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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua

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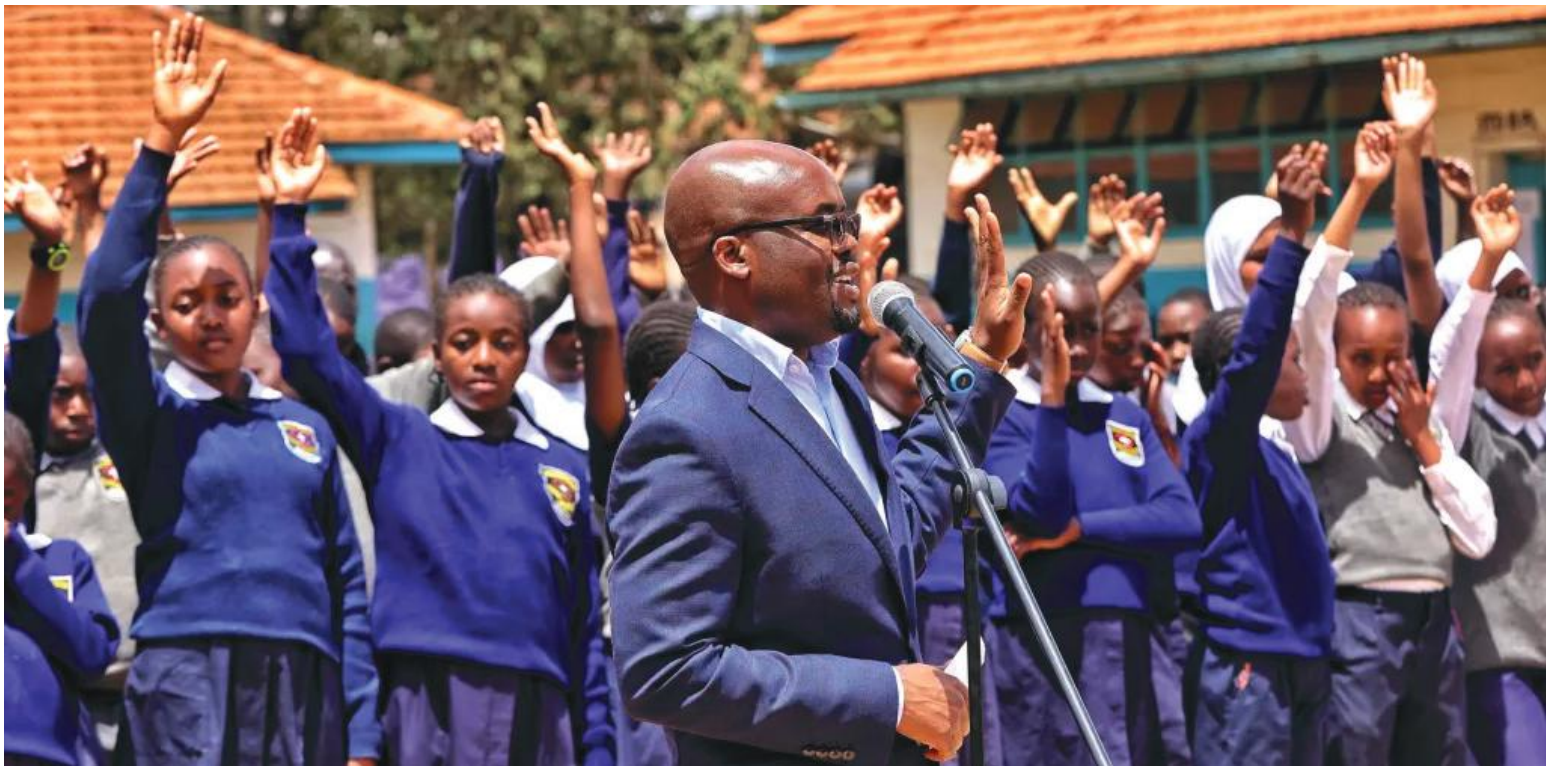
NGAO Plays Huge Role In 100pc School Transition Policy

By: KBC Digital



Worth Noting:

- “We already have clear directions on transition from primary to junior secondary and eventually to senior secondary school. By empowering you as pivotal agents of change in Kenya’s educational landscape, the government is committed to bridging educational gaps and ensuring equal opportunities for all children”, the President emphasized.
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The government has enhanced the role of National Government Administrative Officers (NGAO) in promoting education, aiming to improve literacy rates across the country.

During a meeting with NGAOs at Kenya School of Government, Lower Kabete last week, the President urged the officers to prioritize education transition as a key performance indicator (KPI).

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He acknowledged the work done in tracing candidates throughout the year to en-

sure compliance with the government’s 100 percent school transition policy in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

From the lowest administrative unit of the Assistant Chief, NGAOs continue to monitor and follow up on pupils and students who have completed their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) to ensure they progress to the next level.

In 2023, for example, NGAO facilitated the transition of about 1.2 million students to various Junior Secondary Schools.

“Some regions even surpassed the target,” noted the Internal Security and National Administration Principal Secretary, Dr. Raymond Omollo.

During the same period, 1.1 million students transitioned to Form One, while 15,874 others enrolled for vocational training. According to a 2022 World Bank report, Kenya’s literacy rate among

children aged between 0 and 15 years is at an impressive high of 82.88 percent.

NGAO officers alongside police officers, also offer support through coordination, logistics and provision of security during national exams.

During the 2023 national examinations, the government deployed more than 600 NGAO officers alongside 16,056 police officers across all examination centres.

Beyond advocating for and enforcing the transition policy, NGAO officers play a crucial role in resource mobilization. In many remote areas, where schools sometimes lack of basic supplies like textbooks, stationery, and even desks.

NGAOs coordinate with various stakeholders, including NGOs and private donors, to ensure these schools are adequately equipped.

They also oversee the Presidential Bursary Scheme and national feeding programs, which are vital in keeping children, especially those from impoverished backgrounds, in school.

“Through the tireless efforts of our NGAO officers, we are bridging the educational divide and bringing learning opportunities to the most remote corners of Kenya,” the PS said.

A particularly commendable aspect of NGAO officers’ work is their support for young girls who are victims of early pregnancy, and more so during national examinations.

While the Government has adopted stringent measures to curb the vice, there are hundreds of girls sitting for their exams while pregnant every year.

NGAO officers provide essential support in such situations, helping ensure these girls continue their education.

The achievements of NGAO officers underscore our dedication to catalyze national development, while reinforcing the presence of the national government at the grassroots level across the country.

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First-year students at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology follow the inaugural address by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Emily Akuno. She advised students to focus on their studies to build their potential and shun gambling habits, which have affected the studies of many students. “I know that as youthful students, the urge to engage in gambling to have more money for a high-level lifestyle might tempt you into gambling. Do not be lured into gambling using resources meant for fees and accommodation,” said Akuno.



There was jubilation in Zabka, Kimorori Wempa ward, Maragua constituency as the ground-breaking for the establishment of the new Karugu Primary School. The 7-acre site, donated by the county government, will be operational in January. The school will offload the large student population at nearby Peter Kariuki Primary School, which has around 2000 learners. The school’s foundation package includes four classrooms, an administration block, and modern ablution blocks for learners and teachers. The school will start with the lower classes of PP1, PP2, grades one, two, and three. The school is expected to bring a new secondary school to promote continued studies in close proximity. The initiative is part of the government’s commitment to ensuring equitable education standards for all Kenyan children.

Kieni constituency philanthropist John Kariuki alias Choromai (right in the picture) has called on Kenyans to prepare for planting trees during the short rains, in few weeks time. He said that by planting trees, they will be addressing the global warming phenomenon that the Kenya Kwanza administration is trying to address through planting about 15 billion trees in the next few years. Choromai made the appeal and further asked citizens to pray for the government to fulfil its pledges during Sunday services where he joined faithful at Maria Consolata Catholic Church at Mweiga Expages, Kiawara Christian Outreach Worldwide Church and Njogu-ini AIPCA Kamiruri.



The government, in partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP), has launched a food security and resilience project in drought- and disaster-prone areas of Garissa County. The project aims to identify women and youth groups to provide self-sufficiency and food production tips. It also aims to counter conflicts over grazing and water rights and complement similar initiatives by the World Bank. The project includes stakeholders under the State Department of Crops Development and Agricultural Research and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development. Mitigation measures include regular inspections of wildlife and livestock disease outbreaks. Ijara Deputy County Commissioner Wachira Champon has called on non-governmental organisations and development partners to share their work plans with local steering groups to avoid duplication of roles.



Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. and Tsavo Trust Chief Executive Officer Richard Miller sign a working partnership to mitigate human-wildlife conflict in Tsavo East National Park. The partnership involves the joint implementation of projects to keep animals away from human settlements, including electric fence installation, water provision, health facilities, community education, and environmental conservation. Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr. aims to find a permanent solution to the issue of wild animals, particularly elephants, straying into people’s homes and farmlands, causing crop destruction and sometimes deaths. He expressed optimism that the conflict could be managed to become a key economic pillar through tourism development in the area.



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Gachagua: Why Kenyans Should Protect Their Cultures And Traditions

By: DPCS

Worth Noting:

- The DP praised the Maa community for firmly protecting their identity and promoting their culture locally and globally.
- “The Maa community is now known worldwide for their unique culture and beliefs,” he said.
- He also appealed to the youthful members of the age group to be proud of their origin and protect their community’s identity.
- “As an age group, you are the future of this community. Kindly take care of yourselves, your families and your community. Avoid drugs and illicit drinks which are destructive to your health and lives,” he added.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua at the Maa Community 25th Interministries Union prayers at Inkinyie Primary and Junior Secondary School grounds in Kajiado

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has called on Kenyans to protect their cultures and traditions for Kenya to remain stronger and united.

Speaking when he attended a prayer service for Maasai Ilkiramat Age Group in Kaputiei, Kajiado East Constituency on Saturday, the Deputy President said he was at the forefront in promoting cultures of local communities.

“We must always be proud of our cul-

tures and beliefs because that is what defines us. I’m a big proponent of our cultures and the need to protect them to sustain the strength of our nation,” he said.

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Mr Gachagua also pitched for unity of communities for faster develop-

ment and advancement of the country.

“It is encouraging to see the unity of the Maa community. For the unity of our nation, our communities must be united. Development of any community and the country will be quickly realised when we are united,” he stated.

Further, the DP said he fully supports President William Ruto’s decision to form a government bringing together members of the opposition.

“We support the President’s call for the nation’s unity. All those who were in Azimio are now working with us. We are happy to work with everyone as guided by the President. Right now, we are focused on developing the country and serving Kenyans,” he said.

Additionally, he said the fight against the drugs and illicit brews has been intensified across the country to stop production, distribution and sale.

“We have taken stern measures to stop the production and sale of the drinks. We are not relenting. I’m appealing to the young people to avoid these drinks at all costs,” he said.

The DP was accompanied by among others, Kajiado Governor Joseph Ole Lenku, Deputy Governor Martin Moshisho, Senator Lenku Seki, Nominated Senator Peris Tobiko, Host MP Kakuta Maimai, Kajiado South MP Sakimba Parashina, Kajiado North MP Onesmus Ngogoyo, Former Kajiado Governor and Chairperson of the Wildlife Research and Training Institute David Nkediye, Former Kajiado Woman Rep Mary Seneta and Area MCA Joshua Olowuasa.

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Aviation Union Strike Set to Begin September 1, Warns of Total Shutdown

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The Kenya Aviation Workers Union (KAWU) has announced that it will proceed with a nationwide strike starting September 1, potentially leading to a complete shutdown of aviation services across the country. The union's leadership has also demanded the immediate resignation of top officials at the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA), warning that failure to comply could escalate the situation further.

The looming strike follows a seven-day notice issued by the union in response to the government's proposal to lease the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) to India's Adani Group. The proposal has sparked widespread concern among aviation workers, who argue that the move threatens job security and undermines the national interest.

"We are not just fighting for our jobs, we are fighting for the future of this country's aviation sector. The proposed leasing of JKIA is unacceptable, and we will not stand by as



Moss Ndiema, The Secretary General of the Kenya Aviation Workers Union (KAWU) addressing the media and the Union workers.

our national assets are handed over to foreign entities without due consideration of the impact on Kenyan workers." Said Moss Ndiema, KAWU Secretary General.

Ndiema also stated that the decision to strike follows months of negotiations that have failed to address critical issues such as salary discrepancies, poor working conditions, and the failure to honor collective bargaining agreements, he emphasized that the union had exhausted all possible avenues for dialogue and was left with no choice but to take industrial action.

The union has urged the government to revoke the leasing proposal and initiate a dialogue with stakeholders to explore alternative solutions. In addition to the strike, KAWU is calling for the resignation of key KAA officials, whom they accuse of mismanagement and failing to protect



Moss Ndiema Secretary General Kenya Aviation Workers Union and other members addressing the media on their upcoming Strike.

the interests of the aviation sector.

"We have tried to engage with the Kenya Airports Authority, but our concerns have been ignored. The only way forward is to take action. If the current leadership at KAA cannot defend our industry, then they must step down," Ndiema added.

The strike is expected to cause significant disruptions at JKIA, one of Africa's busiest airports, and other airports across the country. Travelers

are advised to make alternative arrangements as the situation unfolds.

As the September 1 deadline approaches, the government and KAA have yet to respond to the union's demands. However, with tensions rising and the threat of a total shutdown looming, all eyes will be on the government's next move to avert a crisis in Kenya's aviation sector.

Fertiliser Subsidy Offer Maize Farmers Bumper Harvest

By: MKT Correspondent
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Principal Secretary State Department for Agriculture Dr. Paul Ronoh has revealed Kenya is expected to experience increased maize production this year following the successful national government fertiliser subsidy programme.

Ronoh praised the government's initiative as a timely intervention to address the country's food scarcity.

Maize seed growers contracted by the Kenya Seed Company have seen an increase in productivity of more than twice what was harvested last year.

The government has distributed over 25 million bags of crop-specific and region-specific fertilisers to 15 million farmers in the two years since the program was introduced.

Plans are underway to ensure National Cereals and Produce Board stores are ready to receive maize pro-

duce from farmers.

The government has distributed 100 mobile driers across the country to minimize post-harvest losses.

"We have enough certified-quality maize seeds for long and short seasons. Certified seeds for long rains will be distributed early in November for the next planting season. We have put in place teams to inspect the quality of fertilisers and conduct distribution exercises to ensure farmers get quality and timely service," said Dr. Ronoh.

The PS assured farmers that the government has put in place strategies to procure excess maize and ensure that only certified seeds are available for planting next year.

He also highlighted the challenge of maize crop theft facing both Kenya Seed and Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) farms and warned that those found culpable will be prosecuted.

Ronoh encouraged farmers to consider planting sunflower crops to ensure their farms are not idle after maize harvest.



DP Lauds New Gov't For Raising National Unity

By: DPCS



Worth Noting:

- He said some people in the country, have attacked him in the past in his pursuit of unity of Mt Kenya.
- “Some people misunderstood my call for unity in the Mt Kenya Region. How can you unite Kenya before uniting the community? How can I ask the Maa to unite when I have not done the same with my people? For us to get national cohesion, and for the country to be one, all communities must come together first, then we have one nation,” he said.
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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua Speaking on Saturday during the Maa Community 25th Interministries Union prayers at Inkinyie Primary and Junior Secondary School grounds in Kajiado

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gion. How can you unite Kenya before uniting the community? How can I ask the Maa to unite when I have not done the same with my people? For us to get national cohesion, and for the country to be one, all communities must come together first, then we have one nation,” he said. Mr Gachagua said he will continue seeking and strengthening traditional friendship between the Mt Kenya communities and the Maa as part of the initiative of building a strong Kenya. Mr Gachagua said Kajiado, a county that is run by leaders from the Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Alliance and the Kenya Kwanza Coalition, has proven that political differences must not define the people, adding that that they speak as one, they will be respected at the national level. He asked the Maa Community to remain united behind their leaders irrespective of their political affiliation in pursuit of development. He also urged them to respect their leaders. “Let nobody mislead you to dis-

respect your leaders. Do not insult them. When they come to the national level they will be respected because they come from a united community. I am very happy that you have put political differences aside and united behind your leaders. Your relevance in the national discourse will be informed by your unity as a community,” he said. The Deputy President assured the people of Kajiado that they will not miss out on development and the Ruto Administration will continue working with leadership of the region. “This is your Government. You will not be in trouble as long as the President is in charge. During the drought, I worked with Governor Joseph Lenku and we ensured nobody died out of famine. No work will stagnate. The road from Illast to Rombo will be completed as the President promised. It will be built. The road will open up the area up to Taveta to ease movement,” he said. The Deputy President was responding to comments of leaders, who raised concerns over impassable

roads. The Deputy President said the peace between and among the communities in Kajiado County is good for development adding that investor confidence increases with stability. The Interministries Prayers Conference brings together the Maasai, Samburu, Ilchamus and other communities that identify as Maa Community. He was accompanied by Governor Joseph Ole Lenku, Deputy Governor Martine Moshisho, Senator Samuel Seki, Kajiado South MP Hon Samuel Parashina, Hon Onesmus Ngogoyo of Kajiado North, Nominated Senator Peris Tobiko and Dalalekutuk MCA John Loisa, among other leaders.

KTDA Officials Asked To Embrace Unity After Polls

By: MKT Correspondent
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Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, Dr. Andrew Karanja, has called for unanimity among the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) Holding Limited after the election of Board Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Enos Njeru was re-elected as Chairman and Eric Chepkwony as Vice Chairman for a three-year term.

Dr. Karanja assured the board of government support as the tea industry is one of the backbones of Kenya's economy, supporting the livelihood of over five million people and earning the country Sh2 billion on foreign exchange.

He expressed the Ministry's interest in turning challenges in the sector into opportunities and working with the board to find better and higher markets for Kenyan tea.



KTDA chairman Enos Njeru and vice chairman Eric Chepkwony after being elected last Friday.

Njeru noted that the industry has faced many challenges, but through resilience and collective efforts, significant strides have been made.

In his second term, he will focus on the implementation of the Tea Act and Management Agreement, instilling a tea consumption culture

through increasing local demand, and improving tea quality to enhance Kenyan tea's competitiveness in the global market.

The Chairman promised to reduce unsold tea and broaden markets by improving the financial health of KTDA and its affiliated factories. He



Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture Dr. Andrew Karanja.

vowed to set minimum standards of quality for tea acceptable by KTDA to ensure they sell without challenges.

The government was lauded for the establishment of common user facilities and the exemption of VAT on packaging.

Dr. Karanja emphasised the importance of unity and collaboration between KTDA stakeholders for the benefit of farmers and extended an olive branch to those who were not successful in the elections.



Apart From Being Ready To Pay Ultimate Price, Gachagua Bankrolled Ruto's 2022 Campaigns From His Own Pocket



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Worth Noting:

- It is worth noting my friend spoke with me on a day that President Ruto was attending the homecoming and thanksgiving ceremony for new cabinet secretary for Cooperatives and small business enterprises Wycliffe Oparanya in Kakamega.
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- Tellingly, DP Gachagua was conspicuously absent.
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President William Ruto has abandoned his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua

A few days ago, a friend of mine told me that he does not believe in the rumors doing round that President William Ruto has abandoned his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua.

We all know that Gachagua was the team leader of Mount Kenya political machinery that catapulted Dr William Ruto, then Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate, to the seat of power.

Besides being ready to pay the ultimate price and committing all his energy and time to this course, the second-in-command bankrolled Ruto's from his own pocket.

My friend added: If the rumors turn out to be true, this would be a betrayal of the highest order. He however exonerated President from having originated and hatched this plot (if it is real) and instead pointed an accusing at his "kitchen cabinet".

In the recent past, we have been hearing the DP complaining that some of the key confidantes and allies of the head of state were belittling and disrespecting him.

President Ruto is not however coming out strongly to reprimand them and throw his full weight behind the DP.

So, in the event that the threat to oust Gachagua is actualized, it will be hard for the President to convince the people of the Mountain that he did not have a hand.

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Interior Cabinet Secretary Kithure Kindiki were the front-runners.

Initially and in a move that demonstrated he was a true democrat, Dr Ruto did not interfere with this exercise.

He wanted them to freely choose and give him the name of the candidate.

He only intervened after they failed to agree.

President Ruto settled on Gachagua, a move that drew admiration from majority of people in Mount Kenya.

Apart from being courageous and having deep pocket, Gachagua's prowess in communicating in local dialect was immeasurable.

Whenever he hosted Dr Ruto in the Mountain during the campaigns, he always electrified the crowds.

I'm hear with William Ruto. You said this is man that you want to succeed the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta. Isn't it?

While referring Uhuru's remarks that he would run the country for 10 years and then pass the baton to Ruto to do his 10 years, he would tell Dr Ruto.

We the people of Mountain what we hate is betrayal. We are truthful people and we are going to keep our word. We will vote for you to the last man and woman.

The argument that the kikuyus had already decided they will vote for Ruto with or without one of their own being a running mate does not hold any water.

I highly doubt this could have happened. Majority of Kikuyus wanted to see one of their own being at the top.

Gachagua never feared or shied away from taking on the outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta head-on.

I'm ready to pay ultimate price while pushing Dr Ruto's agenda.

Going by the latest media reports that President Ruto have fallen out with him, majority of the people in the mountain are asking. How soon and why?

Reports indicate that a section of members of parliament from Rift Valley have hatched a plot to impeach DP Gachagua. The critics of Gachagua from Mount Kenya region were also behind this plot.

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 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.

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 focused 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 abuse of office and 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

Fight Against Illicit Brews And Drugs Bearing Fruits - DP

By: DPCS



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, his spouse Pastor Dorcas and other guests posing for a group photo with Murang'a Deputy governor Stephen Munania and his bride Charity Mbinya during their wedding on Saturday..

Worth Noting:

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- Mr Gachagua said the prevailing rampant manufacture, distribution, sale and consumption of illicit brews and the resultant deaths arising from such activities warranted the government's intervention.

The government's fight against illicit brews and drug abuse is bearing fruits due to stringent measures rolled out to curb the menace and effective coordination of the exercise by the National Government Administration Officers.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua over the weekend said that despite the achievements, the fight will continue and the government will not allow return of the vices.

Speaking in Thika, Kiambu County, Mr Gachagua highlighted the reintegration of broken families and reforming of the addicted youth as some of government's achievements in the nationwide crackdown.

"The families that had broken because of alcoholism have reintegrated and youths affected by the illicit brews and drugs abuse have reformed. Young men and women are marrying and starting families. However, we must continue with that fight," he said.

Noting that the menace had devastated the country's productive population, the DP stated that the crackdown on the production and sale of illicit liquor within the country will continue.

He spoke in company of his spouse Pastor Dorcas and other leaders during the wedding ceremony of Murang'a Deputy Governor Stephen Munania and Charity Mbinya.

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He explained that the Government is determined to put to an end the menace of deaths and incapacitation caused by lethal brews in Kenya.

Mr Gachagua further asked Kenyans to shun tribalism and embrace unity and the broad-based Government established by President William Ruto.

"What the President has brought is a game changer and we thank him for that decision. Let us learn to love and work with each other," he stated.

Additionally, the Deputy President dismissed critics of his decision to unite the people of Mt Kenya region after the divisive 2022 elections. He explained that the unity was for purposes of socio-economic and political developments of the region.

"We are uniting because of our relevance in the national political discourse and strength. Our unity is not against anybody but to enhance our relevance in the national political discourse. We want to be friends with everyone in this country. We will never again go to an election with a fixed mind against anybody. We do not have a problem with anybody," he said.

Leaders present lauded the DP over his working relationship with the President and his move to unite the people of Mt Kenya behind the Head

of State.

Maragua MP Mary Wamaua urged the DP to carry on and ignore political noises and sideshows by his critics.

"Leaders in Mt Kenya region are fully behind the Deputy President. We are following the President's footsteps on broad-based government and working with everyone. The President has shown us that we are one people and one nation," said Ms Wamaua.

She was echoed by Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome, who also praised the Deputy President over the Mt Kenya unity agenda.

"The Deputy President has done well in uniting his region and has responsibility to help the President unite the country. He is doing well and the future is bright. We must be respectful, create harmony and bring all people together. We support the Deputy President on the fight against illicit brews 100 per cent," said the CS.

Other leaders present were Governors Dr Irungu Kang'ata (Murang'a) and Joseph Ole Lenku (Kajiado) and Deputy Governors Rosemary Kirika (Kiambu), Njoroge Muchiri (Nairobi), David Kinaniri (Nyeri) and Mathaara Mwangi (Nyandarua), Tamalinye Koech (Narok), Nyaga Muisraeli (Tharaka Nithi) and Philomena Bineah (Trans-Nzoia).

Senators Seki Lenku (Kajiado) and Veronica Maina (Nominated) together with MPs Mary Wamaua (Maragua), Onesmus Ngogoyo (Kajiado North), MCAs led by Murang'a County Assembly Speaker Johnson Mukuha, clergy and elders were also present.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, his spouse Pastor Dorcas with President Ruto's daughter Charlene sharing a light moment during the wedding of Murang'a Deputy Governor Stephen Munania and his wife Charity Mbinya.

Gachagua Welcomes ACK Church In Fight Against Illicit Brews And Drugs

By: DPCS

The government has welcomed the decision of the Anglican Church of Kenya to participate in the ongoing nationwide crackdown on illicit brews and drug abuse.

This is even as Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua said the President William Ruto’s administration is steadfast and determined to curb the menace and will work with all stakeholders.

Welcoming the decision of the Anglican Church announced by its national leader Archbishop Dr. Jackson Ole Sapit yesterday, Mr Gachagua said the government is increasing its tempo to eradicate the vices with the intention of protecting families.

“We are steadfast as an administration in fighting illicit brews and drugs abuse. We want to thank the Church of Christ including the Anglican Church for the concerted efforts in this war. Our youth had been destroyed by the vices. If we did not make a decision to fight the menace, in another ten years we would have lost an entire generation. We were losing families,” said Mr Gachagua.

He stated that the effects of illicit

brews and drug abuse were dire to families including deaths of young people, loss of eye sights and wrecking the economies families.

“But I am happy families are back and men have taken back their position in family leadership and responsibility to their wives and children. They are now productive and working. We want to ask the Church to continue supporting the exercise,” he said the task of eradicating the menace requires concerted effort.

He spoke at ACK St. Joseph of Arimathea Church Roysambu, Nairobi, during the Sunday service and the Consecration of the Sanctuary.

Archbishop Sapit said the Anglican Church of Kenya is working with the government in the crackdown on illicit brews, dugs and substance abuse in the country.

He asked the other churches and religious denominations to join the Government in fighting the vices .

“The Church can gather and question why is our community being ravaged by drunkenness of illicit brews and drugs. The Church has an answer; they can declare the vices will not exist anymore in their neighborhoods. Those selling liquor may be holding licences but not license to destroy our children,” said Archbishop Sapit as he lauded the government’s efforts.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and other leaders at ACK St. Joseph of Arimathea Church Roysambu

He was echoed by Bishop Joel Waweru, of the ACK Diocese of Nairobi, who said the Anglican church is participating in the campaign to rid the country of the illegal liquor and drugs.

“As ACK we are supporting and participating in the exercise so save our youth from destruction by the vices.

We are praying for the Deputy President and the Government. Fighting illicit brews and drug abuse is part of the ACK Church programs and when we see the DP fight the menace we are

so grateful,” said Bishop Waweru.

The fight against illicit brews and drugs abuse gained momentum in March, this year, after the Government announced 25 stringent directives announced to curb the vices.

Meanwhile, the Deputy President called on the Church leaders to continue checking on the State and offer advise.

“Archbishop continue being the conscience of the nation and playing your rightful role of oversight. Where we as administrator you feel we have not

gotten it correctly please speak out. Help us and tell us where we need to rectify or improve,” he told Archbishop Sapit.

MPs Kamande Mwafrika (Roysambu), Beatrice Elachi (Dagorreti North), James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Benjamin Gathiru Mejja Donk (Embakasi Central), Jane Kihara (Naivasha), Wanjiru Mwangi (Nominated), former Mwea MP Kabinga wa Thayu and MCAs among other leaders, were present at the event.

Apart From Being Ready To Pay Ultimate Price, Gachagua Bankrolled Ruto’s 2022 Campaigns From His Own Pocket

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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.

You can ignore Riggys-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.

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 region 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.

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. Similar anti-tax protests had rocked the country during the reigns of the previous governments.

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President William Ruto and his Deputy Rigathi Gachagua.

An Old Woman



By: Madaminova Makhfuza

There was one granny in our neighborhood. Many people admired her and called her "the nimble old lady" or "the ant old lady". This woman was my mother's uncle's wife. My mother used to say granny a lot and used to admire: This guy is faster than me. By the time I get up, the samovar will be lit and tea will be made.

Mom, how can you be so strong and healthy?

This is the fruit of love for work taught from youth. If a person is not tired of working, he will always be energetic and energetic. Ayang have been trained since their youth by working in large fields. When working, the body rests and is

trained. On the one hand, your granny has such endurance.

Why now, mother?

Oh, my daughter, let no one be burdened by old age...

With that, my mother finished her speech. Later I found out that the mother's daughter-in-law (a well-spoken woman) is actually a "mother-in-law" at home. Granny, as she says, acts like a "new bride". "Mother-in-law" jokes about this at every ceremony and wedding, making everyone laugh. Maybe that's why many people didn't notice it.

My mother came to see my grandmother one day.

This woman is also called Allah.

Peace, mother? How are you, grandma and grandpa?

Yes, thank you, my daughter, your grandmother and grandfather are also fine. They said hello to you.

Be healthy!

"Ant" will find his bride, if he is lucky. His only son fell in love with one girl. He insisted that he will not marry anyone else.

Do I know that girl?

Yes, of course you know. Marjona's classmate is Jumagul (you are good at starting fights, but you are sick of it). They say that the world will return, my daughter, what he did to the world will come back to him one by one from this girl. Everything has an answer, even in this world.

Yes, all

Malika and Mother



By: Saidqulova Nozima To'loqin

A big yard, two sisters and two brothers lived in the yard with their family. The eldest sister, Muyassar, had an unmarried disabled daughter. Her sister Halima has two sons and she used to say that no one knows whether she has a husband or not. My husband lives in a foreign country, they lived in one room. In the yard, everyone grew flowers in the middle of the yard and took them out for sale. Malika Muyassar's sister raised her disabled child, he was lying in a place where he couldn't walk, he sat staring at her day and night, trying to make her laugh even if he didn't laugh, sometimes he took her out for walks and gave her all her love, the years couldn't take away the joy of mother and daughter, they lived happily every day. Sister Muyassar, who knew that the girl's life was coming to an end, said that those days were still far away, and the girl would be happy to see her mother, On one of the days, when the winter was fierce and the winter was visiting, the day came that sister Muyassar did not want to come, and the girl's condition started to deteriorate, and knowing that the day had come, as

the doctors said, sister Muyassar broke something inside her, and the girl was struggling to breathe, and she died on that day. He did. The mother was pinned to a point as she was enveloped in grief, and it was as if the mother had entered her heart and froze it, sealed. Years later, sister Muyassar got married, after some time she gave birth to a daughter and named her daughter Malika. she grew up to be a conspicuous girl. Sister Muyassar was getting old. Mother and child used to prepare flowers and sell them in the store in the meantime, the princess graduated from school, suitors came to the house, people liked her behavior and appearance. Happy days and weddings were about to begin, but Munavvar's sister's condition worsened for some reason, and she went to the doctor, not knowing why. Muyassar was diagnosed with a tumor, she was surprised to hear this and started treatment with various artificial harmful drugs. About a year will pass after being treated with light equipment. Muyassar's sister's condition does not improve and she is bedridden. The wedding of the princess is fast, the mother who could not attend the wedding of her daughter lies in sorrow and after 15 days the disease takes over the whole body of sister Muyassar.

A mother who cannot attend her daughter's wedding and a girl who cannot come to her mother's funeral are sad days.

Raindrops



By: Munisakhan Mambetsoliyeva, Uzbekistan

It's raining today
Scattering light particles around
Its drops shine like gold
He is rushing to my face.

The rain is gently caressing our face
He always wishes happiness and good luck

This is the rain that invites goodness
Why? Why does it still not stop?
Tell me why it still doesn't stop?

Flowers Bloom In The Desert



Flowers bloom in the desert,
All flowers in its bosom.
The motherland sends to happiness,
I show my affection to it.

Different nationalities in the bosom of flowers,
Their dreams are only peace.
They are glad in the bosom of peace.
You are so generous, oh, Uzbekistan

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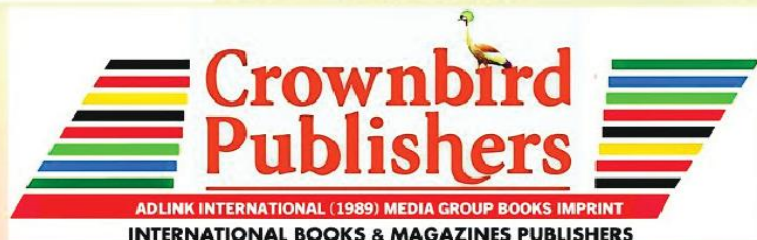
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Kenya Firmly On Course: Mudavadi Assures Of Intense Campaigns For Raila's AUC Candidature

By: OPCS

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi .

The campaigns for Raila Odinga's quest for the chairmanship of the African Union Commission (AUC) are firmly on course, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said. Mudavadi said after the official launch of Raila's AUC candidature next tomorrow, an exercise that will be overseen by President William Ruto, it will be all systems go and nothing will be left to chance to ensure Kenya clinches the seat. "The President will not be announcing only to the Kenyan people but also significantly to the continent and the international community at large that the official candidate for Kenya in the AUC race is non other than Raila Amolo Odinga." Said Mudavadi. Mudavadi, who is also the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, noted that the campaigns will be led by highly experienced and

knowledgeable individuals to ensure a well-coordinated, targeted and result oriented output. Mudavadi said after Kenya successfully handed in Raila's papers and credentials beating the 6th August 2024 deadline, structured planning has been going on ahead of the official launch. In his previous remarks Mudavadi has echoed that Raila represents the nation's voice, values and aspirations on the continent. He has urged Kenyans to stand with Raila's candidature not just as a government, but as a united people. Mudavadi spoke on the sidelines of the ongoing Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD-9) Ministerial Meeting that came to a close Sunday. While in Tokyo, PCS seized the opportunity to rally several Foreign Affairs Ministers from the African

Union member states in attendance at the conference to support Kenya's bid. "There are over 25 Ministers for Foreign Affairs representing their countries in this conference and we have spent a lot of time talking and persuading them as we target to harness more support and lobby aggressively for the Kenyan candidate." said Mudavadi. "Now we cannot afford to lose time as this election takes place in February 2025. Africa is huge and even before the official launch the President has been leading a lot of campaigns, approaching many of his colleagues in the continent, and now we must do the follow-up and jointly with the candidate consolidate ground." said Mudavadi. Among others, Mudavadi met Foreign Ministers from Senegal, Liberia, Mauritania and Egypt where he pre-

sented the Kenyan case for consideration.

The Foreign and Diaspora Affairs cabinet secretary noted that focus would be on gaining more support and no ceding ground at any given point.

He had earlier stated that the campaign secretariat will be responsible for drafting all necessary briefs for the candidate, producing campaign materials, and arranging for a public debate to be broadcast live across Africa.

"Because largely these campaigns will call for foreign engagement, we will have to go full blast as soon as the official launch on Tuesday and naturally the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which I head will be very pivotal in undertaking this exercise." said Mudavadi in Tokyo.

Newly appointed Kenyan ambassador to Tokyo Moi Lemoshira who accompanied the Prime Minister in various meetings with the African Union member states Foreign Affairs ministers said Kenya is getting into this race with a visionary projection owing to Raila's track record and experience.

"We need to appreciate that we have a very strong candidate in Hon. Raila Odinga. He is an experienced leader who has served in various high-level positions in Kenya and Africa especially when he was the AU envoy for infrastructure, a very relevant position in the future of AUC leadership." said Lemoshira.

"Raila's credentials also position him as a big consensus builder. It is important to reflect on the past experiences of elections of such a position and we should have confidence in our candidate. It is my believe that a good number of the African Union member states will be able to rally support behind Raila Odinga." he added.

The AUC chairperson's seat is set to fall vacant in February 2025 when its current occupant, Moussa Faki Mahamat of Chad, finishes his second term.

The former Prime Minister is facing off with Djibouti's Mohamoud Yousouf, Anil Gayan (Mauritius) and Richard Randriamandrato (Madagascar) for the African Union Commission chairmanship.



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The Perilous Path Of Bifurcation: Unraveling The Disastrous Implications Of A Two-Track Judicial Review System In Kenya



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Worth Noting:

- One cannot help but marvel at the irony of a system that purports to enhance judicial efficiency while simultaneously creating a labyrinthine maze of legal distinctions that would confound even the most erudite of legal minds.
- The proponents of a two-track judicial review system, in their misguided quest for legal clarity, have inadvertently opened a Pandora's box of constitutional conundrums that threaten to unravel the very fabric of Kenya's legal tapestry.
- It is as if they have embarked on a quixotic endeavor to separate the inseparable, to divide the indivisible, and to compartmentalize the inherently interconnected realms of constitutional and administrative law.

In the hallowed halls of justice, where the scales of Lady Justice are meant to be balanced with unwavering precision, the specter of a two-track judicial review system looms ominously over Kenya's legal landscape, threatening to cast a long shadow of inequality and injustice across the nation. This bifurcated approach to judicial review, which has been the subject of intense debate and scrutiny among legal scholars and practitioners alike, presents a clear and present danger to the very foundations of Kenya's constitutional democracy and the rule of law. As we delve into the intricacies of this contentious issue, we must heed the warnings of eminent jurists and legal luminaries who have vociferously decried the potential pitfalls of such a system, lest we find ourselves navigating a treacherous legal labyrinth from which there may be no escape.

The concept of a two-track judicial review system, which ostensibly seeks to differentiate between constitutional and administrative law matters, has been met with widespread skepticism and opposition from legal scholars both within Kenya and beyond its borders. Professor Migai Akech, a distinguished Kenyan legal scholar, has argued persuasively that such a system would create an artificial and ultimately harmful distinction between constitutional and administrative law, potentially leading to a fragmentation of legal principles and a dilution of the constitutional values that underpin Kenya's legal framework. This sentiment is echoed by South African constitutional law expert, Professor Theunis Roux, who has cautioned against the dangers of compartmentalizing different areas of public law, drawing on the experiences of post-apartheid South Africa to illustrate the potential pitfalls of such an approach.

The Supreme Court of Kenya, in its landmark decision in *Communications Commission of Kenya & 5 others v Royal Media Services Limited*

& 5 others [2014] eKLR, emphatically rejected the notion of a two-track system of judicial review, asserting that such an approach would be antithetical to the spirit and letter of the 2010 Constitution. The Court, in its infinite wisdom, emphasized the importance of maintaining a unified and coherent system of judicial review that is firmly grounded in constitutional principles and values. This judicial pronouncement serves as a stark reminder of the potential dangers that lurk in the shadows of a bifurcated system, where the lines between constitutional and administrative law become blurred, and the fundamental rights of citizens hang precariously in the balance.

One cannot help but marvel at the irony of a system that purports to enhance judicial efficiency while simultaneously creating a labyrinthine maze of legal distinctions that would confound even the most erudite of legal minds. The proponents of a two-track judicial review system, in their misguided quest for legal clarity, have inadvertently opened a Pandora's box of constitutional conundrums that threaten to unravel the very fabric of Kenya's legal tapestry. It is as if they have embarked on a quixotic endeavor to separate the inseparable, to divide the indivisible, and to compartmentalize the inherently interconnected realms of constitutional and administrative law.

The potential for forum shopping and the creation of a hierarchical system of rights protection loom large as critical concerns in the implementation of a two-track judicial review system. Professor Karuti Kanyinga, a renowned Kenyan political scientist, has astutely observed that such a system could lead to a situation where litigants strategically choose between constitutional and administrative law tracks based on perceived advantages, rather than the merits of their cases. This phenomenon, aptly dubbed "forum shopping à la carte" by the wit of legal circles, threatens

to transform the hallowed halls of justice into a veritable buffet of legal options, where the most resourceful and well-connected litigants can cherry-pick their preferred legal venues, leaving the less fortunate to navigate the treacherous waters of an increasingly complex and fragmented legal system.

The South African experience provides a cautionary tale for Kenya, as elucidated by Professor Cora Hoexter in her seminal work on administrative law. The initial attempts to create a clear distinction between constitutional and administrative law review in post-apartheid South Africa led to considerable confusion and inconsistency in the application of legal principles. The landmark case of *Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of SA: In re Ex Parte President of the Republic of South Africa 2000 (2) SA 674 (CC)* served as a wake-up call, compelling the Constitutional Court to reaffirm the unity of the legal system and the interconnectedness of constitutional and administrative law principles.

The potential for a two-track judicial review system to exacerbate existing inequalities and create new forms of discrimination cannot be overstated. As the inimitable Justice Willy Mutunga, former Chief Justice of Kenya, once quipped with his characteristic blend of wit and wisdom, "A two-track judicial review system is like a two-headed hydra – it may look impressive, but it's bound to give you twice the headache." This sardonic observation cuts to the heart of the matter, highlighting the inherent contradictions and complexities that would inevitably arise from such a bifurcated approach to judicial review.

The doctrine of constitutional supremacy, a cornerstone of Kenya's legal framework, stands in stark opposition to the notion of a two-track judicial review system. As elucidated by the Supreme Court in the seminal case of *Speaker of the Senate & another v Attorney-General & 4 others* [2013] eKLR, the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and all other laws, including administrative law, must be interpreted and applied in light of constitutional principles and values. To create a separate track for administrative law review would be to undermine this fundamental principle, potentially leading to a situation where administrative actions are shielded from proper constitutional scrutiny.

The potential for a two-track judicial review system to create a Byzantine

bureaucracy of legal procedures and technicalities is truly mind-boggling. One can almost imagine the Kafka-esque scenario of a litigant, caught in the throes of a legal quagmire, desperately trying to determine whether their case falls under the purview of constitutional or administrative law review, only to find themselves trapped in an endless loop of procedural wrangling and jurisdictional disputes. This legalistic version of Schrödinger's cat, where a case simultaneously exists in both constitutional and administrative law dimensions until observed by a judge, would be amusing if it weren't so potentially devastating to the pursuit of justice.

The impact of a two-track judicial review system on the development of Kenya's jurisprudence cannot be underestimated. As Professor Yash Pal Ghai, one of Kenya's most eminent constitutional law scholars, has argued, such a system could lead to the fragmentation of legal principles and the emergence of parallel and potentially conflicting lines of jurisprudence. This balkanization of the law, to borrow a term from the geopolitical lexicon, threatens to create a legal landscape fraught with inconsistencies and contradictions, where the fundamental principles of justice and equality become lost in a maze of technical distinctions and procedural minutiae.

In conclusion, the implementation of a two-track judicial review system in Kenya would be nothing short of a jurisprudential disaster of epic proportions. It would be akin to attempting to perform delicate brain surgery with a sledgehammer – a blunt and heavy-handed approach to a nuanced and complex issue that requires the utmost precision and care. As we stand at this critical juncture in Kenya's legal evolution, we must heed the warnings of scholars, jurists, and the Supreme Court itself, and resist the siren call of a bifurcated system that promises clarity but delivers only confusion. Instead, we must recommit ourselves to the principles of constitutional supremacy, the rule of law, and the pursuit of justice for all Kenyans, regardless of their station in life or the nature of their legal disputes. Only then can we hope to build a legal system that truly embodies the spirit of equality and justice enshrined in the Constitution, and avoid the perilous path of bifurcation that threatens to lead us astray.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Investing In The Future: President Ruto’s Bold Commitment To Education

By: James Kilonzo Bwire

President William Ruto’s announcement regarding the hiring of 56,000 teachers and the promise to construct 1,800 laboratories marks a significant turning point for Kenya’s education sector. This unprecedented move not only addresses the chronic teacher shortage but also demonstrates a commitment to enhancing the quality of education for students across the country.

The recruitment of 56,000 teachers in just two years is the largest in Kenya’s history and reflects the government’s recognition of the urgent need to fill gaps in the education system. With half of the total teacher shortage being addressed, this initiative signals a proactive approach to ensuring that every child has access to quality education. Such a commitment is crucial, especially in a country where educational resources have often been stretched thin.

Equally important is Ruto’s promise to build 1,800 laboratories in schools. This initiative aims to provide students with the practical experience necessary for their scientific education, partic-

ularly as they prepare for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations. The fact that many students have never encountered a laboratory during their studies is a glaring gap that this initiative seeks to rectify. By investing in these facilities, the government is not only improving educational infrastructure but also fostering a generation of students who are better equipped for the challenges of the modern workforce.

These announcements come at a critical time when the education sector is facing various challenges, including the ongoing threat of a teachers’ strike. The Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) has expressed dissatisfaction with the government’s handling of teachers’ demands, highlighting the need for immediate action. Ruto’s proactive measures in hiring teachers and improving facilities are essential steps toward rebuilding trust with educators and ensuring that learning continues uninterrupted.

Moreover, the President’s commitment to education aligns with the broader goals of economic develop-

ment. A well-educated workforce is vital for driving innovation and growth in any economy. By prioritizing education and investing in both human and physical resources, Ruto’s administration is laying the groundwork for a more prosperous future for Kenya.

However, the success of these initiatives will depend on effective implementation and sustained support. The government must ensure that the newly hired teachers are adequately trained and supported in their roles. Additionally, the construction of laboratories must be accompanied by the necessary resources, such as equipment and trained personnel, to create a truly effective learning environment.

As the government prepares to roll out these initiatives, it is crucial for all stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and students, to engage in the process. Open dialogue and collaboration will be essential in addressing any challenges that arise and ensuring that the benefits of these investments are felt throughout the education system.

Furthermore, Ruto’s administration has indicated plans to recruit an additional 20,000 teachers to further

enhance educational capacity, particularly in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions. This focus on vocational training is essential, as it aligns with the government’s goal of equipping the youth with practical skills that meet the demands of the labor market.

In conclusion, President Ruto’s announcement of hiring 56,000 teachers and constructing 1,800 laboratories represents a bold and necessary step toward revitalizing Kenya’s education sector. By addressing the teacher shortage and improving educational facilities, the government is taking significant strides to ensure that every child has access to quality education. As these initiatives unfold, it will be essential for the administration to remain committed to transparency and collaboration, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and effective education system for all Kenyans. The future of Kenya’s youth depends on the government’s ability to deliver on these promises and create an environment where education can thrive.

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President William Ruto

Strengthening Community Ties: DP Gachagua’s Role In Church And Society

By: James Kilonzo Bwire

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua’s attendance at the consecration of St. Joseph of Arimathea ACK Church in Roysambu, Nairobi, underscores the significance of faith in public life and the role of political leaders in community engagement. This event, presided over by Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, was not merely a religious ceremony but also a strategic opportunity for Gachagua to connect with constituents and reinforce the government’s commitment to addressing societal issues.

During the service, Gachagua highlighted the government’s ongoing efforts to combat illicit brews and drug abuse, which are pressing concerns affecting many families in Kenya. His remarks resonated with the congregation, emphasizing the need for collective action between the church and the government to tackle these social vices. By aligning himself with the church’s mission to promote moral values, Gachagua is positioning himself as a leader who prioritiz-

es the well-being of the community.

A noteworthy aspect of Gachagua’s address was his call for a review of the policy that restricts political leaders from addressing congregants during services. He argued that while the policy was instituted to prevent the politicization of the church, it should be reconsidered to allow leaders to engage meaningfully with their constituents. This plea reflects a broader desire among politicians to maintain visibility and relevance in the communities they serve, especially in light of the upcoming development initiatives led by President William Ruto.

Gachagua’s presence at the church service also served to strengthen relationships with local leaders, including MPs Kamande Mwafrika, James Gakuya, and Beatrice Elachi. Such gatherings provide an essential platform for collaboration and dialogue, enabling leaders to address community concerns collectively. This approach is vital as the government seeks to foster unity and collabora-

tion across various sectors, particularly in the face of ongoing political discussions.

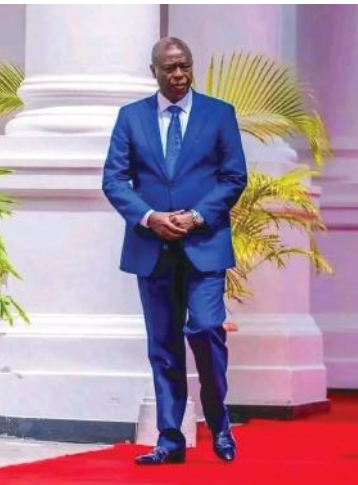
The Deputy President’s emphasis on the church’s role in combating social issues aligns with the government’s broader strategy to engage with community stakeholders. By partnering with religious institutions, the administration can leverage the church’s influence to promote positive change and address pressing societal challenges. This collaboration is crucial, especially in a country where faith plays a significant role in daily life.

As the government prepares for upcoming tours and initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure and services, Gachagua’s engagement with the church community will be instrumental. It signals a commitment to addressing the concerns of constituents and reinforces the importance of grassroots involvement in governance. By actively participating in community events, Gachagua is not only fostering goodwill but also demonstrating that the government is

attentive to the needs of its citizens.

Additionally, the event highlighted the importance of community support for religious institutions, which play a vital role in promoting social cohesion. The consecration of St. Joseph of Arimathea ACK Church represents a commitment to fostering a spiritual environment that encourages moral values and community support. Such initiatives are essential for building a resilient society capable of addressing its challenges collectively.

In conclusion, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua’s attendance at the consecration of St. Joseph of Arimathea ACK Church exemplifies the vital intersection of faith and politics in Kenya. By engaging with the church community and advocating for collaborative efforts to tackle societal issues, Gachagua is reinforcing the government’s commitment to building a more inclusive and responsive administration. As the political landscape continues to evolve, such engagements will be crucial in



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

fostering trust and unity among Kenyans, ultimately contributing to a more harmonious society.

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Corruption Over Protests: How Elite Theft Undermines Kenya's Economy



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Worth Noting:

- Fast forward to the Anglo Leasing scandal, which emerged in the early 2000s. The government contracted a phantom company to supply secure passport equipment and other services at grossly inflated prices.
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- The National Youth Service (NYS) scandal is another glaring example of how the rich steal while the economy bleeds.



Kenya's economic landscape is often depicted as a battlefield, where the power struggle between the rich and the poor plays out in the open. The notion that "the economy only suffers when poor people protest, not when the rich steal" underscores the stark inequality and injustice that has characterized the nation for decades. This observation is not just a statement of frustration but a reflection of the systemic issues that continue to plague Kenya's socio-economic fabric. The truth is, Kenya's economy suffers not because of the protests of the poor but because of the rampant corruption and theft by those in positions of power—scandals that have drained the country's resources and left millions of Kenyans in poverty.

One of the most significant scandals in Kenya's history is the Goldenberg scandal, which came to light in the early 1990s. The scheme, orchestrated by the Kenyan government, involved paying out 35% more in export compensation to a company called Goldenberg International for fictitious gold and diamond exports. The scandal is estimated to have cost Kenya over KES 158 billion (approximately USD 2.6 billion), a colossal sum that could have been used to develop infrastructure, improve healthcare, or fund education. Instead, this money lined the pockets of a few individuals, while the majority of Kenyans continued to live in abject poverty.

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The National Youth Service (NYS) scandal is another glaring example of how the rich steal while the economy bleeds. The NYS, a government program meant to empower youth through job creation, became a cash cow for corrupt officials and business people. In 2015, it was revealed that KES 791 million had been stolen through fraudulent procurement deals. A few years later, another KES 10 billion was found to have been looted from the same institution. These funds could have empowered thousands of young Kenyans, reducing unemployment and boosting the economy. Instead, they were siphoned off by a few individuals who continue to live in luxury while the youth they were supposed to help languish in poverty.

Another scandal that shook the nation was the Aror and Kimwarer dams scandal, where KES 21 billion meant for the construction of two dams in Elgeyo-Marakwet County vanished into thin air. The money was paid to a bankrupt Italian company, CMC di Ravenna, for work that was never done. The project was supposed to provide water for irrigation, generate electricity, and create jobs for thousands of Kenyans. Instead, the funds were stolen, leaving the communities that were supposed to benefit from the dams in despair. The theft of these funds is not just a financial loss but a betrayal of the people who trusted the government to deliver on its promises.

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) scandal, which came to light during the COVID-19 pandemic, is yet another example of how the rich exploit crises for personal gain. KES 7.8 billion meant for the procurement of medical supplies to fight the pandemic was looted

through inflated prices and fraudulent tenders. This scandal occurred at a time when Kenya was grappling with the devastating effects of the pandemic, with hospitals overwhelmed and healthcare workers risking their lives to save others. The stolen funds could have been used to buy personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators, and other critical supplies, but instead, they ended up in the pockets of a few individuals. The KEMSA scandal not only exposed the greed of those in power but also highlighted the deep-rooted corruption that continues to undermine Kenya's healthcare system.

In the backdrop of these grand heists is the persistent impunity enjoyed by the elite. Despite numerous investigations and public outcry, the masterminds behind these scandals rarely face justice. The judicial system, which is supposed to be the last line of defense for the common man, has often been compromised or rendered ineffective by those with deep pockets. This lack of accountability has only emboldened more individuals to engage in corruption, knowing that the consequences are minimal.

The impact of these scandals on Kenya's economy cannot be overstated. Corruption has led to the misallocation of resources, stunted economic growth, and deepened inequality. The funds that are stolen could have been used to improve public services, create jobs, and lift millions of Kenyans out of poverty. Instead, they are used to fund lavish lifestyles for a select few, while the majority of Kenyans struggle to make ends meet.

The economy suffers not because of the protests of the poor, but because of the theft by the rich. When the poor protest, they are often met with violence and repression. The government deploys security forces to quell demonstrations, sometimes resulting in loss of life. These pro-

tests, however, are not the cause of Kenya's economic woes; they are a symptom of the underlying issues that have plagued the country for decades. The protests are a cry for justice, for accountability, and for a fair distribution of resources. They are a response to the systemic corruption that has left millions of Kenyans in poverty.

In contrast, when the rich steal, there is no immediate visible impact on the economy. The stock market does not crash, the currency does not devalue, and the economy does not come to a halt. However, the long-term effects are devastating. The theft of public funds leads to underdevelopment, increased public debt, and a lack of trust in public institutions. It creates a vicious cycle where the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. The economy suffers in silence, as essential services are underfunded, infrastructure projects are abandoned, and opportunities for economic growth are lost.

The solution to Kenya's economic woes lies not in suppressing the protests of the poor but in addressing the root causes of corruption and inequality. There must be a concerted effort to hold those who steal public funds accountable, regardless of their status or connections. The judicial system must be strengthened to ensure that justice is served, and the culture of impunity is eradicated. Public resources must be managed transparently and equitably, with a focus on improving the lives of all Kenyans, not just a select few.

Furthermore, there must be a shift in mindset among the Kenyan leadership. The economy cannot thrive if the rich continue to steal with impunity while the poor are left to bear the brunt of economic hardships. There must be a genuine commitment to economic justice, where wealth is distributed fairly, and opportunities are available to all. The government must prioritize the needs of the people over the interests of the elite, ensuring that public resources are used for the benefit of all Kenyans.

Kenya's economy does not suffer because of the protests of the poor but because of the theft by the rich. The numerous scandals that have rocked the nation over the years have drained the country's resources, stunted economic growth, and deepened inequality. The solution lies in addressing the root causes of corruption, holding those responsible accountable, and ensuring that public resources are managed transparently and equitably. Only then can Kenya's economy truly thrive and provide a better future for all its citizens.

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Koitale Samoei University Land Row Resolved

By: Kenya News Agency

Nandi County political leaders, led by Governor Stephen Sang, have resolved a land row that hindered the establishment of Koitale Samoei University's main campus in Nandi Hills.

The university, named after Nandi legendary leader Koitalel Arap Samoei, will be set up on over 120 acres of land in less than three years, including Samoei High School structures.

The high school will be relocated to the 12 acres currently under a tea plantation.

Sang endorsed the resolutions that the community had settled on, noting that with the university, there will be numerous benefits to the residents that will expedite the growth of the sub-county.

He also highlighted the government's plan to build a modern market and affordable housing programme in

Nandi Hills town.

"Within the next three years, let us have a university here up and running. We endorse the position of the community that we separate the university and the secondary school," stated Governor Sang.

Nandi Hills constituency Member of Parliament Benard Kitur praised the residents for taking a bold step in ensuring the university's operationality within the shortest time possible.

Tinderet constituency Member of Parliament Julius Melly echoed the sentiments, stating that they will ensure an audit is conducted on the Sh285 million committed in the first phase to ensure zero misappropriation of funds allocated for the construction of the university.

"We are here today because you have communicated to us that you have resolved the row. Today we have only come to rubber stamp your resolutions. We have to audit this project to determine how the first phase funds were utilised," said the legislator, adding that a university comes with numerous advantages, including creating employment for



the locals and boosting businesses, among other things.

Once the university is operational, branches will be established in all sub-counties in Nandi to serve and unify all parts of Nandi County.

Melly confirmed that the government will inject Sh50 million for the first and second phases of the construction of the Samoei High Model School, which will be a state-of-the-art secondary school.

Malaba Residents In Fear After MPox Case Reported At Border

By: Kenya News Agency

Residents of Malaba have expressed fear after a second MPox case was reported at the Malaba border point.

The 40-year-old truck driver, who was travelling from Mombasa to the DRC, tested positive and was evacuated to Alupe Sub-county Referral Hospital in isolation for specialised treatment.

This marks the second MPox case in the country as Africa and the world grapple with the outbreak of the highly contagious disease.

The first case was reported on the Kenya-Tanzania border, with the Kenyan government confirming that it had managed the situation after the victim recovered from the pandemic.

Dr. Evans Sumbeiyo, Medical Officer in charge of the facility, confirmed the incident on Friday.

The Health Principal Secretary in the Ministry, Mary Muthoni, confirmed the rare Mpox case, which might change the country's tra-



jectory in terms of bringing the disease under control.

The driver had arrived in DR Congo, Bunya district between August 1st and 3rd, 2024, and left for Uganda, where he stayed for three days loading cargo.

He left for Kenya from Uganda on August 6, 2024, through Malaba OSBP but did not pass through the Port Health screening desk or Immigration Department.

Mpox symptoms include fever, severe headaches, muscle aches, swelling in the lymph nodes, back pain, and severe-level asthenia that leads to lack of energy.

The Malaba business community is calling on residents to embrace prevention measures and urge both the national and county governments to sensitise residents at the border to mitigate the spread of the disease to other areas.

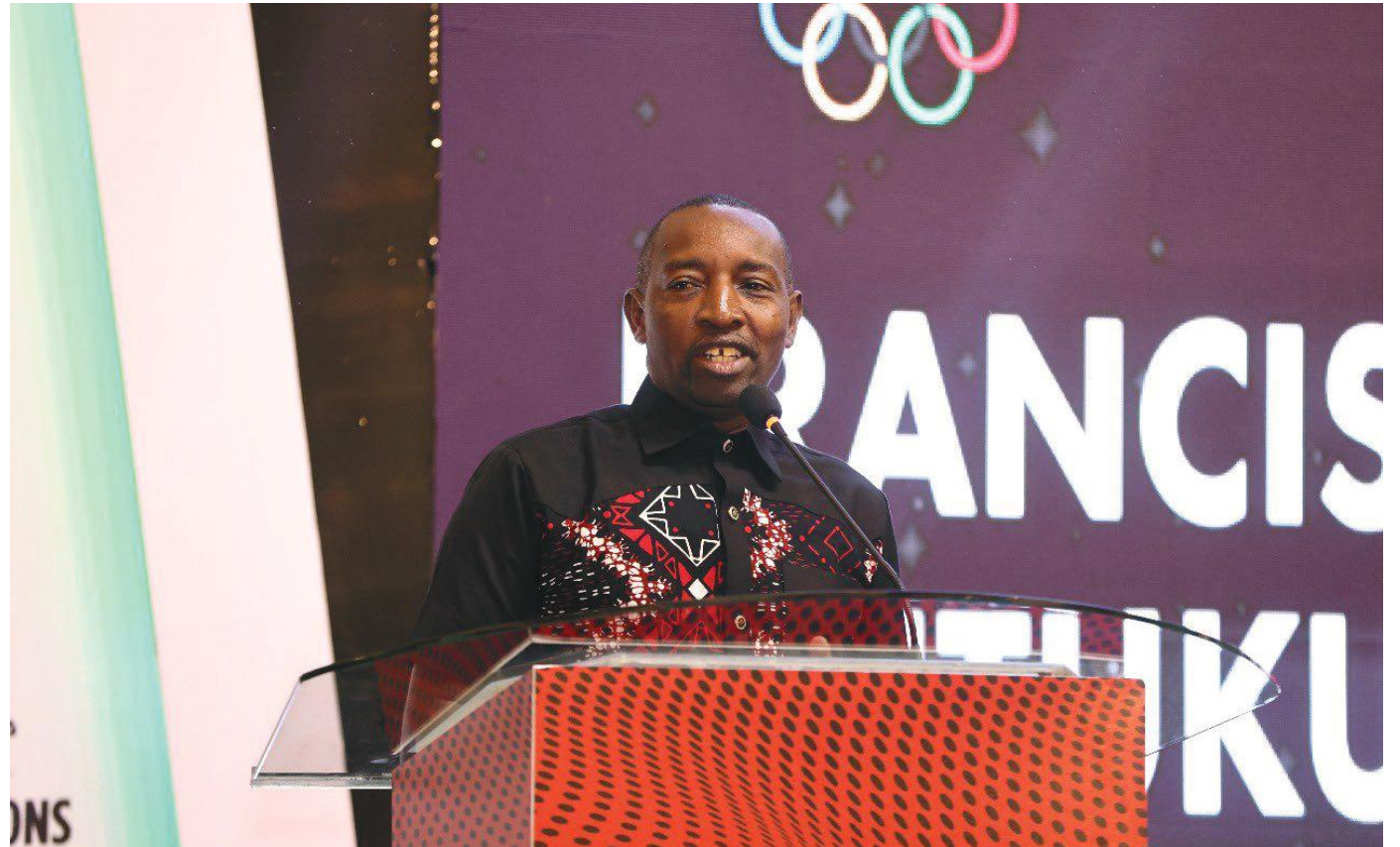
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NOC-K Kickstarts Campaign To Bolster Kenya's Performance In Next Two Olympic Cycles



NOC-K Secretary General Francis Mutuku making his address at the Team Kenya Award Gala. Photo/TEAM KENYA.

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The City of Lights became a sports stadium on the night of the Paris 2024 Olympics Opening Ceremony on Friday (July 26), the River Seine – its track, the quays – spectator stands, and the historic landmarks along the way – silent witnesses to the vibrant celebration full of flags, feathers and raindrops.

During Team Kenya's Awards gala at a Nairobi Hotel, NOC-K unveiled to stakeholders the Los Angeles 2028 emblem setting the pace for yet another great Olympic dream for Kenya.

Kenya has participated in 18 Olympic Games having missed out on Montreal 1976 and Moscow 1980.

The 1980 Summer Olympics boycott was the largest in Olympic history and Kenya was on board actions initiated by the United States to protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Twenty-nine countries, mostly African, boycotted the Montreal 76 Games when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to ban New Zealand, after the New Zealand national rugby union team had toured South Africa earlier in 1976 in defiance of the United Nations' calls for a sporting embargo due to their racist apartheid policies.

The 2028 Summer Olympics (officially the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad) and 2028 Summer Paralympics, both colloquially referred to as Los Angeles 2028 or LA28, will take place respectively from July 14 to July 30, 2028 and August 15

to August 27, 2028 in Los Angeles, California, United States.

Brisbane was confirmed as host of the 2032 Summer Olympics at the 138th IOC Session on 21 July 2021 in Tokyo, Japan. Having been awarded the hosting rights 11 years and 2 days in advance, this is the most amount of time a host city has had in planning and organizing an Olympic Games. NOC-K Secretary General Francis Mutuku announced that preparations for Los Angeles and Brisbane begin immediately.

"We believe we got a good score in Paris where Kenya scooped 11 medals and it's the first time that NOC-K are rewarding the athletes after an Olympics. Preparations for LA and Brisbane commence immediately."

"The essence will be to put athletes into a long-term program. Ahead of Paris, we were able engage federations a lot

more and I'm glad that our athletes were well resourced in the process. In Paris and Tokyo our athletes were able to take part in pre-Olympics camps in Miramas and Kurume cities respectively for high performance training and acclimatization," said Mutuku.

Mutuku added that this particular edition of Olympics, NOC-K enjoyed maximum corporate support.

Kenya is setting a target of broadening the number of sports it competes in the Olympic Games at Brisbane 2032.

Kenya has relied more on athletics and boxing for Olympic medals.

Mutuku noted that building a champion takes 10 years.

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Magical Kenya To Use Country's World-Beating Athletes As Sporting Ambassadors



KTB CEO June Chepkemei with Marathoner Benson Kipruto during the NOC-K Gala dinner. Photo/COURTESY

The county's world-beating middle and long-distance athletes have a chance to explore Kenya's breathtaking landscapes, unique signature experiences and wildlife adventures with the government's official destination brand, the Magical Kenya.

This is after the Kenya Tourism Board (KTB) delivered an adventurous five-day fully paid-up trip for the Paris 2024 Olympics medalist to Magical Kenya's signature destinations.

During the Team Kenya Gala Awards in Nairobi, KTB CEO June Chepkemei made good their promise to offer scintillating Safari packages to all Team Kenya

medallists at the Olympic Games.

Speaking at a Nairobi hotel on Friday, Chepkemei noted that the awe-inspiring Magical Kenya experience will serve as the best appreciation gift for the athletes following an exhilarating medal haul that positioned them as the best in Africa and second best in athletics after the USA.

"We will work with our globally renowned athletes as our brand ambassadors. We believe they represent the country at the global stage better than anything else," said Chepkemei.

Paris Olympics men's marathon bronze medalist Benson Kipruto thanked KTB for their unique

gesture to the athletes adding that they now feel motivated to fight for better limits with adequate support now forthcoming from the government and corporate world.

Kipruto, who was the only medalist present at the occasion, also thanked the National Olympic of Kenya (NOC-K) and the Government for their unwavering support.

"At least now athletes can look forward to Los Angeles 2028 with great expectations," Kipruto quipped.

Present on the occasion was renowned two times Olympics marathon champion Eliud Kipchoge who urged athletes to embrace the

digital world and move with the times.

"Olympics signifies two things- Peace and education, so the federations must teach their athletes on the much-needed digital skills, which will help them immensely in managing their social media platforms," said Kipchoge.

Kipchoge was gunning for an unprecedented Olympics marathon gold but his campaign came a halt as Paris proved a bad hunting ground for the trailblazing long-distance runner.

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Strike Still On, Says KUPPET After Negotiations With TSC Fail

By: Charity Kawira

A nationwide teachers' strike is set to commence today after last-minute negotiations between the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) failed to yield a resolution.

The strike comes in the wake of mounting frustration among educators over unresolved grievances, which they claim the TSC has failed to address adequately.

The core of the disagreement centres around a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) that has been in the works for some time.

Last week, the TSC offered KUPPET Ksh 13.3 billion as part of the CBA, but this proposal was met with resistance from the union.

While the funds were a significant gesture, KUPPET argued that the TSC had effectively sidelined other critical issues that had been part of the original negotiations.

KUPPET officials have accused the TSC of reneging on earlier commitments, leaving several key demands unaddressed.

These include calls for better working conditions, promotions, and the harmonisation of allowances.

According to KUPPET, the TSC's latest offer is insufficient and falls short of the promises made in previous discussions.

Speaking to the press, KUPPET Secretary-General Akello Misori expressed disappointment over the TSC's handling of the situation.

"We have been negotiating in good faith, but the TSC's actions show a lack of commitment to resolving the broader issues that affect our teachers daily," Misori stated.

"When we meet TSC was not com-



Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET).

metal to address any of our issues we have tabled," Akello stated.

"The TSC, on the other hand, has maintained that the Ksh 13.3 billion offer is a substantial step towards addressing the financial aspects of the CBA.

However, they have yet to comment on the union's claims that other grievances were ignored. As the strike looms, teachers and students are urged to stay away from schools.

KUPPET has urged its members to stand firm until a satisfactory agree-

ment is reached, while the TSC has called for continued dialogue to avoid further disruption to the education sector.

KNUT Calls Off Planned Nationwide Teachers Strike

By: Edward Chweya

The Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) has called off a looming teachers strike that was scheduled for today.

Following a day-long meeting by KNUT's National Executive Council (NEC) on Sunday, the union arrived at the decision to call off the strike even as it engages the government on the way forward.

"The NEC has, therefore, today August 25, 2024, agreed to withdraw the strike action notice which was elapsing midnight August 25, 2024 since we have commenced addressing the remaining matters administratively. In light of the latest developments, we direct our teachers to resume duty effective Monday, August 26, 2024," KNUT announced in a statement signed by its Secretary

General Collins Henry Oyuu.

The union said it arrived at the decision having considered all options in the developments of the matters at hand and the level of commitment by both the government, TSC and the teachers' position in driving the education agenda.

KNUT said despite being not convinced with some of the steps taken by the government and TSC to address pressing concerns, it believes there is good will to meet the demands raised by the union.

Some of these demands included permanent employment of 46,000 Junior Secondary School teachers, promotion of 130,000 teachers, immediate implementation of the second phase of the 2021/2025 amended CBA signed between TSC and KNUT and immediate remittance of the third-party deductions accrued to their respective organisations.

KNUT said in the discussions with TSC, the teachers employer said it had, among others, promoted 51,232



KNUT Secretary General Collins Oyuu addresses the press

teachers, remitted the third-party deductions and was in the process of implementing the amended CBA.

KNUT, however, is not fully convinced with the answers given by

TSC, but has agreed to call off the strike even as they follow up on the yet to be met demands.

"Meanwhile we assure our members that the union is committed to

resolve the matters herewith failure to which we shall revert to the initial position since the strike notice has only been withdrawn," KNUT said.