, and companionship. In times of uncertainty, such as during political upheaval or public health crises, the reassurance provided by familiar voices can be comforting and stabilizing for listeners.

Despite the rise of digital media, radio has demonstrated remarkable adaptability. The integration of technology has allowed radio to evolve, with many stations now offering online streaming and podcasts, making it accessible to a broader audience. This adaptability ensures that radio remains relevant in a rapidly changing media landscape, allowing it to compete with newer platforms while retaining its unique qualities.

However, the power of radio also comes with responsibilities. The potential for misinformation and biased



reporting can have serious consequences, particularly in politically charged environments. It is crucial for radio stations to uphold journalistic integrity and provide balanced, accurate information to their audiences. By doing so, they can maintain the trust of their listeners and contribute positively to public discourse.

In conclusion, the power of radio lies in its ability to connect, inform, and empower communities. Its immediacy, accessibility, and capacity for fostering dialogue make it an indispensable medium in today's society. As we nav-

igate an increasingly complex world, it is essential to recognize and harness the potential of radio to promote understanding, build community, and provide a platform for diverse voices. By supporting local radio and encouraging responsible broadcasting, we can ensure that this powerful medium continues to thrive and serve the needs of all citizens.

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National Police Service, News Editors Resolves To Forge A Harmonious Working Relationship

The recent consultative meeting between the National Police Service (NPS) and news editors in Nairobi represents a pivotal moment for both institutions, emphasizing the need for a collaborative approach to public safety and accountability. The gathering, led by Ag. Inspector General of Police Mr. Gilbert Masengeli, highlighted the importance of building a constructive relationship between law enforcement and the media. This partnership is essential not only for effective communication but also for fostering a culture of transparency and trust within society.

To further enhance this relationship, ongoing dialogue should be prioritized. Regular meetings can serve as a platform for both parties to discuss pressing issues, share insights, and clarify misunderstandings. This open line of communication will ensure that police actions are accurately reported and understood by the public, which is crucial in maintaining confidence in law enforcement.

Joint training initiatives are another avenue to strengthen this partnership. By equipping journalists with a better understanding of law enforcement operations, they can report more effectively on police activities. Conversely, police officers can benefit from training on media ethics and the responsibilities of journalists, fostering mutual respect and understanding. Such initiatives can demystify the complexities of police work and the challenges faced by journalists, ultimately leading to more informed reporting.

Establishing regular feedback forums is also vital. These forums can provide a safe space for journalists to voice concerns about police conduct and for police to address any misconceptions or inaccuracies in media coverage. This reciprocal feedback mechanism will not only improve the quality of reporting but also enhance accountability within the police force.

Moreover, the media plays a crucial

role in shaping public perception of the police. By accurately reporting on police initiatives, successes, and challenges, media outlets can help build a more nuanced understanding of law enforcement in the community. This, in turn, can lead to increased public support for police efforts and initiatives aimed at enhancing safety and security.

The importance of professional ethics cannot be overstated in this partnership. Both the NPS and media organizations must commit to upholding high ethical standards. This includes respecting the rights of individuals while reporting on police activities and ensuring that police actions are justified and in line with the law. A shared commitment to ethics will strengthen the credibility of both institutions and reinforce public trust.

Furthermore, leveraging technology can enhance the collaboration between the NPS and media. Utilizing digital platforms for real-time communication can facilitate quicker



responses to incidents, ensuring that accurate information is disseminated promptly. This proactive approach can help mitigate the spread of misinformation, which often exacerbates tensions between the police and the public.

In conclusion, the consultative meeting in Nairobi is just the beginning of a necessary and ongoing partnership between the National Police Service and media editors. By prioritizing dialogue, joint training, feedback

mechanisms, and ethical standards, both parties can work together to create a safer and more informed society. This collaboration will not only enhance public trust but also ensure that law enforcement remains accountable to the communities they serve.

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Harnessing Public Debt For Sustainable Development: Kenya's Path Forward

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Worth Noting:

- Effective debt management requires robust institutional frameworks and capacity building. Kenya can draw lessons from countries like Indonesia, which established a Debt Management Office (DMO) in 2006 to centralize and professionalize its debt management functions.
- This move led to improved debt sustainability and lower borrowing costs for Indonesia. Kenya's Public Debt Management Office, established under the Public Finance Management Act of 2012, should be further strengthened with enhanced autonomy, technical expertise, and analytical capabilities.
- Regular debt sustainability analyses, stress tests, and scenario planning can help policymakers make informed decisions about borrowing levels and terms. Moreover, Kenya should invest in building the capacity of its public officials in areas such as financial modeling, risk management, and negotiations with creditors

ronment for private sector growth, Kenya can generate the economic dynamism needed to sustain debt-financed development initiatives and facilitate debt repayment.

The development of domestic capital markets is essential for reducing Kenya's reliance on external borrowing and creating alternative sources of long-term financing. A deep and liquid domestic bond market can provide the government with a stable source of local currency funding, reducing exchange rate risks associated with foreign currency-denominated debt. Countries like Malaysia and Thailand have successfully developed their domestic bond markets, leading to improved debt sustainability and financial stability. Kenya has made progress in this area, with domestic debt accounting for a significant portion of its total public debt. However, further efforts are needed to extend the yield curve, increase market liquidity, and attract a diverse investor base. The Capital Markets Authority and the Central Bank of Kenya should collaborate to implement reforms that enhance market infrastructure, improve price discovery mechanisms, and promote financial literacy among potential investors. By developing robust domestic capital markets, Kenya can reduce its vulnerability to external shocks and create new opportunities for financing its development agenda.

Effective debt management also requires a proactive approach to addressing potential debt distress scenarios. Kenya should develop a comprehensive debt restructuring framework that outlines procedures for engaging with creditors in the event of payment difficulties. The

recent global initiatives like the G20's Common Framework for Debt Treatments provide a platform for coordinated action among creditors. Kenya should actively participate in such forums to ensure its interests are represented in global debt discussions. Additionally, the country should explore debt-for-development swaps and other innovative mechanisms that can help alleviate debt burdens while advancing development goals. For example, the debt-for-nature swap implemented by Seychelles in 2015, which converted a portion of its external debt into funding for marine conservation, demonstrates how creative approaches can align debt management with sustainable development objectives. By preparing for potential debt challenges and exploring innovative solutions, Kenya can enhance its resilience to economic shocks and maintain progress towards its development goals.

The integration of debt management with broader development planning is crucial for ensuring that borrowed funds contribute effectively to national priorities. Kenya's Vision 2030 and its medium-term plans should be closely aligned with its debt strategy, ensuring that borrowing decisions support the country's long-term development objectives. This requires close coordination between the National Treasury, the Planning Ministry, and sector-specific agencies to identify priority projects and assess their financing needs. The case of Vietnam, which has successfully integrated its debt management strategy with its socio-economic development plans, offers valuable lessons for Kenya. By adopting a

holistic approach to development financing, Vietnam has maintained relatively stable debt levels while achieving rapid economic growth. Kenya should also strengthen its project appraisal and selection processes, ensuring that only high-impact, economically viable projects are financed through public debt. This may involve establishing independent review panels or adopting standardized cost-benefit analysis methodologies to evaluate proposed investments objectively.

Capacity building in debt-financed project implementation is essential for maximizing the developmental impact of public debt. Kenya should invest in strengthening its public procurement systems, project management capabilities, and monitoring and evaluation frameworks. Countries like South Korea have demonstrated the importance of robust project implementation in translating borrowed funds into tangible development outcomes. Kenya can learn from South Korea's Public and Private Infrastructure Investment Management Center (PIMAC), which provides technical support for project planning, feasibility studies, and value-for-money assessments. By enhancing its capacity to implement debt-financed projects efficiently, Kenya can improve the returns on its investments and accelerate its development trajectory. This includes developing a cadre of skilled project managers, adopting best practices in contract management, and leveraging technology for real-time project monitoring. Additionally, Kenya should foster knowledge transfer and capacity building through its engagements with development

partners and international financial institutions, ensuring that borrowed funds contribute not only to physical infrastructure but also to human capital development.

The role of regional and international cooperation in debt management cannot be overstated. Kenya should actively engage with regional bodies such as the East African Community (EAC) and the African Union to harmonize debt management practices and explore opportunities for regional infrastructure financing. The successful implementation of the EAC's Monetary Union Protocol, which includes provisions for fiscal convergence and debt sustainability, could enhance regional macroeconomic stability and improve member countries' debt management capacities. At the international level, Kenya should continue to participate in global initiatives aimed at improving debt transparency and sustainability, such as the G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) and the IMF's Debt Limits Policy. By leveraging regional and international platforms, Kenya can advocate for fair and sustainable lending practices, exchange best practices in debt management, and contribute to the development of global standards for responsible borrowing and lending.

In conclusion, the prudent use of public debt is a critical factor in Kenya's journey towards sustainable development and economic prosperity. By adhering to constitutional principles, strengthening institutional frameworks, diversifying funding sources, and integrating debt management with broader development planning, Kenya can harness the power of public debt to drive transformative change. The experiences of other nations demonstrate that with careful management and strategic allocation, public debt can indeed spur development and facilitate its own repayment. However, this requires unwavering commitment to transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline. As Kenya navigates the complex landscape of global finance and development, it must remain vigilant in balancing the opportunities presented by public debt with the responsibilities it entails. By doing so, Kenya can build a resilient economy capable of meeting the aspirations of its citizens and securing a prosperous future for generations to come.

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Global Success Stories: Lessons Kenya Can Learn in the Fight Against Corruption



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Corruption has long been a pervasive issue in many societies, hindering development, eroding trust in public institutions, and exacerbating poverty. In Kenya, the effects of corruption are all too familiar, from mismanagement of public funds to the daily experiences of bribery and nepotism. However, Kenya is not alone in facing this challenge. Across the world, countries have tackled corruption head-on, with some achieving notable success. Their experiences offer valuable insights that could inspire new approaches to curbing corruption in Kenya.

Botswana: Africa's Shining Example

Botswana's success in managing corruption is a story that resonates deeply within the African context. When Botswana gained independence in 1966, it was one of the poorest countries in the world, with limited infrastructure and a small, largely uneducated population. However, through prudent governance and an unwavering commitment to transparency, Botswana transformed itself into one of Africa's most stable and prosperous nations.

Key to Botswana's success was the establishment of the Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime (DCEC) in 1994. This independent body was given the power to investigate and prosecute corruption cases, including those involving high-ranking officials. The independence of the DCEC has been crucial in ensuring that no one is above the law, a principle that has been reinforced by successive leaders who have set a strong example of integrity.

In addition to strong institutions, Botswana's leadership emphasized transparency and accountability from the outset. Presidents Seretse Khama and Ketumile Masire were instrumental in fostering a culture where public service was viewed as a duty to the nation rather than a

path to personal enrichment. Their leadership demonstrated that with the right political will and institutional support, it is possible to break the cycle of corruption that plagues many African nations.

Singapore: Transforming a Corruption-Ridden State

Singapore's journey from a small, corruption-ridden city-state to one of the world's least corrupt countries is both inspirational and instructive. When Singapore became independent in 1965, corruption was rampant, deeply embedded in both the public and private sectors. However, under the leadership of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore embarked on a rigorous anti-corruption campaign that transformed its governance landscape.

The Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) was the cornerstone of Singapore's anti-corruption efforts. Established during British colonial rule, the CPIB was strengthened after independence and granted sweeping powers to investigate and prosecute corruption. The bureau's independence from political interference was key to its effectiveness, ensuring that even high-ranking officials could be held accountable.

Moreover, Singapore introduced harsh penalties for corrupt practices, sent a strong signal that corruption would not be tolerated, and instituted high salaries for public servants to reduce the temptation of graft. The government also launched public education campaigns to instill a culture of integrity within society. Today, Singapore is a model of clean governance, demonstrating that even a nation once riddled with corruption can achieve remarkable progress through decisive and sustained action.

Denmark: The Power of Transparency

Denmark's consistent ranking as one of the world's least corrupt countries offers a powerful lesson in

the importance of transparency and civic engagement. Denmark's approach to governance is characterized by a high degree of openness, where government operations are subject to scrutiny by the public and the press. The country's Freedom of Information Act allows citizens to access government documents, fostering a culture of accountability.

This transparency is reinforced by Denmark's strong tradition of civic engagement, where citizens actively participate in holding their leaders accountable. Denmark's free and independent media plays a crucial role in exposing corruption, while civil society organizations work to ensure that public officials adhere to high ethical standards.

In Denmark, the integrity of the civil service is another critical factor. Public officials are selected and promoted based on merit, and they are expected to uphold stringent ethical codes. This professionalism, coupled with a robust legal framework that criminalizes corrupt practices, has helped Denmark maintain its status as a global leader in good governance. For Kenya, Denmark's example underscores the importance of building transparent institutions and fostering a culture where integrity is valued at all levels of society.

New Zealand: Integrity as a National Value

New Zealand's success in managing corruption is rooted in its strong legal framework, independent judiciary, and a deeply ingrained culture of integrity. The country's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and the Office of the Auditor-General are key institutions in the fight against corruption, operating independently and with the power to investigate and prosecute corrupt activities.

New Zealand's commitment to transparency is reflected in its government practices, where public officials are held to high ethical standards, and power is dispersed across a system of checks and balances. The media and civil society are vigilant in their roles as watchdogs, ensuring that any instances of corruption are swiftly exposed and addressed.

What sets New Zealand apart is the cultural emphasis on fairness and integrity, values that permeate all aspects of society. This cultural foundation, combined with strong institutions and legal measures, has made New Zealand one of the least corrupt countries in the world. For Kenya, New Zealand's experience highlights the importance of nurturing a culture of integrity alongside

institutional reforms.

Uruguay: A South American Success Story

Uruguay offers a hopeful narrative from South America, a region often associated with high levels of corruption. Uruguay's success in managing corruption is largely due to its strong democratic institutions, independent judiciary, and a robust legal framework. The country has implemented strict anti-corruption laws that are rigorously enforced, ensuring that public officials are held accountable for their actions.

Civic participation is another cornerstone of Uruguay's governance model. The country's citizens are actively involved in political processes, and the media plays a vital role in exposing corrupt practices. Civil society organizations also contribute to holding leaders accountable, creating a culture where transparency and accountability are the norms.

Uruguay's leadership has consistently demonstrated a commitment to ethical governance, taking steps to strengthen anti-corruption measures over the years. This commitment, coupled with the active involvement of citizens and the media, has helped Uruguay maintain its status as one of the least corrupt countries in South America. For Kenya, Uruguay's story illustrates the potential of democratic engagement and the importance of a robust legal framework in combating corruption.

The fight against corruption is an ongoing battle that requires more than just laws and institutions—it demands a shift in culture and values. The experiences of Botswana, Singapore, Denmark, New Zealand, and Uruguay offer valuable lessons for Kenya. These countries have shown that with strong leadership, transparent institutions, and a culture that values integrity, it is possible to curb corruption and foster national development.

For Kenya, the path to reducing corruption lies in strengthening its institutions, promoting transparency, and cultivating a culture where integrity is not just expected but demanded by the public. While the journey may be long and challenging, the successes of other nations prove that it is a battle worth fighting.

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Enter Mbappe: Are Europe's Best About To Get Better?



A young Kylian Mbappe. PHOTO/REAL MADRID C.F. FACEBOOK

With Euro 2024 glory followed by further triumphs at the European Under-19 Championship and the Olympics, it has been a sizzling summer of success for Spanish football.

The trophy run was kickstarted in June at club level by Real Madrid, who completed a league and European double by downing Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League final at Wembley.

Prior to a new season featuring expanded formats for both the Champions League and Club World Cup, Real clearly remain the team to beat, both domestically and abroad.

And Wednesday's Super Cup match with Atalanta is the first chance for Carlo Ancelotti's men to not only claim another piece of Spanish summer silverware, but also show the world they could be about to get even better.

Mbappe adds to cast of superstars

The transfer story of the summer was settled very early, with Real finally bringing their on-off-on-off pursuit of French superstar Kylian Mbappe to a successful conclusion.

Both club and player believe Mbappe has always been destined to play for Real Madrid, and his arrival gives Los Blancos arguably the three best attackers in the world alongside Vinicius Junior and Jude Bellingham.

The question is where the new man will fit in. Mbappe is not a genuine centre-forward, in the same way that Vinicius and Rodrygo are not genuine wingers, and a significant degree of positional flexibility will be required to ensure the star-studded forward line complement each other – rather than get in each other's way.

Ancelotti, however, is the perfect coach to achieve this delicate balance, always preferring to adapt to the qualities of his players instead of laying down rigid tactical structures.

So we can expect to see plenty of interchange between Mbappe and Vinicius in particular, as they roam and combine between the left flank and penalty area.

Mbappe is not the only exciting addition to the forward line. This summer has also seen the long-awaited arrival of Brazilian boy wonder Endrick, who has already won 10 senior interna-

tional caps despite only turning 18 last month.

Endrick will be eased gradually into action, and his arrival adds further squad depth heading into the longest club season in history, featuring two additional Champions League group-stage games and an overhauled Club World Cup – scheduled to end in mid-July.

Ancelotti has always been adept at sharing the playing time evenly, demonstrating more than most coaches that football is now truly a squad game rather than just a 'starting XI'.

Only one player (Federico Valverde, 33 games) started more than 30 league games for Real last season, and that rotation policy will be further strengthened in the gruelling coming campaign.

So, can Vinicius Jr and Mbappe be accommodated within the same squad? Ancelotti should be able to answer that luxurious question without too many problems.

Guler set to replace Kroos

To level out those summer arrivals, Real waved goodbye to three veterans with defender Nacho and frontman Joselu moving to the Middle East, while midfield maestro Toni Kroos has retired.

Ancelotti boasts plenty of resources to keep the midfield smoothly ticking over despite the unplanned loss of Kroos, perhaps including a deeper role for Bellingham following the addition of Mbappe to the forward line.

But one specific question arising from Kroos' departure is who will now take on set-piece duties?

The veteran's deadball delivery excellence was a consistent strength for Real over the last decade, and it was fitting that his last significant act in the famous white shirt was planting a perfectly placed corner on to the head of Dani Carvajal for the opener in June's Champions League final.

The German pass master's departure could accelerate the development of Turkish teenager Arda Guler, who followed a fine

finish to last season by shining for his national team during the Euros.

Guler is an outstanding set-piece taker and that attribute is likely to enhance his playing time – often in rotation with the guiding hand of Luka Modric (more than twice Guler's age), who has remained for another season but is unlikely to start too often.

Can Barca or Atletico challenge?

Away from the reigning champions, it has been a summer of change at La Liga's other two heavyweights.

Barcelona have a new coach, with former Bayern Munich and Germany boss Hansi Flick replacing the axed Xavi and last week welcoming his first signing with the 55m euros (£47m) arrival of Spain's Euros-winning star Dani Olmo.

But Barca's cupboards are bare, partly because of soaring costs of the ongoing Camp Nou renovation project, which will force them to spend at least the first half of the season playing 'home' games at the city's less than atmospheric Olympic Stadium.

That means there won't be many more squad reinforcements, so it is just as well Flick can count on a core of spectacular youngsters including Lamine Yamal and a pair of Olympic gold winners, Fermin Lopez and Pau Cubarsi.

Atletico Madrid boss Diego Simeone has reacted to last season's disappointing fourth-placed finish by undertaking a big overhaul of his squad.

Several veterans including Alvaro Morata, Stefan Savic and Mario Hermoso have departed, with Spain centre-back Robin le Normand, Norway striker Alexander Sorloth and Julian Alvarez from Manchester City all arriving.

England international Conor Gallagher could still follow.

Whether Barca or Atletico will have enough to challenge Real's dominance remains to be seen, but it is a very tall order.

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'I Can't Speak' – Mourinho Criticises Ref After Loss



Jose Mourinho said he "can't speak" about refereeing decisions he felt led to Fenerbahce's exit from the Champions League.

Mourinho believes his side can go far in the Europa League – which they will now drop into – if refereeing standards improve.

Fenerbahce's chances of Champions League progress were ended on Tuesday by a 118th-minute penalty awarded to opponents Lille for handball following a video assistant referee check.

Jonathan David converted the kick to make it 1-1 on the night and give Lille a 3-2 aggregate victory in the third qualifying round tie.

It means Mourinho's side will play in the Europa League next season, a trophy he lifted with Manchester United in 2017, having won it in its previous incarnation as the Uefa Cup with Porto in 2003.

"We would never win the Champions League. We would never reach the Champions League final. Never," said Mourinho.

"But we go to Europa League and in Europa League if – if – I don't want to say the rest. I prefer to stay on the ifs."

Fenerbahce, trailing 2-1 from the first leg, took the game to extra time in Istanbul after an injury-time own goal from Bafode

Diakite before David's penalty.

Mourinho added: "If we can do a great Europa League. If, if, if. But we can do a great Europa League with if. I can't speak more than the if. If not I am in trouble."

Asked what he meant by 'if', Mourinho referenced the defeat he suffered with former side Roma in the 2023 Europa League final against Sevilla in which he angrily confronted referee Anthony Taylor in the car park after the match.

"If you want to know more about the ifs, I invite you watch Roma-Sevilla in the Europa League final 2022-23 and you understand the ifs," he added.

Mourinho's choice of words were

similar to an interview the Portuguese coach gave during his second stint with Chelsea in 2014.

Speaking after a 1-0 defeat by Aston Villa in which two Chelsea players were sent off, Mourinho said: "I prefer not to speak. If I speak, I am in big trouble. In big trouble. And I don't want to be in big trouble."

Mourinho was appointed Fenerbahce manager in June after being sacked by Roma in January.

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Mother, A Beautiful Word

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Words cannot describe this word, which consists of only three letters. An example of a flower in the mother garden. Just as the smell of a flower enlivens the surroundings, the knowledge of a mother educates the whole society.

A mother is a loving person with a bright face, a burning heart, a healing person whose words and eyes take pains away. We were born on a full moon day. Now think about how many sleepless nights and troubled days there were during this period of time. Swallowing these problems and carrying two hearts in one body with so many pains...

It's hard to describe them.

As you enter the garden, you will encounter a variety of flowers. They have different colors and a unique appearance. Even a strange smell, the smells of which are not harmonized with each other, hits your nose.

Just as the scent of a flower gives peace to a person's heart, so does a mother's voice give peace to a person's soul and spirit.

Mothers are like flowers in a garden, they all have the same purpose. If flowers awaken a beautiful feeling in a person's heart, mothers also teach their children to have faith in their hearts, good upbringing, be honest and pure, knowledgeable, always truthful.

As Dr. Salakhuddin Koftaru said, "Women are said to be half of society.

No, she is the whole society. She educates the remaining half of society.

The religious, national and social importance of a woman is very great. She is a mother and grandmother.

She is a faithful husband, a beautiful sister and daughter.

She is a coach, an intellectual and a singer of goodness.

If we can prepare them for life, we will have contributed to the building of our common home.

May Allah have mercy on Ahmad Shawqi, who wrote the lines in Qui. "The mother is the madrasa...

If you can educate him properly, you will educate a people of pure blood! "

What a beautiful and powerful sentence, no doubt. Of course, mothers are always in front of their children. A person is responsible for raising a child.

The more definitions and sentences we write for mothers, the less we write. They are a priceless blessing. Let's appreciate it, my dears. Wrinkles fall on their faces because we are children. They look forward to our roads as children. When the time comes for us to have ignorant children, we pretend that you are behind the times, we pretend that you don't speak your old words, in fact, the person who caused us to reach these days is not our Mother?

Now tell me, do we still have the right to be upset with our mothers and hurt their hearts?

Of course, it is foolishness to think like that.

Make your mother happy during her lifetime. Before tomorrow, one look at her face becomes a dream.



Rozimurodova Marjona Bekzod with her mother.

The Promise And Peril Of Kenya's Broad-Based Government

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President William Ruto's bold move to establish a broad-based government in Kenya has ignited both hope and skepticism among the nation's citizens. While the concept of an inclusive administration that brings together diverse political factions holds the promise of unity and progress, it also faces significant challenges and criticism.

Ruto's vision for a broad-based government is rooted in his belief that collaboration across political lines is essential for unlocking the country's full potential. By incorporating leaders from opposition parties, such as Hassan Joho, Wycliffe Oparanya, and Opiyo Wandayi, into his newly sworn-in cabinet, the administration aims to leverage their expertise and

experience to enhance governance and drive economic transformation.

The President's optimism is palpable as he argues that inclusivity will enable the government to address pressing economic issues more effectively. However, skepticism remains, particularly from the youth, who demand substantial reforms and accountability. Many argue that simply including opposition members does not address the systemic issues within the government, and protests have erupted, reflecting discontent with the current administration's handling of economic and social issues.

Kenya's political landscape has long been characterized by intense rivalry and division, often leading to unrest and stagnation. The concept of a broad-based government seeks to break this cycle by fostering a culture of cooperation and inclusivity. Ruto's initiative is a response to the need for a fresh start in governance,

particularly in the wake of recent protests against the Finance Bill, which highlighted the public's frustrations with the leadership.

The success of Kenya's broad-based government will depend on its ability to navigate internal challenges and genuinely address the concerns of all citizens, particularly marginalized groups like the youth. While the formation of such an administration is a step towards greater inclusivity, it must be accompanied by genuine reforms to rebuild public trust and ensure effective governance.

President Ruto's bold move to establish a broad-based government in Kenya is a gamble with high stakes. If successful, it could usher in a new era of unity, collaboration, and progress. However, if it fails to deliver on its promises and address the systemic issues plaguing the nation, it risks further eroding public trust and exacerbating the very divisions it seeks to heal.



The future of Kenya's broad-based government hangs in the balance, and the nation watches with bated breath to see if it will fulfill its promise or succumb to its peril. The newly sworn-in cabinet, which includes both seasoned politicians and fresh faces, will be tasked with navigating this delicate balance and proving to the Kenyan people that their hopes for a better future are not misplaced. As the nation embarks on this new chapter, it is clear that the path ahead is not without its challenges. How-

ever, with a spirit of cooperation, a commitment to reform, and a genuine desire to serve the people of Kenya, the broad-based government has the potential to usher in a new era of progress and prosperity for the nation.

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