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Public demands Army action to quell mad violence as Starmer is accused of weakness: ANARCHY! FAR-RIGHT RIOTERS HIJACK STREETS IN BRITAIN'S DAY OF SHAME, FEAR AND CARNAGE

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Outraged and dazed Britons were counting the mounting cost of several days of continuing mayhem in the streets of the as Police in riot gear battled thugs in the continuing terror spread through all parts of the country for the second week running, turning the country into a civil war or an insurrection.

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Some UK cities resembled battle zones with burning fires; cars torched, gangs of rioters hurled bricks, bottles and beer cans, involved in fist



Far-right thugs set fire to this shop in Hull, causing severe damage in the riots that have cost the UK economy dearly.

fighters with the Police unable to contain the violence and shouting slogans.

Protesters armed with petrol bombs set fire to a police station in scenes of anarchy rarely seen in the UK.

Scores of countries have issued travel advisories warning citizens not to travel to the UK because of these riots and the uncertainty of future attacks.

Protestors travelled from outside their cities by all available means - trains, buses and even motorcycles to the towns where mobs were gathering to cause severe damage and mayhem,

On Friday, there was an uneasy calm on the streets.

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America's promises of racial justice remain unfulfilled and untrustworthy

It appears that the corner the United States supposedly turned in 2020 in recognising and addressing its systemic racism was just another dead end - an illusion that provided the nation with a brief feel-good moment and nothing more. For all the promises to tackle discrimination

in education, employment, housing and law enforcement made in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter mass protests, and a particularly contentious presidential election in 2020, very little has actually been achieved in bridging the deep racial fissures in Amer-

ican society.

It would seem that all the promises American leaders made four years ago were only meant to stall for time. "We can deliver racial justice," President Joe Biden said after his election in 2020, but his promise was clearly a hollow one. Biden hoped that the

national conversation would shift, the US would return to business as usual, and its massive racism problem would be swept back under the

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Global report reveals shocking sexual abuse rates for teenage girls in Africa

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- It showed that 24% of these adolescents had been subjected to intimate partner violence at least once, with 16% reporting it in the past year.
- The report looked at acts of violence like kicking or hitting, as well as any unwanted sexual act, such as rape or attempted rape.
- Countries with higher rates of female secondary school enrolment and those with inheritance laws that were more gender-equal had a lower prevalence of intimate partner violence against adolescent girls.
- Violence against adolescent girls was most common in lower-income countries and regions, in places where there were fewer girls in secondary school, and where girls had weaker legal property ownership and inheritance rights.



New WHO guidelines on prevention of child marriage are planned for release by the end of 2024/CFM-FILE

Nearly a quarter of adolescent girls between the ages of 15 and 19 who have been in a relationship will have suffered intimate partner violence by the time they turn 20. This is one of the findings of the World Health Organization's first detailed analysis of intimate partner violence among girls. Nadine Dreyer, from The Conversation Africa, spoke to research scientist Anthony Ajayi, who has studied intimate partner violence against young adolescents in Africa, for more insights on this form of abuse.

What are some of the findings in the WHO report?

This is the first time the WHO has released a detailed analysis looking at the prevalence of intimate partner violence against girls aged between 15 and 19. The WHO analysis was based on surveys from thousands of adolescent girls from 154 countries and areas.

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Based on the WHO's estimates, regions with the highest prevalence of intimate partner violence were Oceania (47%), central sub-Saharan Africa (40%) and eastern sub-Saharan Africa (31%), while the lowest rates were in central

Europe (10%) and central Asia (11%).

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The tragedy of child brides: The WHO found child marriage was one of the main reasons for intimate partner violence.

Child marriage is defined as girls being married off before the age of 18 years.

In our own study of 16 African countries we found that child marriages significantly escalated the risks of intimate partner violence, since age differences between husband and wife created power imbalances, economic dependency and social isolation. The likelihood of violence increased when sexual demands were not met.

A staggering 127 million girls and women alive today in sub-Saharan Africa were married in childhood.

The practice of child marriage often co-exists with bride price where the

groom pays the family for the bride. This is an additional incentive for poor families with no or little access to education to marry off their daughters early.

What are the consequences for victims?

These are immediate and can be long-lasting, resulting in injuries, extended hospital stays, disabilities and even death.

Studies have linked intimate partner violence to miscarriages and child mortality rates, psychological trauma and reduced self-esteem. All of these factors, in addition to leaving school early, pregnancy, being an adolescent mother, and taking on domestic responsibilities, exacerbate economic and social dependency and increase the risks of violence.

What should governments and society do to protect victims?

Given that violence during these critical formative years can cause profound and lasting harm, it needs

to be taken more seriously as a public health issue. There needs to be a focus on prevention and targeted support for these girls.

- Educational programmes involving boys and girls should focus on healthy relationships and the prevention of violence.

- Governments should enforce laws and policies that hold offenders accountable, foster gender equality, ensure secondary education for all children, eradicate discriminatory gender practices and tackle harmful customs like child marriage.

Everyone has a role in eradicating intimate partner violence, and we should use our platforms to advocate for legal and policy changes. Anthony Idowu Ajayi, Research Scientist, African Population and Health Research Center

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Robotics



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Robotics

Worth Noting:

The manufacturing industry has long benefited from robotics technologies. Industrial robots automate repetitive tasks, increase production speed and ensure product quality. Collaborative robots, or cobots, work side-by-side with human workers, increasing efficiency and safety in factories. These robots can handle dangerous, tedious or dirty tasks while humans can focus on the complex and creative aspects of production.

In agriculture, robots are changing the way food is grown and harvested. From autonomous tractors to drones and robotic harvesters, it optimizes planting, watering and harvesting processes. These technologies increase productivity, reduce labor costs, and promote sustainable agricultural practices. For example, robots equipped with computer vision can identify and remove weeds without chemical herbicides.

Robotics is a field of engineering that involves the conception, design, manufacture, and control of robots. These smart machines are becoming an integral part of our daily lives, revolutionizing many industries, from healthcare to the entertainment industry.

Creating a simple robot

First, we will learn the process of creating a simple robot. This hands-on experience provides a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of robotics and engineering. A typical robot usually consists of the following components:

Frame: The structure or chassis that connects all the components together.

Motors: This provides the robot with movement, allowing it to navigate the environment.

Sensors: These help the robot perceive its surroundings, such as detecting obstacles or following a lane.

Microcontroller: The brain of the robot, it processes the data from the sensors and controls the motors accordingly.

Power Source: Batteries or other energy sources that power the robot.

Building a robot involves assembling these components and programming the microcontroller to perform specific tasks. For example, a simple lane-following robot might consist of a main chassis, two motors, infrared sensors for lane detection, and an Arduino microcontroller for processing sensor data and controlling the motors. This project not only improves technical skills, but also encourages problem solving and critical

thinking.

The role of robotics in modern society

Now we will pay attention to the large-scale impact of robotics in modern society. Robots are revolutionizing many industries, providing significant advancements and efficiencies.

Health care

In healthcare, robots assist in surgery, perform repetitive tasks, and even serve as companions to patients. Surgical robots, such as the Da Vinci system, enable minimally invasive surgical procedures to be performed with high precision, which shortens recovery times and improves patient outcomes. Rehabilitation robots help patients regain mobility after injuries, and robotic exoskeletons provide support-

ive care to individuals with disabilities.

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Service sector

The service industry is also witnessing an increase in robotics applications. From robotic vacuum cleaners in our homes to automated kiosks in airports, robots are making everyday tasks more efficient. In restaurants, robots prepare and serve food, while in retail, they manage inventory and assist customers. These applications not only improve customer experiences, but also simplify operations and reduce costs.

Research

Robotics plays an important role in research, both on Earth and in space. Autonomous robots explore Earth's dangerous environments, such as deep sea trenches and active volcanoes, to gather information not otherwise available. In space exploration, robotic rovers like NASA's Perseverance roam the surface of Mars, conducting experiments and returning invaluable information about our neighboring planet.

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Scientists make engineering breakthrough in control of mosquito-borne diseases

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GUANGZHOU — A research team has developed an automated device that can efficiently separate male and female mosquitoes – an engineering breakthrough in the biological control of mosquito-borne diseases.

The international research team, consisting of researchers from institutions such as Michigan State University, Jinan University and Guangzhou Wolbaki Biotech Co Ltd, published their results in the Science Robotics international academic journal on Wednesday.

In recent years, mosquito-borne diseases, led by dengue fever, have become increasingly severe with climate change and human mobility. Chemical control has limited effects on these pests and brings environmental pollution and drug resistance problems, according to Li Yongjun, an associate professor at Jinan University.

On the advantages of biological control, Li said, “Studies have shown that releasing male mosquitoes that do not bite or transmit diseases to mate with wild female mosquitoes can effectively control the wild mosquito population.”

Though this control technology has been verified in many countries to suppress the population density of wild disease-transmitting mosquitoes and reduce the spread of dengue fever, its large-scale regional application has been limited globally by the bottleneck issue of how to separate male and female mosquitoes.

According to Gong Juntao, a researcher at Guangzhou Wolbaki Biotech Co Ltd, the team independently developed an automated device that can stir, separate and collect mosquito pupae efficiently. The automated separator can enable its operator to separate over 16 million male mosquitoes by working eight hours a day and five days a week, a 17-fold increase when compared to manual sex separation.

The results have shown that the automated device has the potential to help effectively control tropical mosquito-borne diseases, Gong said.

The device has been sold to 18 countries, including the United States, Australia and Italy.



China

Tech offers new avenues to publishers

As artificial intelligence and large language models reshape the publishing industry, Chinese educational publishers are leading this transformation. Through strategic digital integration, international collaboration and a commitment to innovation, they aim to enhance their operational capabilities while setting new global benchmarks.

A national survey in April revealed that in 2023, 59.8 percent of Chinese people read books, while 80.3 percent read via digital platforms, indicating that online and mobile reading dominate digital consumption. Huang Zhijian, chairman of China Publishing Group, said that reading habits, distribution, marketing and competition are changing rapidly. New entrants are altering industry rules, making digital intelligence technology essential.

“We must decide how to engage with this technology, what to change or retain, and what we aim to achieve,” he added.

As a matter of fact, CPG has been leveraging digital technology to overcome constraints, improve dissemination experiences, and enhance human-machine collaboration.

Highlighted projects include the online Beijing International Book Fair during the COVID-19 pandemic, a digital avatar of poet Su Dongpo from the Song Dynasty (960-1279),

and an encyclopedia robot, Sinanjun, which can answer people's questions. Besides, CPG uses databases and AI to improve translation efficiency.

However, Huang said it is also important to maintain core capabilities in selecting and curating valuable knowledge from vast information pools, ensuring that technological advancements are used judiciously to avoid redundancy and misuse. For publishers such as Higher Education Press, Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press, and Phoenix Publishing & Media Group, digital intelligence and digital publishing have become major engines driving their growth.

Established in 1954, HEP has a rich history in educational materials and has transferred over 90 percent of its textbooks to digital formats. HEP's initiatives include the Smart Education of China platform that hosts over 27,000 massive open online courses and 3,000 virtual experiments, with users from 182 countries and regions worldwide. The platform won the 2023 UNESCO ICT in Education Prize.

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In April 2020, HEP launched the iCourse online platform, offering high-quality Chinese courses to global students. It was selected for

the UNESCO Global Education Coalition and recommended to African universities. The platform features over 400 English courses and has attracted learners from more than 150 countries.

Liu Chao, president of HEP, said that the publisher is also collaborating with tech companies and academic institutions to integrate AI into its workflow, including developing intelligent proofreading systems and AI-enabled textbooks. This digital transformation has boosted its market presence, with a 15-percent increase in digital product sales in the first half of 2024.

Wang Fang, president of FLTRP, said that the publishing house has restructured its organization every two to three years, creating digital teams and a digital management center to oversee AI integration. It has also introduced performance metrics to encourage synergy between traditional and digital publishing divisions.

As talent is the key to digital development, FLTRP has invested heavily in training, with over a quarter of its 2,200 employees now focused on digital initiatives. These adjustments aim to harness AI's potential, offering richer, multimodal educational resources. FLTRP's digital transformation has led to 18-percent growth, primarily from digital business.



Peng Yanshu (right), shows books to children at the Fangzhuang center in Beijing, in April. ZOU HONG/CHINA DAILY

Zhang Chaoyang, president of PPMG, said that the group has embraced digital publishing, e-commerce, data services and digital devices, with its 2023 digital publishing revenue reaching 1 billion yuan (\$138.8 million). It aims to double its digital economy revenue and expand the user base to over 50 million in the next five years.

Facing the fast development of digital intelligence, Zhang emphasized the group's investment in high-efficiency editorial and innovation teams, fostering continuous learning and adaptation. Recognized among the top 10 global publishing

companies by revenue for three consecutive years, its impact on the international stage is significant.

“Despite some progress in digital and educational publishing, our digital transformation remains challenging, with a notable gap compared to leading global companies. We must increase investment in smart technologies, enhance international publishing capabilities, explore innovative integration methods, and boost the share and revenue of our digital publishing business,” said Zhang.



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Motivation

Compassion and Narration: An Overview of Coelho's Narrative

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Worth Noting:

- According to Armstrong, we should assess our reality from a detached viewpoint, using Confucian principles of concentric circles of empathy, which start with our immediate family and extend to our community and nation. She advises against approaching this task with anger or frustration. Instead, we should view our community with compassion, evaluating both its strengths and weaknesses and considering its potential for change.
- Armstrong challenges us to consider how we might make every individual feel valued, including the elderly in their later years. She questions whether our organizations treat employees as mere cogs in a machine, prioritizing productivity over their well-being.

The novel *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho follows the journey of a young boy named Santiago who is pursuing his dreams despite numerous challenges. The narrative delves into themes of compassion and self-discovery, exploring whether one should chase after personal dreams or secure a more stable future. It raises questions about whether wealth is more important than fulfilling one's dreams and whether achieving one's dreams might lead to a purposeless life.

Compassion is a central theme, defined as the ability to recognize and empathize with others' struggles and take action to alleviate their suffering. In *The Alchemist* (1988), Santiago's father demonstrates compassion towards his son when Santiago shares his plans to travel and tend sheep. Another example of compassion is the merchant who, despite being somewhat gruff, treats Santiago fairly, giving him a good commission for his work and providing him with a job in his shop. Santiago, though he doesn't overtly express his gratitude, appreciates the opportunity and the fair treatment he receives.

As Armstrong suggests, "At their best, all religious, philosophical, and ethical traditions are based on the principle of compassion" (2010). An example from the book is the Muslim trader who, after seeing Santiago cleaning his shop windows in exchange for meals, explains that he is compelled by the Quran to feed the hungry, demonstrating compassion

beyond mere obligation. Armstrong argues that in today's world, we should look to historical figures such as the Buddha and Confucius for guidance on how to live compassionately, as contemporary achievements often focus on scientific and technological advances rather than spiritual and ethical growth. She notes that many of these pivotal teachers and prophets lived in societies with problems similar to our own, dealing with issues like violence and economic marginalization.

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Armstrong challenges us to consider how we might make every individual feel valued, including the elderly in their later years. She questions whether our organizations treat employees as mere cogs in a machine, prioritizing productivity over their well-being. Moreover, she suggests that we should reflect on our country's past contributions to the world and how it might contribute to a more just, safe, and peaceful world. Each individual should determine their specific role and focus their efforts accordingly—whether in business, medi-

cine, media, education, the arts, politics, or within the family.

In *The Alchemist* (1988), Santiago's journey reflects the themes discussed by Karen Armstrong. Armstrong suggests that we should seek guidance from the lives of past figures, as they faced similar challenges as we do today. In the novel, Santiago learns from an old man named Melchizedek, who introduces him to the concept of a Personal Legend and its importance for those who wish to live a purposeful life. Melchizedek also teaches Santiago about the language of omens, which helps him understand the Soul of the World.

Armstrong emphasizes that taking a step back allows us to gain a better perspective on our lives, a reflection seen in Santiago's experiences throughout the story. As Santiago progresses on his journey, he begins to see his life differently and receives guidance from the Soul of the World, which has crafted a Personal Legend for everyone.

Armstrong also notes that we should approach our society with empathy, starting with our family. In *The Alchemist* (1988), Santiago's father demonstrates empathy when Santiago expresses his desire to become a shepherd. His father provides him with three gold pieces to purchase a flock of sheep. According to Armstrong, learning from the past is important, but we should also strive to improve the lives of others. She advocates for living an empathetic life, where our actions benefit

those around us. When we love and improve our own lives, everything connected to us benefits as well.

Armstrong recounts the story of the late Rabbi Albert Friedlander, who grew up in Nazi Germany and was troubled by the anti-Semitic propaganda of the time. As an eight-year-old, he stayed awake one night listing his positive qualities, telling himself that he was not defined by the Nazis' views. He vowed to use his talents to build a better world if he survived. Armstrong quotes this experience, noting, "One night, when he was about eight years old, he deliberately lay awake and made a list of all his good qualities. He told himself firmly that he was not what the Nazis said that he had talents and special gifts of heart and mind, which he enumerated to himself one by one. Finally, he vowed that if he survived, he would use those qualities to build a better world" (2010, p. 49).

Armstrong asserts that "The Golden Rule requires self-knowledge" (2010, p. 50), meaning we should use our feelings as a guide for how we treat others. If we are harsh with ourselves, we are likely to be harsh with others. "It asks us to use our feelings as a guide to our behaviour with others. If we treat ourselves harshly, this is the way we are likely to treat other people" (2010, p. 50).

Armstrong proposes that by compiling a list of our best traits, talents, and accomplishments, we gain a clearer understanding of our strengths and weak-

nesses. Criticizing ourselves for feelings of enmity, anger, or contempt only leads to self-hatred. Instead, we should reject these negative feelings, as Buddha suggested: "This isn't mine; this isn't what I am; this isn't me" (2010, p. 50).

Armstrong believes that reflection can help us gain greater control over our minds and channel our negative motivations constructively. By consciously moving away from a self-centered mindset, we do not destroy ourselves but rather expand our perspectives, diminishing our egotistical fears and experiencing a larger, more boundless self. "When we make a conscious effort to abandon the me-first mentality and try to keep it within due bounds, we are not destroying or annihilating ourselves. Instead, we will find that our horizons expand, our egotistically driven fears evaporate, and we are experiencing a larger 'immeasurable self'" (2010, p. 56).

Once we genuinely cultivate self-compassion, we are better able to extend that compassion to others. "Once you have started to feel a genuine compassion for yourself, you will be able to extend it to others" (2010, p. 57).

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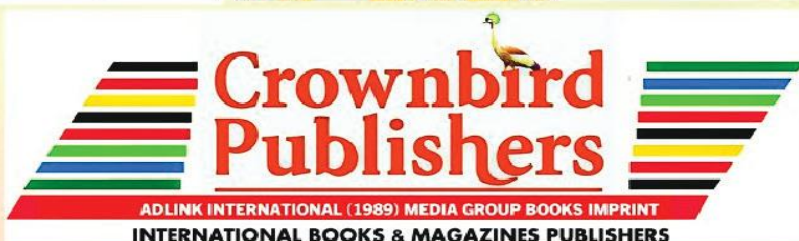
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Public demands Army action to quell mad violence as Starmer is accused of weakness: ANARCHY! FAR-RIGHT RIOTERS HIJACK STREETS IN BRITAIN'S DAY OF SHAME, FEAR AND CARNAGE



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Worth Noting:

- Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer issued a red alert asking the Police and the Public to remain cautious as there were growing fears the right-wing rioters could regroup and hit back with a vengeance.
- On Wednesday, more than 25,000 people from all communities, including many White Britons, faced thugs in a united show of strength in more than 30 anti-racism marches throughout the United Kingdom calling for peace, condemning right-wing racist and fascist Britons.
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What started as a protest of the stabbings of three little girls in Southport, Merseyside, on July 29 rapidly culminated into nationwide anti-immigration protests fuelled by far-right Britons, mainly whites, who urged immigrants to be attacked and burnt.

It must be noted that only a section of white Britons are radicals. Most white Britons are law-abiding and tolerant of the presence of diasporans.

Young Muslims, fearing violence, grouped themselves in the cities and formed vigilante groups to protect their mosques and businesses from far-right rioters.

One middle-aged London Muslim trader, speaking anonymously, said the community did not want to pick up fights deliberately but had the right to protect themselves and fight back in self-defence.

There were several acts of compassion from the diaspora Muslims who stepped forward to offer snacks to the protesters despite the hatred on the streets.

Everyone has access to the internet these days. Online misinformation is mainly responsible for sparking the riots.

John, a retired newspaper seller in London, says, "Social media is unpoliced. It has become too easy to abuse anyone, be a bigot, write defamatory messages, accuse anyone of a crime they have not committed, tell lies, and the providers don't bat an eye.



Flashpoint... Shops were looted amid the chaos in Hull, and thugs smashed properties and torched cars.

Prime Minister Starmer rightly said that social media was not outside the law." What caused UK riots in 2024?

Shocking allegations and claims emerged in social media that the Southport mass killer who stabbed the three girls was a newly arrived Muslim migrant asylum seeker called Ali.

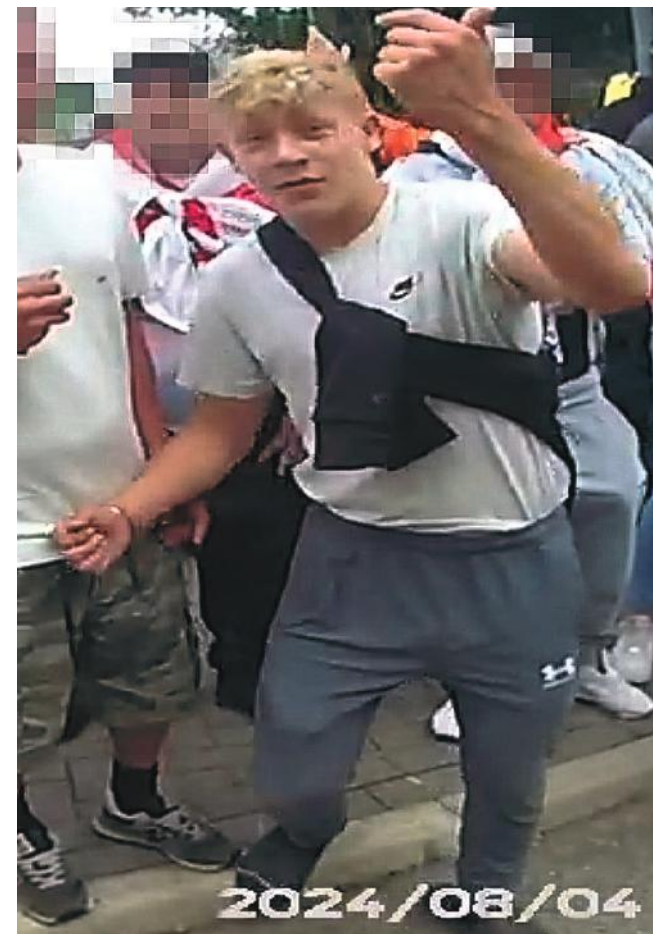
These were false claims.

Judge Andrew Menary identified Alex Rudakubana, born in Wales to Rwandan Christian parents, as the killer. He did this to combat the spread of misinformation, but it was too late for the far-right mobs to heed; they had already planned their protests and violence.

Unfounded speculation resulted in a slew of Islamophobic and anti-immigrant posts on social media. These posts fanned suppressed hatred among many ill-informed Britons who read these allegations, adding to their anger.

Far-right riots and anti-immigration protests have taken place in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland since July 30.

They followed a mass stabbing in Southport on July 29, in which three children were killed.



Jailed for violence... This defiant teenage protester in Rotherham, South Yorkshire, will reflect on his crime behind bars.



'Someone could get hurt here,' one person could be heard saying during mindless violence in the UK when protesters attacked this car at night. Image AntiRacismDayX.



Target... asylum seekers... A hotel housing migrant asylum seekers was targeted by violent far-right protesters, leaving hundreds of innocent people living there in fear. Police try to prevent the crowd from setting the hotel on fire.

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- Rotherham is one of the places where far-right protesters aimed to attack asylum seekers at their hotels.
- Places of worship were targeted by right-wing protesters, which included students, who could not fathom the reason for the protests but joined for the thrill of it.
- Tory MP Robert Jenrick, former Immigration Minister, angered many diasporans when he objected to the Muslim faithful and protesters chanting Allahu Akbar in the public should be "immediately arrested".
- Mr Jenrick said the Arabic phrase - meaning God is great - had been "abused" by "extremists" to intimidate people.

Local politicians and their relatives were accused of inciting violence.

A Labour Party Councillor, Ricky Jones, was arrested on Wednesday when addressing anti-racism, he allegedly made remarks inciting violence against far-right protestors. He has been charged in court. There are reporting restrictions in force to discuss this case...

The case of Northampton woman Lucy Connolly, wife of a Tory politician Raymond Connolly, wrote an angry and inflammatory message on X full of hatred, hours after the stabbing of the three schoolgirls in Southport, on July 29, "Mass deportations now, set fire to all the f***** hotels full of the b***** for all I care... if that makes me a racist, so be it."

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Several Muslim MPs have argued Mr Jenrick's claim linked all Muslims to extremism and fuelled violent groups.

Angry Muslims sought an apology from Mr Jenrick for insulting the community and lumping them all as "extremists".

Jenrick, a Tory leadership contender to take from Rishi Sunak in November, was accused of Islamophobia.

The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) protested.

A spokesperson said, "This is a phrase recited publicly and privately by billions of Muslims around the world as they offer their solemn prayers and praise God. "Mr Jenrick's claim that politicians should choose their words wisely during this crisis rings hollow as he reaches for Islamophobic rhetoric, the lowest common denominator for demagogues.

"It only goes to show that institutional Islamophobia is alive and well in the Conservative Party. As a prospective leader, Mr Jenrick should show leadership, reassuring our communities when fear is palpable.

"Instead, by calling for a well-worn religious phrase to warrant arrest is the kind of divisive language we would come to expect peddled by sections of the media and politicians have emboldened the far-right thugs we see on our streets today.

"He should apologise, fully retract his comments, and speak to ordinary Muslims to understand why his remarks are so outrageous. Rather than inflaming tensions, he should focus on ways to bring communities together."

On Friday evening, King Charles III shared his thoughts on horrific far-right riots.

The King praised the Police for their bravery in facing aggression and criminality during the current wave of riots. Buckingham Palace said in a statement that King Charles spoke to police chiefs on Friday evening, praising their work in protecting communities.

He gave his "heartfelt thanks to the police and emergency services for all they are doing to restore peace in areas affected by violent disorder," the Palace spokesman said.

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Local politician Ricky Jones, who attended a peace protest in London, is facing charges of incitement to violence. He was remanded in custody; reporting restrictions prevent the media from discussing the case.



Police Officers policing demonstration in London earlier this week. Their presence helped this anti-racism protest to be held without major problems.



Anti-racism protests outnumbered far-right protestors. Here, police keep an eye on a protest in Crawley, just outside London

Kenya to face Djibouti, Mauritius and Madagascar in AUC race

Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga will now face off with three candidates for the Africa Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson Position.

Raila, who is Kenya's Candidate, will face off Djibouti Foreign Affairs Minister Mahmoud Ali Youssouf as well as Anil Kumarsingh Gayan from Mauritius and Richard Randriamandrato from Madagascar.

The race narrowed to four candidates after after Somalia and Seychelles pulled out their candidates on the August 6 deadline.

The Africa Union Commission has also received applications for Deputy Chairperson.

"Candidates for Deputy Chairperson are Hanan Morsy from Egypt, Latifa Akharbach from Morocco, Mohamed Ahmed Fathi Edrees from Egypt, and Natjat Hajjaji from Libya," read the statement.

Kenya is seeking to take the AUC Chairperson slot from Chad with Odinga eying to succeed Moussa Faki Mahamat following the government's endorsement.

The AU Commission elections will take place in February 2025 during the African Union Summit.

The Chairperson of the Commission is elected by the Assembly for a four-year term, renewable once.

The AU will apply the principle of inter-regional rotation in the election, giving a chance to fourteen States in the Eastern bloc to produce the Commission Chairperson.

AUC comprises a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, and six Commissioners. AU adopted the structure in 2021 following institutional reforms in November 2018.



Raila Odinga is Kenya's candidate for AUC Chairmanship/FILE

Sexual abuse

US election 2024: Harris leads Trump in three key states, new poll shows

Poll shows Democratic candidate Kamala Harris has edge over Republican rival in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.



US Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris speaks during a campaign rally in Glendale, Arizona, on August 9 [Go Nakamura/Reuters]

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris has a lead over her Republican rival Donald Trump in three battleground states that will be key in the upcoming United States election, according to a new poll.

The New York Times/Siena College poll released on Saturday showed Harris with 50 percent support among voters in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, compared

with Trump's 46 percent support in each state.

The findings come just weeks after Harris launched her push for the White House following US President Joe Biden's decision last month to drop out of the race over concerns about his age and ability to serve another term in office.

Since Harris formally launched her campaign, the US vice president has

secured strong backing from key segments of the Democratic Party's base – notably young voters and people of colour – as well as donors and top Democratic lawmakers.

Her decision to name Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her vice-presidential running mate this week also spurred a new wave of enthusiasm for the Democratic ticket.

But the Biden administration's

staunch support for Israel amid the Gaza war continues to be a point of criticism, notably in Michigan, a critical swing state that is home to one of the largest Arab American populations in the US.

During a rally in Detroit this week, Harris rebuffed a group of protesters that had interrupted her speech to demand an end to the war.

"You know what, if you want Donald Trump to win, then say that. Otherwise, I'm speaking," she told the demonstrators, drawing widespread criticism from Palestinian rights advocates and other progressives.

But days later, at a rally in Arizona on Friday, Harris changed her tone when she met more protests over Gaza.

"The president and I are working around the clock every day to get that ceasefire deal done and bring the hostages home. I respect your voices, but we are here to now talk about the race in 2024," she said.

Advocates have urged Harris to break from Biden's staunch support for Israel, calling on her to end weapons shipments to the US ally amid the Gaza war, among other measures.

Since entering the race, Harris also has faced a barrage of attacks from Trump, the former president and

Republican 2024 presidential candidate, and his running mate, JD Vance.

Asked on Thursday how he has altered his approach to the new challenge from Harris, Trump insisted he has not done so.

In a question-and-answer session with reporters that lasted longer than an hour, Trump claimed Harris and Walz were weak candidates who were already dropping in the polls.

Despite that, he lamented that he would not be able to face Biden in the election, suggesting that the president was a victim of an unconstitutional plot to dislodge him from atop the Democratic ticket.

Trump's campaign has slammed the Harris-Walz campaign as "every American's nightmare" and the former president has personally attacked Harris's intelligence and racial background.

"She's not doing any news conferences," Trump told reporters on Thursday. "She doesn't know how to do a news conference. She's not smart enough to do a news conference."

Source: Al Jazeera and news agencies

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Rioters brought terror to the streets of the UK, stoking racial hatred as the Police were helpless to quell the violence and restore peace.

The anarchists have not completed their mission - new marches are planned throughout the country.

They are not bothered the Government has started taking hundreds arrested to court in what the Prime Minister said is to end this "thuggery".

Those arrested are being charged with terrorism offences and will be classified as terrorists and handed down lengthy sentences.

The Government has struggled to find a solution to stop the wave of violence, with some sections of the public demanding the army to be called in to shoot the rioters on sight.

Starter's lack of rapid action to halt the violence and let it spiral for over a week, which critics see as a weak response, led to allegations that the Government is weak and has failed to act immediately.

The streets of Britain were eerily quiet on Thursday as people chose to stay home or work from home for fear of violence erupting in the city centres.

Businesses fearing looting, personal attacks, and mayhem boarded their shops and stayed away.

Employers urged workers to work from home. Offices that opened had skeleton staff.

The authorities have warned that those arrested could face terrorism charges and over ten years in jail.

More than 400 far-right protestors were arrested in a week of mayhem and were swiftly produced in courts. Their cases were fast-tracked, and jail sentences followed.

Wednesday was the night anti-hate marchers faced the

thugs on Britain's streets.

The hooligans kept a distance, knowing they were outnumbered and could have ended with bloody noses.

The show of strength by anti-racism marchers won the day, and the public's admiration.

In the evening, right-wing groups vowed to regroup in more than ten parts of the country.

They did not give the date, but speculation was that they would cause mayhem in the next few days.

To them, the protests have not yet ended.

During the week, Metropolitan Police said they were aware of more than 100 protests in London.

Nearly every city in the United Kingdom was targeted by racists and thugs who set buildings on fire with people inside, smashed the front doors of people's houses, rammed their parked cars onto the windows and used weapons to smash car windscreens.

This weekend, thousands of police officers are on duty in London and many parts of the country to support and reassure communities.

Four people were charged in London with offences including possessing offensive weapons, going equipped to cause criminal damage and assaulting emergency workers.

Eight others have been charged with offences, including failing to comply with a dispersal order, violent disorder and assaulting emergency workers following antisocial behaviour in Croydon.

Until Friday, 21 people were charged for disorder in Whitehall on the evening of July 31.

They are accused of crimes including violent disorder, possessing offensive weapons, possessing Class A drugs and public order offences.

Several suspects have already appeared before magistrates, and many more will appear soon.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Andy Valentine, who leads the police operation, said: "It has been hugely heartening to see communities come together this week, and it is our privilege to support them.

"Nevertheless, we won't tolerate hate or intimidation, and that is why more than 30 people have been charged



Swift justice ...Jailed for eight years and three months for violent disorder in Southport and Liverpool, Top left Adam Wharton. Top right, Ellis Wharton. Bottom left John O'Malley. Bottom right William Morgan.

with a range of offences. "Our message is clear - anyone thinking of causing disorder and disruption will be found and brought to justice.

"This weekend, you will see our officers in your neighbourhoods. They are there to help you."

Children as young as 15 were arrested during these protests and faced various charges at hearings going into September.

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Assistant Chief Constable Lindsey Butterfield reads out a statement to the Press in response to Rotherham disorder 12 of their officers were injured protecting asylum seekers at a hotel.



Police carried out raids across London following last week's violent disorder in Whitehall, London. They are watched by top Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley, who was especially present

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A 17-year-old from Cricklewood was charged with possession of a bladed article at Hoe Street, Walthamstow and is due to appear at Stratford Youth Court on Thursday, August 8

Jaswant Narwal and Lionel Idan, Chief Crown Prosecutors with responsibility for the two Crown Prosecution Service London areas, said: "Prosecutors across London are working in re-

al-time with the Police to provide legal advice, authorise charges, and get perpetrators into court quickly to deliver justice.

"Undoubtedly, anyone involved in disorder, hate crimes, or social media-related offences will be prosecuted.

"We're using a variety of offences and court orders to make sure that perpetrators receive tough penalties."

The protests did not stop. At the time of filing this report, there were far-right and anti-racism demonstrations in Croydon and Belfast, Ireland.

America

America's promises of racial justice remain unfulfilled and untrustworthy

Despite unprecedented protests and promises in 2020, systemic racism remains entrenched across America.

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In this June 20, 2020, file photo, protesters gather on a part of 16th Street Northwest renamed Black Lives Matter Plaza near the White House in Washington [AP Photo/Patrick Semansky, File]

Worth Noting:

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proverbial rug. That all the ambitious anti-racism promises have been abandoned in just a short few years is not surprising, as the same has happened many times before in American history.

Just months after the passage of the Civil Rights Act in December 1964, for example, Malcolm X told a crowd at the University of Oxford that he did not expect the bill to bring meaningful change. “[T]he same things are happening to us in 1964 that happened in 1954, 1924 and 1884...No matter how many bills pass, [Black people’s] lives are not worth two cents.”

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It’s hard to believe that just four years ago, the United States experienced what some believed to be a seismic social justice shift. The police murders of Black Americans, like Breonna Taylor and especially George Floyd, led to months of Black Lives Matter-driven protests with calls for abolishing the police and defunding law enforcement. Cities like Minneapolis and Washington, DC initially acquiesced in what many believed to be a commitment towards defunding law enforcement in favour of mental health services and other forms of non-violent de-escalation for vulnerable populations.

But in the four years since, every major city where “defund the police” had made some inroads has increased its law enforcement budget. The Biden administration has committed billions of dollars to “fund the police” even more. Barely a year after the mass protests, politicians in Minneapolis, in Portland, Oregon, and in Congress abandoned those initial commitments, citing increases in crime in 2021. Despite all the conversations around restorative justice, leaders across the US have opted for the same racist, classist and ableist policing that led to the killing of George Floyd in 2020. All

while ignoring how the decline in crime rates actually came alongside a decline in law enforcement employment – through retirements and resignations – in the cities it was observed.

In 2020, Americans also witnessed so many make commitments to undertake “antiracism” work. Corporations and private foundations invested millions of their dollars in programming around diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). They invited prominent antiracism scholars like Ibram X Kendi and Robin DiAngelo to speak at scores of workshops and trainings, and poured money into antiracism and DEI centres housed in NGOs and at universities with the intent of “dismantling racism for good”.

Four years later, as the Black Lives Matter signs on the front lawns of liberal Americans have begun to fade, so have the efforts to dismantle endemic and systemic racism through DEI trainings and antiracism workshops. Kendi’s Boston University Center for Antiracism Research, for example, had “gone from raising \$40 million in 2020 to a fraction of that — \$420,000 —” in 2021. Some critics across the political spectrum have accused Kendi, DiAngelo and others involved in antiracist work of being opportunists, even grifters. Powerful Americans on the far right, meanwhile, have used their deep discomfort over antiracist work and DEI programmes to attack and ban

such efforts.

Since 2021, more than 12 states have passed legislation curtailing or ending DEI-affiliated programmes in K-12 education, public colleges and universities, as well as in businesses and NGOs that intended to use state or federal funds for such purposes. The commitment to DEI in the private sector has also waned. According to data gathered by Revelio Labs, “DEI jobs peaked in early 2023 before falling five percent that year”, and fell a further 8 percent in the first two months of 2024. Folks from various political backgrounds have also gone on the attack against any race-based programmes that exclude white people. A federal district court recently ruled unconstitutional a venture capital fund created to help Black women become entrepreneurs, something the plaintiffs saw as “racist”.

The only lasting change from 2020, it seems now, is that the US has the extra holiday of Juneteenth, the federal government’s non-apology apology for an additional 90 years of African enslavement. That, and a two-block section of 16th Street in northwest Washington, DC that the city renamed Black Lives Matter Plaza.

On June 20, Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama hosted its first Major League Baseball (MLB) game, in honour of the old Negro Leagues and their stars. This tribute coincided with MLB’s decision to finally mesh all Negro Leagues records with all MLB records, a move that should have occurred decades earlier, as the percentage of Black major leaguers has plummeted from 18 percent in 1991 to 5.7 percent today. During the pregame broadcast on Fox Sports, Hall of Famer and all-time great Reggie Jackson spoke on his memories of playing minor league baseball in Birmingham back in 1967. “Coming back here is not easy. The racism when I played here...I wouldn’t wish it on anybody...I would go to a hotel and they’d say that [n-word] can’t stay here,” the 78-year-old Jackson said.

The enforced segregation and racial discrimination that a 21-year-old Reggie Jackson faced in 1967 is still happening to affluent and

famous Black folk like molecular biologist Dr Raven Baxter and actor Wendell Pierce in 2024. In May, Dr Baxter posted on X, “My real estate agent’s BROKER just called me at 9pm on a Friday to tell me that the seller doesn’t want to sell a house to me because I am BLACK,” this after a contract agreement and a downpayment for a home in Virginia Beach, Virginia. A few weeks later, Pierce of *The Wire*, *Treme*, *Suits*, and *Jack Ryan* fame reported a similar experience. “Even with my proof of employment, bank statements and real estate holdings, a white apartment owner DENIED my application to rent the apartment....in Harlem, of all places,” Pierce posted on X in early June. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 be damned, along with the additional Civil Rights Act of 1968 [PDF], which specifically prohibits housing discrimination, and the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests. At least as far as America’s latticework maze of systemic racism is concerned.

Malcolm X was right. The federal government, private corporations and colleges and universities will never do the hard work of dismantling systems and structures that allow racism to flourish. Whatever antiracist efforts they commit themselves to are half-hearted, mostly symbolic, and extremely short-lived. For this middle-aged Black man of meagre wealth with a nanosecond of fame, it means my chances and my 21-year-old son’s chances of seeing the US turn the proverbial corner on race might as well be a 300 million-to-one shot of winning a Powerball jackpot.

The views expressed in this article are the author’s own and do not necessarily reflect our editorial stance.

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Bangladesh

After Hasina: Cautious optimism for Bangladesh's future

The overthrow of Sheikh Hasina is a remarkable political feat for the Bangladeshi youth. However, many challenges lie ahead.

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By all quantifiable measures, Bangladesh's now deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was the most entrenched, dominant and brutal dictator the country had seen since its independence. She jailed, exiled and eliminated most of her political peers like no other ruler in South Asia's history. She brought all the branches of the Bangladeshi state under her command with such great efficacy that at some point she became the state.

Yet, a leaderless movement of college students challenged her with marches with pre-announced dates and venues. In a matter of weeks, these young revolutionaries drew the nation with them into the streets to the point that Hasina had to catch a helicopter to flee. They achieved something that established political rivals of the former prime minister had tried for over a decade but failed consistently.

While the young revolutionaries and their supporters have much cause to celebrate, the road ahead for the country will not be without challenges.

A recipe for a successful student movement

The beginning of the end for Hasina came as a group of young people started making demands for the removal of an unfair quota system in the distribution of civil service jobs, which was essentially giving preferential treatment to the relatives of her political cronies.

In organising their protests, the students created a distributed co-leadership structure, where the leaders held the role of coordinators. They called their coalition the Students Against Discrimination movement. The coordinators came from both public and private educational institutions.

What could have been quelled with some simple promises of future reforms was inflamed by crass comments by the prime minister and brutal suppression by her security forces. But the protest organisers were battle-tested and knew exactly what to expect.

Just six years ago, many of them had participated as teenagers in another massive wave of demonstrations which focused on the country's lawless transportation sector. Those protests erupted after a commercial bus ran over two students. The vehicle that caused these deaths was owned by a company linked to a relative of a minister.

Just like in 2024, in 2018 the youth were beaten mercilessly by Hasina's civilian militia, that is, the student



People gather around the residence of Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka, on August 5, 2024 [EPA]

wing of the Awami League party. The use of violence managed to suppress the protests, but not before this generation of revolutionaries had gained enough experience in organising successful protests, creating alternative command structures, using improvised communication techniques under internet blockades and evading government surveillance, etc.

All of these skills helped them in their successful bid to oust the most ruthless dictator in Bangladesh's history.

Is this the end for Sheikh Hasina?

Hasina has had to leave Bangladesh before. While she was residing in Europe, a bloody coup took place against her father, President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in 1975, which killed almost all of her family. She extended her stay abroad and only came back to the country in the early 1980s. She quickly gained prominence on the political scene and managed to create a cult-like following among the members of her father's Awami League.

Following another military coup in 2006, both Hasina and her main political rival, Khaleda Zia, were about to lose their right to participate in politics in Bangladesh. Zia refused to go into exile and stayed in Bangladesh under house arrest. Hasina took the safe exit and spent time in Europe and the United States before returning to Bangladesh. She contested the 2008 election and won with a landslide.

But her triumphant return to power in 2008 is unlikely to be repeated. Given the massive bloodshed and indiscriminate killings that took place throughout her tenure, it will be extremely difficult for the 76-year-old Hasina to revive her political fortunes this time.

General Waker Uz Zaman, the military chief who eventually asked Hasina to leave the country, happens to be a relative of hers through mar-

riage. However, the possibility of a successful counter-coup to facilitate her return to Bangladesh is improbable at the moment, given the popular resentment towards her rule.

The fact that no other political figure of her stature had ever had to flee the country facing the rage of the people has permanently damaged Hasina's reputation as an invincible leader. After all, she was chased away by hundreds of thousands of youths wielding sticks and bricks, while her men had all the guns and were shooting indiscriminately. This inglorious exit will make her future comeback politically untenable.

What lies ahead for Bangladesh

An interim caretaker government headed by one of Hasina's nemeses, Dr Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh's only Nobel laureate, was sworn in on August 8, three days after Hasina fled. Dr Yunus, one of the few prominent political figures who is respected across the nation, will be the chief adviser, a title equivalent to prime minister.

The 16-person advisers' panel (the equivalent to cabinet ministers) that he chose includes civil society luminaries, several of whom had received international accolades. Among the advisers are two leading coordinators from the ranks of the student movement. Dr Yunus and his selected advisers received positive media and public acceptance so far, but they have a difficult job ahead.

At the moment, student organisers are demanding Bangladeshi politics to be wiped clean of politicians associated with corruption and mismanagement, not just during Hasina's rule but also in the governments that came before her.

The trouble is that Hasina's political DNA is found in every corner of the Bangladeshi state she left behind. Her hand-picked judges, bureaucrats, police and military commanders are still running the show. Mak-

ing the new government acceptable to the people will require a messy process of administrative reshuffle, terminations and outright arrests of Hasina's personnel, a process that has already begun.

During his first televised speech, General Zaman promised to bring justice to the victims of indiscriminate killings by the state apparatus during Hasina's reign. Newly appointed advisers of the interim government echoed this intention. That accountability process, however, will certainly be lengthy and it is not clear if it can ever be completed under their watch. Reforming the police, civil bureaucracy and military command to restore people's confidence in any future electoral process will also take time.

Dr Yunus also has to address various challenges in relations with Bangladesh's two big neighbours: India and China.

India, the country that was the chief defender of Hasina on the world stage, is both shocked and saddened by her departure. It has security concerns about the possible breakdown of law and order, and targeted repression of the large Bangladeshi Hindu population.

Gobinda Chandra Pramanik, one of Bangladesh's most prominent Hindu community leaders, has sought to assuage Indian fears, stating that Hindus are facing just as much anarchy as the rest of the country at the moment and things are gradually calming down as volunteers from major political parties are showing up to protect the Hindu community. The cabinet of advisers and major political parties in general may need to address Indian pressure so that personnel who posed serious national security threats to that country do not return to power. That negotiation will be complicated.

Hasina's geopolitical chessboard was to counter American concerns on human rights by addressing India's security fears and engaging with

China's business interests. Now, the future government may be busy blunting Indian security concerns by delivering on the Americans' anxieties about China. Orchestrating this geopolitical dance will benefit from the broad international acceptance that Dr Yunus brings, but execution and delivery may still be difficult.

The main task for the interim government remains organising a new general election. Demands for a tribunal to prosecute thousands of illegal deaths and gross human rights violations either locally or internationally may make things complicated for the Awami League's participation in a future national election. The party itself may also predicate its future electoral participation on conditions favouring a return of Hasina's clan, if not Hasina herself.

All other parties will also have to navigate legal difficulties, given the serious criminal charges filed under Hasina against her political opponents to make them ineligible for contesting elections. That includes Tarique Rahman, the de facto leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, who is serving a life sentence over his alleged role in a 2004 plot to assassinate Hasina. Bangladesh's largest Islamic political party, Jamaat-e-Islami, was banned on August 3 and had been barred from running in elections since 2013.

Given the immense hurdles, it is likely the current interim government in Bangladesh will last several months, if not at least a year. Upon swearing in, the advisers gave no indication regarding the duration of their tenure.

Many Bangladeshis are calling the overthrow of Hasina their second independence – the first one being breaking away from Pakistan 53 years ago.

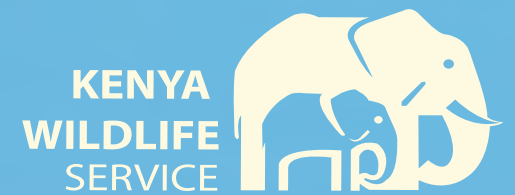
There is exuberance and hope for a better future everywhere. But optimism should be cautious. Whether this latest revolution enshrines a fairer, freer, less brutal and democratic Bangladesh depends on the practicality of the demands placed by the revolutionaries and the dexterity of the new administration, regarding not only managing them but also addressing pressures from external forces.

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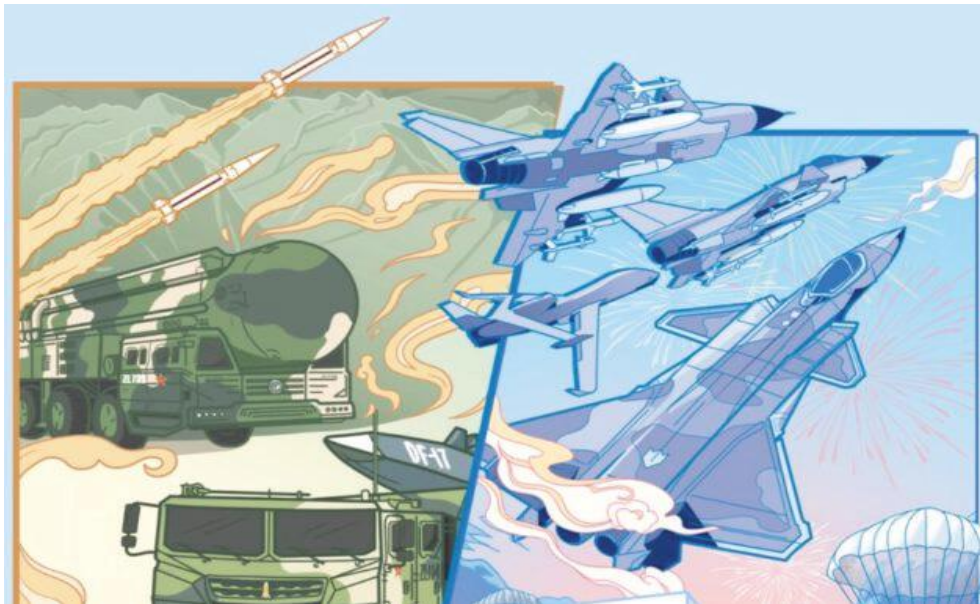
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Xi Focus: Building world-class armed forces for China

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The past few days have seen President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), engage in a string of activities concerning the military.

He convened a Party leadership study session, calling for modernizing border, coastal and air defense. He wrote back to officers and soldiers of an elite army company with its history dating back to the Red Army days, urging them to strengthen training in real combat conditions.

He also made an instruction on veterans' affairs, emphasizing the importance of making military service an honorable occupation and ensuring that ex-service personnel enjoy respect from the whole society.

On Thursday, Xi's article on modernizing national defense and the armed forces was published by Qiushi, a flagship Party magazine.

In the article, Xi said developing the people's army into a world-class military at a faster pace is a "strategic task" for building a modern socialist country in all respects.

He said the military's political integrity must be enhanced and the military should be strengthened through reform, development of science and technology, as well as talent cultivation.

PRESERVE POLITICAL
INTEGRITY

In the Qiushi article, Xi said "the barrel of the gun" should always follow the Party's order, echoing Chairman Mao's most famous dictum — "political power comes from the barrel of a gun."

Since its founding 97 years ago, the PLA has always acted and fought under the Party's absolute leadership. Precisely due to this steadfast guidance, the PLA has grown from nothing into a strong force.

"History tells us that 'the Party commands the gun' is a basic guarantee to ensure the people's army maintains its essential nature and aim," Xi once said.

In June, Xi convened a pivotal political work conference of the armed forces in Yan'an, an old revolutionary base where the Red Army was stationed about 90 years ago after the Long March. It was in Yan'an that Mao led the people's army to regain its strength and fight the wars that led to the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949.

In Yan'an, Xi emphasized the need to uphold the Party's absolute leadership over the military and to build a high-quality team of cadres that is loyal, clean, responsible and capable.

Since becoming China's top leader, Xi has taken steps to address concerns over weakened Party leadership in the military, an issue that people feared could undermine combat effectiveness and threaten the fundamental political principle that the Party commands the military.

Over the years, the political climate within the military has improved significantly through the full implementation of the system of ulti-

mate responsibility resting with the CMC chairman, along with advancements in integrity building and anti-corruption efforts, and adoption of other measures.

STRENGTHEN THE MILITARY THROUGH REFORM

In mid-July, a pivotal Party resolution adopted at the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee reiterated the importance of strengthening the military through reform to ensure the realization of the PLA's 2027 centenary goals. Reform has been the key theme as Xi has reshaped the armed forces over the past decade.

Major changes have taken place within the armed forces since late November 2015, when Xi convened a key meeting in Beijing to launch "the most extensive and profound reform of national defense and the armed forces" since 1949.

The PLA has dismantled long-established systems of general departments and military area commands, altered the dominance of land forces within the overall force composition, and established new leadership, management and operational command systems.

Five theater commands have been established, and services have been rebalanced. The country's navy and rocket forces have expanded, the number of non-combat personnel has been reduced and combat forces have grown.

The proportion of land forces in the military has dropped to below 50 percent, nearly half of all non-combatant organization personnel have been removed, and the number of

officers has been reduced by 30 percent.

The PLA now has a system of services that comprises the army, navy, air force and rocket force, with branches including the country's aerospace force, cyberspace force, information support force and joint logistics support force.

During exercises and training, previously independent military units across different services now conduct joint operations under a theater command. Previously isolated information is now circulated efficiently among various military units within theater commands.

In the latest structural reform, the PLA's information support force was established and commenced in April.

Zhang Youxia, a CMC vice chairman, said the move, initiated by Xi, was to address "the most pressing need" to reshape the network information system and let it better empower joint military operations.

In the reform-themed resolution adopted in July, China's leadership again pledged to "deepen the reform of joint operations systems" and "refine the functions of the CMC command center for joint operations" to enhance combat capabilities.

WORLD-CLASS ARMED FORCES FOR PEACE

As reshaping continues within the military, the PLA's strength has increased significantly, bringing it closer to the goal of fully transforming into a world-class military by the mid-21st century.

With new types of combat forces, such as those related to strategic early warnings, long-range strikes, strategic delivery and information support strengthened, a joint combat force system primarily composed of elite forces has taken shape.

On May 23, the PLA launched drills around Taiwan Island as a strong punishment for the separatist acts of "Taiwan independence" forces and a stern warning against the interference and provocation by external forces.

The drills, carried out by the Eastern Theater Command, were a typical case of joint operation that involves the participation of the army, navy, air force, rocket force

and other units.

Such drills focus on joint sea-air combat-readiness patrols, joint precision strikes on key targets, and the joint, comprehensive seizure of battlefield control. The drills involved vessel and aircraft patrols around the island of Taiwan, and integrated operations within and outside of the island chain to test the command's joint real-combat capabilities.

Military experts say the May drills have demonstrated the Chinese military's coordination abilities and overall combat strength in joint operations after its reform.

While improving its military, China's commitment to the path of peaceful development and its pursuit of a national defense policy that is defensive in nature remain unchanged.

When the PLA celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2017, Xi stated that the Chinese military would always be a staunch force in maintaining world peace.

One often-cited example is China's role in UN peacekeeping operations. Since 1990, China has dispatched more than 50,000 peacekeepers to over 20 countries and regions, including Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Sudan, South Sudan and Mali.

In 2015, Xi shared the story of a female peacekeeper named He Zhihong who died in the line of duty while serving in a UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti.

Xi cited a poem written by the late peacekeeper that reads "In this vast world, I may be just like a small feather. But even so, I want this feather to carry the wish for peace."

"This was her wish, and it is also China's commitment to peace," Xi said.

In his latest Qiushi article, Xi once again stated the peaceful nature of the PLA, no matter how strong it becomes.

"The PLA has the confidence and capabilities to safeguard China's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity, to provide strategic support to the realization of the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation, and to make greater contributions to world peace and development," he said.

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The Rise Of The Dragon: A Generational Struggle For Power And Equality

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Worth Noting:

- Generation Z has witnessed the failings of the system built by Millennials and has no intention of inheriting the same broken structure. They refuse to listen to the same old songs and dance to the same tired rhythms. Instead, they're focused on learning how to catch their own fish—not just any fish, but the ones that sustain them in a system they've reimagined. It doesn't matter what kind of fish they catch, as long as they enjoy the services their nation offers. Yet, their mentality is no longer interested in fish from a fisherman they cannot trust.

- These young dragons, as they see themselves, are not content with the status quo. They know they are the future and that the jungle will soon belong to them.

The generational clash between Millennials and Generation Z has reached a tipping point, with each group embodying distinct philosophies and visions for the future. Millennials, who once carried the weight of hope and change, now find themselves entangled in a web of contradictions and complacency. They have worked tirelessly to increase their net worth, yet ironically, they will spend only a fraction of their wealth, leaving behind a fortune that may never be fully realized. Meanwhile, the less fortunate among them struggle to make ends meet, with their children bearing the brunt of economic hardship. In a world where a child burdened with a Ksh. 55,000 debt is awarded a mere Ksh. 5,000 bursary, the question arises: does this token gesture truly help?

Even if the bursary were increased to Ksh. 10,000, it would still fall woefully short. The harsh reality is that Millennials, who now hold the reins of power as principals and vice-chancellors, refuse to allow students with fee arrears to access classes. They claim these institutions belong to the government, failing to grasp that they themselves are the government. This generation has adopted a cynical worldview, believing that "oppress to succeed" is the only path forward. But Generation Z, the emerging force on the horizon, has a different mantra entirely: "If you've danced to the tunes of oppression, we'll make sure the music stops." Generation Z has witnessed the failings of the system built by Millennials and has no intention of inheriting the same broken structure. They refuse to listen to the same old songs and dance to the same tired rhythms. Instead, they're focused on learning how to catch their own fish—not just any fish, but the ones that sustain them in a system they've reimagined. It doesn't matter what kind of fish they catch, as long as they enjoy the services their nation offers. Yet, their mentality is no longer interested in fish from a fisherman they cannot trust. These young dragons, as they see themselves, are not content with the status quo. They know they are the fu-



Generation Z protests in Kenya

ture and that the jungle will soon belong to them. They understand that they will remain the enemy of the state until they themselves sit on the throne. But patience is not their strong suit; they can't wait for the day they rule, and while it may take a decade or two for the old guard to fade away, Generation Z is already preparing to shape the future from behind the scenes. They won't just be on the winning side; they'll be on the trusted side—the side that shapes decisions, even if they hold no formal power. Millennial politicians, with their grand promises and small offerings, have underestimated this new generation. They offer petty bursaries and crumbs from their tables, hoping to keep the youth quiet and compliant. But they fail to see that Generation Z has grown up differently. Even the weakest among them are the smartest, and those who might be considered the least informed are still more knowledgeable than the corrupt and greedy role models of the Millennial generation. While the older generation indulges in opulence and misuses public funds, Generation Z looks on with a mix of disgust and determination. They know they can control the leadership only if they harness their massive population and vote for change. Is there any offence when

a young person stands up and declares, "I'm a grown man"? These children—now adults—are demanding a country where the rules governing them suit their needs. They envision a nation where every Kenyan is equal, but instead of being heard, they were snubbed and labeled as inexperienced criminals. The Millennials, who once dreamed of change, now cling to power, ignoring the very voices that could lead them to a better future. The story of the dragon, the lion, and the donkey serves as a powerful metaphor for this generational struggle. The dragon, representing Generation Z, is a force of nature, retreating only to gather strength for the next battle. When the dragon releases its flame, it scorches the jungle, forcing King Lion—the Millennial ruler—to reshuffle his closest allies and negotiate with the once-disdained donkey. The lion, once proud and disdainful, now finds itself in an uneasy alliance with the very creature it swore never to associate with. This alliance, born out of necessity, is fraught with tension and mistrust. But the dragon, though it has retreated for now, watches closely, knowing that its moment will come again. When it returns, it will not be to simply reclaim lost territory, but to transform the jungle entirely. The dragon's fire

will burn through the old laws and structures, leaving nothing but ash for the new order to rise from. However, this victory will not come without its own challenges. The dragon's anger and impatience could lead to chaos, and even though they are capable of winning the war, they must be cautious not to let their victory spiral into destruction. When the dragon returns, it will do so with two mindsets: to kill or be killed. The dragon places its meal—a symbolic victory—on the tallest cliff in the jungle. If it wins, it will return to enjoy its spoils and call others to celebrate. But if it is defeated, the meal will remain on the cliff, a testament to the fallen warrior. Another dragon, passing by, will see the dry, rotting meal and understand that one of their own has perished in battle. This knowledge will not deter them but will instead fuel their desire for revenge, carried out with caution and precision. Generation Z is a unique breed. They are the dragons of the modern age, creatures of immense power and potential. They have sung the song "King Lion must go" for years, and they've seen the lion negotiate with the donkey in ways that were once unthinkable. The dragon's flame has already destroyed the lion's law-making chamber, forcing the king to shuffle his closest

allies. But the lion, true to its political nature, has found a way to survive—at least for now. The dragon has retreated, trusting the donkey for too long, but this trust has become a form of psychological torture. The dragon will return, and when it does, the jungle will be a mess. The lions, donkeys, and all creatures of the jungle will feel the heat of the dragon's flame. The question remains: will the dragons of Generation Z occupy the jungle? The answer is yes, but it will be a victory hard-won, and the jungle may never be the same again. In the end, Generation Z will rise to power, but they must do so with wisdom and restraint. They cannot afford to be consumed by their desire for revenge, lest they become the very tyrants they sought to overthrow. As they stand on the precipice of power, they must remember that true victory lies not in dominance, but in creating a world where every creature in the jungle—whether dragon, lion, or donkey—can live with dignity and equality.

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Biden convenes national security team as fears of Iran attack grow

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US President Joe Biden met his senior national security team on Monday as concerns grew of a possible Iranian retaliatory attack on Israel grew.

Mr Biden said he had been briefed on preparations to support Israel should it be attacked, while Secretary of State Antony Blinken said officials were working "around the clock" to prevent an escalation.

Tensions have risen over the last week following the assassination of Hamas' political leader Ismail Haniyeh, for which Iran has blamed Israel and vowed "severe" retaliation. Israel has not claimed responsibility for the assassination.

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He added that steps were being taken to respond to attacks on US forces "in a manner and place of our choosing". On Monday, several US personnel were injured in a suspected rocket attack on a US military base in western Iraq.

Speaking to reporters earlier in the day, Mr Blinken said officials were "engaged in intense diplomacy pretty much around the clock with a very simple message: All parties must refrain from escalation".

"Escalation is not in anyone's interests. It will only lead to more conflict, more violence, more insecurity," he said.

He added that a ceasefire would "unlock possibilities for more enduring calm not only in Gaza itself, but in other areas where the conflict can spread".

"It is urgent that all parties make the right choices in the hours and days ahead," he said.

His words came after Mr Biden spoke to King Abdullah II of Jordan earlier in the day. They discussed "their efforts to de-escalate regional tensions, including through an immediate ceasefire and hostage release deal," a statement from the White House said.

A joint statement from the G7 also expressed "deep concern at the heightened level of tension in the Middle East which threatens to ignite a broader conflict in the region".

"No country or nation stands to gain from a further escalation in the Middle East," it said.

Talks that had brought renewed hope of a ceasefire deal to end the conflict in Gaza have faltered following the events of recent weeks.

On 27 July, 12 children and teenagers were killed in a strike on the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Israel accused Hezbollah of carrying out the strike, though Hezbollah denied any involvement.

Days later, Fuad Shukur, a senior Hezbollah military commander, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on a suburb of the Lebanese capital, Beirut. Four others, including two children, were also killed.

Hours later, Haniyeh was assassinated in Iran.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said Haniyeh was killed in a "strong blast" caused by a "short-range projectile" fired from outside a house where he was staying while visiting the capital, Tehran.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said in an interview with Russian state news agency RIA Novosti

that the killing would have a "negative impact on the ongoing negotiations".

Israel has not commented on the assassination, but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said afterwards that Israel had delivered "crushing blows" to Iran's proxy groups in recent days.

Following the killings in Lebanon and Iran, the IRGC said Israel would receive a "severe punishment at the appropriate time, place and manner", while Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said the conflict had entered a "new phase".

It is the closest the conflict has come to escalation since April, when Iran fired some 300 drones and missiles at Israel in response to an Israeli strike on an Iranian consulate in Syria that killed a number of senior military commanders.

Flights suspended
On Monday, Jordan asked all airlines planning to land at its airports to carry an additional 45 minutes' worth of fuel, a move thought to be a precaution in case Jordan has to close its airspace in the event of a regional conflict.

German flag carrier Lufthansa has suspended all flights to Tel Aviv, Tehran, and Beirut until and including 12 August.

US airline Delta has also paused flights to Tel Aviv

until at least 31 August "due to ongoing conflict in the region".

The Foreign Office currently advises against all travel to Lebanon and has urged British citizens in the country to leave.

It also advises against all travel to the northern area of Israel that shares a border with Lebanon.

The conflict in Gaza began following the 7 October attack on Israel by Hamas and other militant groups, which saw around 1,200 people killed and another 251 taken back to Gaza as hostages.

Since the launch of Israel's retaliatory ground invasion in Gaza, more than 39,600 Palestinians have been killed, according to the Hamas-run health ministry. Hezbollah and Israeli forces have also exchanged near-daily attacks since the conflict began, with hundreds of people killed and thousands displaced on both sides of the Israel-Lebanon border.

Hezbollah and Hamas are both backed by Iran and form part of what Iran calls the "axis of resistance", a loose alliance of militant and political groups across the region that oppose Israel and its key ally, the US.

Lies and Deceit in Modern World

Lies and deceit destroy personal relationships. Whether it's between friends, family members, or romantic partners, honesty is the foundation of trust. Without trust, relationships often fall apart.



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Worth Noting:

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- Lies and deceit isn't only emotional. It can also affect physical health. Stress from keeping lies can lead to conditions like anxiety and depression. Furthermore, deceit can destroy self-esteem, both for the liar and the one being lied to.

Lies and deceit harm our world in many ways. They can be seen in personal relationships, business, politics, and even within families. Lies statements are made with the intention to deceive and at whatsoever cost they aren't true. Deceit, on the other hand, involves hiding the truth or misleading someone to believe something that is false.

In today's Modern world, personal relationships are affected by this 'virus' as I may call it, lying can break trust and Trust is the pillar of any relationship. When someone finds out they have been lied to, they feel hurt and betrayed. It becomes hard to trust the other person again, leading to a breakdown in communication and connection. Sometimes, these relationships never recover. Lies and deceit destroy personal relationships. Whether it's between friends, family members, or romantic partners, honesty is the foundation of trust. Without trust, relationships often fall apart.

One common reason people lie is to avoid hurting someone's feelings. For instance, telling a friend you like their cooking even if you don't. While this seems harmless, small lies can lead to bigger ones. Over time, the truth becomes harder to reveal. Some lies are told to hide mistakes or wrongdoings. For example, cheating in a

relationship. This type of deceit causes deep hurt and betrayal. When the truth eventually comes out, it's often more painful and damaging than if honesty had been practiced from the start.

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Building honest relationships requires courage. It means facing difficult conversations and sometimes admitting faults. However, this honesty fosters true intimacy and respect. It's important to always strive for truthfulness, even when it's hard. Maintaining honesty helps build trust, respect,

and lasting connections. Let's strive to keep our relationships strong by being truthful and transparent with each other. As the old adage says 'Speak the truth and it will set you free'

In the world of business, honesty should be a cornerstone. Yet, many companies and individuals find themselves tangled in webs of lies and deceit. Such behavior not only breaks trust but also damages reputations and harms relationships.

One common form of deceit in business is false advertising. Companies often exaggerate the benefits of their products to attract customers. For example, a skincare product might claim to remove all wrinkles in a week, which is rarely true. When customers realize they've been misled, they lose trust in the brand.

Another prevalent issue is financial fraud. Some businesses make their profits seem higher than they are by fudging numbers on financial reports. This can mislead investors, employees, and the public. Eventually, when the truth is discovered, the company's stock may plummet, leading to significant financial loss for all involved.

Employee deception also occurs, with some workers lying on their resumes about their qualifications or experience. This can lead to hiring mistakes, cost-

ing the company time and money. Once the deception is uncovered, it can ruin an employee's career and credibility.

One example of deceit impacting many is the Volkswagen emissions scandal. The company installed software in cars to cheat on emission tests, making their vehicles appear more environmentally friendly. This deceit led to massive fines, legal consequences, and a tarnished brand image.

The consequences of lies and deceit in business are severe. Trust is hard to gain but easy to lose. When trust is broken, it can take years to rebuild, if it ever is. Honesty and transparency should always be the priority in business dealings. Customers, employees, and stakeholders value truthfulness and integrity.

Lies and deceit have no place in business. They lead to legal troubles, financial losses, and damaged reputations. The best path forward for any business is one paved with honesty, transparency, and trustworthiness.

Politics often brings out the best and the worst in people. One of the most troubling aspects of politics is the use of lies and deceit by some politicians. This behavior undermines trust and harms the democratic process.

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cannot keep. Others deceive to cover up mistakes or wrongdoings. By doing this, they protect their careers at the expense of the public's trust. When leaders lie, it becomes harder for people to believe in anything they say.

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The rise of social media has complicated things further. False information can spread quickly and reach many people. Politicians and their supporters can use fake news to mislead the public or discredit opponents. This creates a climate of suspi-

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cion and mistrust. Addressing this issue requires more than just catching liars. Voters need to be well-informed and critical thinkers. Media organizations must also strive for honest and balanced reporting. Moreover, stronger laws and regulations can help hold deceitful politicians accountable. In the end, honesty is crucial in politics. Elected leaders have a duty to be truthful and transparent. Only then can they earn and keep the trust of the people they serve. Lies and deceit may offer short-term gains, but they ultimately damage the fabric of society. Trustworthy politics is the foundation of a healthy democracy. Even within families, lies can cause problems. When parents lie to children, they set a bad example. Children learn from what they see and hear. If they see their parents lying, they may think it is acceptable behavior. Lies and deceit are sadly found even in the tightest family circles. Trust, which is the backbone of family relationships, can easily be broken if dishonesty prevails. When family members lie to one another, it creates a chain reaction of suspicion and misunderstanding, often leading to lasting damage. Parents sometimes lie to protect their children from harsh realities. For example,

they might hide financial troubles or health issues. Although the intention is to shield the child, this can lead to feelings of betrayal once the truth comes to light. Children, too, can lie to their parents, often driven by fear of punishment or disappointment. Common lies include fabricating stories about school grades or social activities. Sibling rivalry can also breed deceit. Competition for parental attention and approval sometimes leads siblings to lie about each other. False stories or hidden truths can sow discord and deepen rifts, making reconciliation difficult. The advent of technology has added new layers to family deceit. Secret online activities, hidden social media profiles, and undisclosed spending are common modern-day deceptions. These lies can be particularly damaging as they erode the digital and real-world trust. The consequences of family deceit are severe. Emotional bonds weaken, feelings of isolation increase, and harmony within the home is disrupted. In some cases, this can lead to long-term estrangement among family members, causing emotional anguish and mental health issues. The solution lies in fostering a culture of honesty and open communication within the family. Encouraging

family members to share their thoughts and feelings without fear of judgment or reprisal is crucial. Regular family meetings where everyone can speak openly about issues can also help. In a nutshell on family matters, while lies and deceit may sometimes seem like an easy way out, they only cause harm in the long run. Building and maintaining trust through honesty and transparent communication is vital for healthy and lasting family relationships. Lies and deceit also affect mental health. Both the liar and the person being lied to can suffer emotional distress. The liar may feel guilt and anxiety about being found out. The person being lied to may experience confusion, sadness, and anger. Trust forms the bedrock of any healthy relationship. When a person is deceitful, it creates a cloud of uncertainty. Those who discover they've been lied to may feel betrayed, leading to feelings of anger, sadness, and confusion. Over time, this betrayal can develop into deeper psychological problems such as anxiety and depression. People start questioning their judgment and may struggle to trust others in future. For the person lying, the act of deceit can lead to stress. Keeping track of lies and maintaining a false story requires mental effort, often

causing anxiety. The fear of being discovered also looms large, adding more stress. Lying can push a person into a cycle of guilt and shame, contributing to poor self-esteem. Moreover, research shows that honesty promotes well-being. When you are truthful, you avoid the stress of maintaining a web of lies. This promotes a feeling of integrity and inner peace, which is crucial for mental health. Children exposed to lies may also suffer long-term effects. If children see adults lying, they may accept it as normal behavior, impacting their future relationships and mental health. Children depend on trust to feel secure, and when this trust is broken, it can hinder their emotional development. Maintaining honest communication helps in building stronger relationships and fostering a healthy mind. Being truthful and transparent creates a supportive environment where everyone feels safe and valued. On mental affection, I can conclude that lies and deceit can have profound negative effects on mental health. They erode trust, cause stress, and can lead to significant psychological issues. On the other hand, honesty promotes well-being and trust, helping to maintain a stable and healthy mental

state for all involved. What can we do to combat lies and deceit? The first step is to value honesty. We need to teach children the importance of being truthful from a young age. Schools and parents should emphasize the value of integrity. In business, companies should commit to transparent practices. Customers should support businesses that are honest and avoid those that are not. In politics, voters should hold politicians accountable for their promises. Media outlets play a crucial role in fact-checking and reporting the truth. Citizens should seek out reliable sources of information and remain informed. Open communication is key in relationships. People should feel safe to express their thoughts and feelings without fear of judgment. Honesty and transparency can build a strong foundation for any relationship. In conclusion, lies and deceit have far-reaching consequences. They can destroy trust, harm mental health, and create a cycle of dishonesty. By valuing honesty and teaching it to future generations, we can build a more truthful and just society. The writer Nyanoti Ishmael is a communication and media student

Dolly Masilomangwe Goes to World gold cultures- Mozambique



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Turkic-speaking people



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Today, Turkic-speaking peoples are spread not only in Central Asia, but also from the Sea of Oxoto to the shores of the Black Sea, from Siberia to northern Afghanistan and Iran, partly in Iraq and Eastern Europe, and the total number of speakers is more than 200 million.

The largest number of Turkic-speaking people are the Turks, that is, the people living in the territory of Turkey, their number is about 100 million, and most of them live in Germany. The second largest group is the Uzbeks, the total number of which is about 50 million.

Because about 8 million people of Uzbek nationality live in the geographical area called South Turkestan, that is, in northern Afghan-

istan. At the same time, I must say that in the Republic of Azerbaijan, more than 9 million people of Uzbek nationality live in the northern Ereon area, which is the unofficial name About 15 million Azars live in southern Azerbaijan.

As we mentioned above, Gagauz people of Turkic nationality live in Eastern Europe, that is, in the Republic of Moldova, and they have their own administrative territory and language. Currently, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan are part of the United Nations. There are a few independent Turkic states, but the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is partially recognized and there are also about 20 autonomous or separate Turkish states.

For example, Nakhichevan Autonomous Republic in Azerbaijan, Gagauzia in Moldova, South Turkestan in Afghanistan, Eastern Turkestan in the PRC, i.e. Uyghurs. and many other republics in the territory of Russia: Bashkirstan, Tatarstan, Tuva, Yakutia, Chuvashia, Crimea, Karbadino, Bulgaria, Karachay, Cherkessia, etc., and in the territory of Uzbekistan there is also the sovereign democratic republic of Karakalpakstan, and the population belonging to the Karakalpak nation lives here.



The Origins of the Turkic People



These people speak several languages belonging to the Turkic language family. We will divide them into 4 large and 2 small groups. The first group is the Kipchak group, this group includes: Kazakh, Karakalpak, Kyrgyz, Karaim, Bashkir, Karachoy, Nogay, Tatar, Crimean Tatar, the second group, Oghuz, Azerbaijani, Turkmen, Gagauz trills, and the third group, Qarluq.

It includes the Uzbek and Uyghur languages, and then the big group is the Siberian group, which includes

the Altai Tuva, Khakas, Shora, Yakut languages. The other two subgroups are the Bulgar group, which is grammatically and lexically slightly different from the Turkic languages, the only language of which is the Chuvash language, and the second subgroup is the Khalaj Gurhi, which includes the Khalaj language and the Khalaj language of Iran used by the Turkish ethnic population.

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