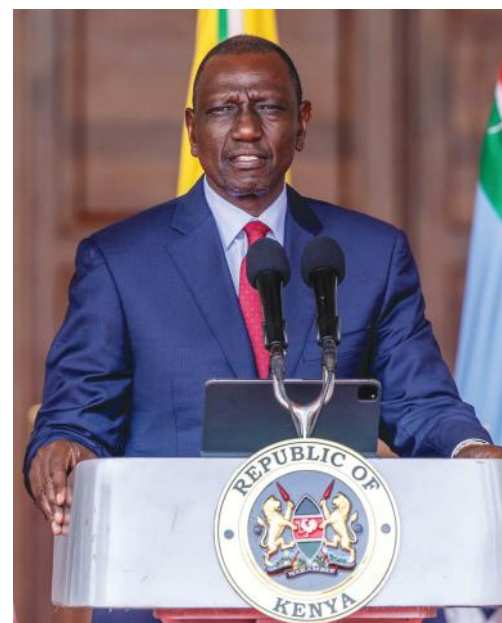


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Assisted Parenthood: A Glimpse Into Surrogacy In Kenya



By: David Ndirangu
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Many years ago when we were growing up, there was an elderly woman in my village who was known as Mirioni.

Mirioni actually had a real name but my grandmother and fellow village mates had for some reason nicknamed her Mirioni. Maybe she used to brag to them that she was worth a million given that she had a couple of acres of land and a few cows.

I am sure you by now have an idea where the name Mirioni is coming from. Those who speak my language sometimes don't understand why there is a difference between R and L and thus use them interchangeably. So to us million and mirioni sound the same.

My grandmother and her friends appeared not to like Mirioni a lot. During their conversations, it was common for them to simultaneously pull out their lips and with a sneer point them in the direction of Mirioni's homestead. Maybe it was just village mate rivalry. Unfortunately Mirioni had not born any children and used to live alone.

During one of the school holidays, Mirioni brought home a young woman of about thirty years. No one in the village appeared to know her but it was later discovered that she was from a village two ridges away. The young woman came accompanied by two scruffy looking boys say nine and seven years old. It was said that Mirioni had 'married' the young woman together with her two sons.

This rumour was proved right when at the beginning of the term, the two Mirioni boys were enrolled in the local primary school in Mirioni's name. There was of course much talk in the village about the development and it was not easy for the Mirioni boys. You can only imagine us the hard-edged village boys asking them all manner of questions but the Mirioni dollar question being whether they called Mirioni 'baba' (dad) or 'Cucu' (grandmother). Do not even attempt to think about LBT.. whatever. It was unheard of then.

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Surrogacy In Kenya.

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Mirioni would take over the bringing up of the two boys and any other children who would be born afterwards just as a father would. As to who would be the biological father or fathers of the later children, there would be an arrangement between Mirioni and the young woman as to a particular man or men. But in all cases Mirioni had to give consent as to who sires children with her 'bride'. The said fathers would however remain anonymous. Eventually all the children and their mother would be heirs to Mirioni's estate.

The Kenya Constitution 2010 accommodates surrogacy whereby it recognises that every Kenyan has a right to form a family. In as much as surrogacy has a constitutional basis, there is no substantive legislation and policy framework to guide the same. There is currently no law on surrogacy arrangements in Kenya except for what has been developed by the courts of law in their rulings. Surrogacy can be defined as an arrangement in which a woman (surrogate) agrees to carry and give birth to a child on behalf of another woman or a couple (intended

parent or parents).

In modern times, surrogacy had changed in tandem with technology. We now have genetic surrogacy in which the intending mother will have her own egg harvested with the intending father contributing his sperm or even sperm from an anonymous donor may be used. They are then artificially inseminated into the uterus of the surrogate mother. In other cases the egg of the surrogate is artificially inseminated with the sperm of the intending father and the resulting embryo introduced into the uterus of the surrogate.

Surrogacy can further be classified into commercial and non-commercial surrogacy. Commercial surrogacy is whereby the surrogate mother receives payment which is well beyond reasonable expenses associated with bearing a child, i.e. conceiving, gestating, and child bearing and subsequently relinquishing her parental right to the child upon birth. It is worth noting that commercial surrogacy is prohibited by law in major jurisdictions like the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. Kenya is among the few countries that legally allow com-

mercial surrogacy. Therefore in absence of requisite law on surrogacy, we may not know the kind of 'shady' deals that are happening in our country especially with our women who are in genuine need of money, fertility clinics, 'surrogacy agents' and foreigners in whose countries commercial surrogacy is illegal.

In non-commercial surrogacy, the surrogate mother receives payment purely as compensation for the reasonable expenses associated with child bearing but not for her services or for relinquishing her parental right to the child. Non-commercial surrogacy is allowed in most jurisdictions. However, in absence of relevant laws and a policy framework as in the case of Kenya, it is definitely not easy to differentiate what is commercial or non-commercial surrogacy.

This is a discussion that Kenyans urgently need to have.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



A climate changes sensitive Non-Governmental Organisation will on-board more than 25,000 farmers on agroforestry, a sustainable farming initiative to transform lives in seven counties by the year 2026. Solidaridad Network Project Manager Betty Musendi said the project entered Kenya two years ago in of counties of Trans-zoia, Bungoma, Kericho and Nandi. Musendi revealed that in the first two years they were able to support 582 farmers' agroforestry practices and have been able to sequester 1,327 carbon credit removals in Nandi County. "We are gathered here today to celebrate those pioneer farmers who are benefitting from our agroforestry initiatives," Musendi told the press at Allens Hotel in Kapsabet town on Thursday. She insisted that their initiatives are spreading and targeting to include counties of Bomet, Kisii and Nyamira with aim of on-boarding close to 25,000 farmers by the year 2026.



Embu County has partnered with the KCB Foundation to provide free scholarships to 500 Vocational Training Centres (VTC) students in the county. Governor Mabarie stated that for every shilling the county invests in VTC, the KCB Foundation will invest a similar amount. "For every student in VTC that we give a full scholarship, they will offer another student the same," she said. The program aims to equip unemployed and out-of-school young men and women with technical skills to start their own businesses. The governor said the county has set aside funds for 250 students this financial year and expects a counteroffer from the partners. The program is intended for the neediest students across the county to give them an equal chance to realise their life goals.

Four people died on Friday following the collapse of a sewer line under construction in Shauri Moyo, Nairobi. Police have confirmed that one injured individual was receiving treatment at Mama Lucy Hospital. A multi-agency team, including police officers from Kamukunji Sub-County, Nairobi City County, MSF, and Kenya Red Cross response teams, conducted the rescue operation. The bodies have been transferred to the City Morgue, where they await identification and autopsy.



Othaya constituency MP Wambugu Wainaina alias Mount Kenya held a consultative meeting with the Principals of all the area Day Secondary Schools at the local NG-CDF Hall where they explored on factors affecting good performance and ways for improvement the standards of education in the area. Through the MP's Wambugu Wainaina Foundation, the teachers were given revision materials that are expected to help the learners continue to prepare for the forthcoming national examinations. The lawmaker also donated learning materials that are used during the examinations where each candidate will receive an Oxford geometrical set, Haco ruler, four pens and a staedtler pencil. The Foundation will also cater for examiners who will be training the Form 4 candidates in six grouped venues across the constituency.



The Government of Kenya and her partners have stepped up efforts to completely eradicate the practice of open defaecation in the country by the end of 2025. They said about 5 million Kenyans still practice open defaecation, 85 percent of whom are domiciled in 15 counties, and that strategies had been put in place to have them declared open defaecation free (ODF) by the end of 2025. This, they said, was being done through the Kenya Sanitation Alliance (KSA), which was launched in 2021 with the aim of eliminating open defaecation in Kenya by 2025 through a combination of policy interventions, community engagement and infrastructure development. The 15 counties identified as having the highest rates of open defaecation are Baringo, Garissa, Homabay, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kwale, Mandera, Marsabit, Narok, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir and West Pokot. Senior health officials from the 15 high burden counties led by their County Health Executives and officials Ministry of Water and Sanitation and development partners UNICEF, USAID and AMREF among others, congregated at a Malindi hotel under the auspices of KSA to deliberating on the how to eradicate the vice.



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Pastor Dorcas Condemns The Reversing Of Gains Made Against Alcoholism

The Second Lady Made The Observation As 303 Men Showcased Skills Gained In Plumbing Welding And Masons, Among Other Sectors

By: ODP

Pastor Dorcas Rigathi has maintained the need for the nation to remain steadfast in the fight against alcohol and drug abuse, condemning any attempts to reverse the gains made in the campaign against addictions.

She said this during the event of showcasing of skills of 303 men trained in different artisan courses in Ngorano, Mathira constituency in Nyeri County that included plumbing, masonry, fashion and design, welding, electrical, and security.

“Some have vowed to bring back alcoholism to our children while we work at getting them out. Anything that comes to kill our children is satanic. Killing of the boy child through alcohol must stop,” she said.

The 303 have undergone skilling under the Boy Child Program led by Pastor Dorcas in collaboration with Vera Technical Training College for the last three months.

They will also undertake examinations under NITA to have them fully certified, and work anywhere as qualified artisans in their respective fields.

“This is a journey towards self-reliance for the boy child. I encourage local churches and the community, to call on the services of these men when they need a plumber, mason, or other services,” said Pastor Dorcas.

Area MCA Erastus Karanja said the event was a life impacting occasion to Mathira and the surrounding areas, saying the young men would have been ravaged by alcohol and drugs if they remained unskilled in the vil-



Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, the spouse of the DP watches as one of the beneficiaries of the boy child program in Ngorano, Nyeri County on Friday done finishing touches on a construction project during a day set aside to showcase skills gained by 303 men in plumbing, security, welding, fashion and design, and electrical installations.. Photo/ODP.

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lage. However, the training had given them renewed hope for their life and dreams.

“I know that parents face the challenge of school fees and hospital bills, and the community is very grateful to you (Pastor Dorcas) for lifting this burden off the shoulders of the parents,” said MCA Karanja.

Chairman of the Student Council Charles Mwenda appreciated the train-

ing of the all the 303. “Our lives would have been a waste because some of us would not have found the fees to pay for the courses. You are a bridge for us,” said Mr Mwenda.

Present were Sister Damiano (from the USA) of St. John the Beloved, DCC Titus Murei, Bishops, Pastors, NGAO, parents of the beneficiaries, the community, and the Founder of Vera Technical Training College, Mer-

cy Makena.

Parents said they would have sold their cows, or even taken loans for their children to study the courses and gain skills for free.

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Central Kenya ASK Show In Photos

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua yesterday presided over the official opening of Central Kenya ASK Show at Kabiru-ini show ground near Nyeri town.



Let's Work For The People, DP Tells Leaders

By: DPCS

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has cautioned leaders against divisive politics and asked them to work for the people.

Mr Gachagua, during a stopover in Nyeri Town after opening the Central Kenya ASK National Show, took on a section of leaders, whom he said are in early campaigns and trying to divide Kenyans into camps and regions.

He appealed to Kenyans to assess performance of their leaders and ignore those making utterances aimed at divisions and those that have abandoned their duty to engage in early politics.

"I am not for politics but work. I am focused on working for the People. Ignore and reject the divisive politics, but take note of the actions of each and assess their performance," he said.

He added: "The people of Kenya want their leaders to work not concentrate on politics. They want to see infrastructure projects such as roads, electricity, water and health being done. The elections ended. Kenyans do not want politics, they want their

leaders to work."

The Deputy President also led the residents in observing a moment of silence in memory of the 21 pupils killed during a fire incident at Hillside Academy Enderasha, Nyeri County.

Leaders accompanying Mr Gachagua demanded respect for the Deputy President and condemned their colleagues engaging in early campaigns for 2027 and 2032 elections.

Led by Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga and Nyandarua Senator John Methu, the leaders said they support the broad-based government.

"As Mt Kenya region we recognize DP Gachagua as our senior most political leader. Voters will decide the fate of all leaders come 2027 General Election. We are concerned because, instead of leaders addressing issues affecting wananchi, they are busy politicking. We shall firmly support the Deputy President. We know the Deputy President is being fought because of calling for unity and pushing the development agenda of the Mt. Kenya region, and it is uncalled for," said Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga.

"As leaders from Mt Kenya region we will continue supporting the Deputy President and working with him.

Attempts to undermine or sabotage him will not succeed. We support him in national unity and pushing for



Embakasi Central MP Benjamin Gathiru Meja Donk addressing Nyeri town residents as Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua listens.

interests of the farmers. Those doing political conferences can continue with the same but desist from dividing people. The people at the grassroots are with the Deputy President," said Senator Methu.

MPs James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Benjamin Gathiru Meja

Donk (Embakasi Central), Kamau Munyoro (Kigumo), George Koim-buri (Juja), Teresiah Wanjiru (Nominated), former Laikipia Woman Rep Cate Waruguru and former Mukurwe-ini MP Anthony Kiai, among others, were present.

"We won't leave the Kenya Kwan-

za Administration, we joined it willingly. The attempts to divide the Mt Kenya region into camps will not succeed. Our people are intelligent and they are aware of the divisive scheme. The schemers will not succeed. The President and his Deputy are together," said MP Gakuya.

Athi Water Works Development Agency Emerges 2nd Best Parastatal In Kenya

By: Dismas Otuke

Athi Water Works Development Agency emerged the 2nd best in the recent Kenya Trak Research Survey on parastatal performance, with a 72.8% approval rating.

The achievement underscores the agency's commitment to accountability, good governance, and the development of sustainable infrastructure projects across the country.

10,801 people participated in the survey, which was carried out between July 14 and August 31 of this year.

Of those, 73.2% said they had complete faith in the agency's ability to carry out its functions.

Athi Water Works Development Agency is a key player in Kenya's water and sanitation sectors and has been at the forefront of delivering

transformative projects, including multi-billion-dollar bulk water supply projects like the Northern Collector Tunnel and Karimenu II Dam, and other initiatives focused on enhancing last-mile connectivity.

Speaking about service delivery, C.E.O. Engineer Joseph Kamau stressed that the agency remains dedicated to driving progress in the water and sanitation sectors with the mandate of ensuring water security for Nairobi and surrounding areas.

"We remain committed to the resolve to building sustainable infrastructure that improves the quality of life for millions, safeguards the environment, and contributes to the country's socio-economic growth," said Eng. Kamau. "As a government agency committed to service delivery for the people, we are aiming to increase water coverage for Nairobi residents from the current 76% to 85% by 2027," Eng. Kamau concluded.



Startimes Adds Turkish, Philippine, Mexican And Indian Series To Bouquet

By: MKT Correspondent
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Startimes Media is set to dazzle audiences this September with a captivating lineup of new series, each bringing a unique blend of drama, romance, and suspense to screens.

Myke Mwai, Startimes Head of PR and Content Syndication, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming premieres.

“We are thrilled to bring these diverse and compelling series to our viewers. Each show offers a unique blend of drama and storytelling that will captivate audiences and keep them coming back for more. We’re confident that these new additions will enhance the viewing experience for our subscribers and solidify our position as a leading provider of quality entertainment.” he said.

The new lineup features a rich array of shows from Turkish, Philippine, Mexican, and Indian television, each promising to deliver a distinctive and

engaging viewing experience.

In the highly anticipated Turkish drama “Lost in Love” (Sakla Beni) will air on Novela E Plus, Channel 57/128, September 28 at 10:30 pm.

Viewers are introduced to Mete and Naz, whose affluent lives are set to change dramatically as they prepare to fulfill a childhood promise of marriage.

However, their seemingly perfect plans are disrupted when Naz’s maid, Incila, reappears, causing Mete to question his life choices and the path he is on. This series promises an emotional depth and gripping storytelling that will resonate with audiences.

On the other hand, “The Fake Life” (Philippine Series) will air on Novela E Plus, Channel 57/128, and Daily at 9:40 pm

“The Fake Life” follows Onats Villamor, portrayed by Ariel Rivera, whose seemingly perfect life as a devoted husband and successful bee farm owner takes a dramatic turn when he discovers he has a special condition.

The series delves into the challenges

of living a double life and the impact of unexpected revelations on family and personal identity.

In “StepMom,” set to air on Rembo Plus, Daily at 8:00 pm, Marcia Cisneros’s life is turned upside down when she is wrongfully convicted of murder and abandoned by her husband.

After spending two decades fighting to clear her name, Marcia is finally released from prison and returns to Mexico to confront her past and reclaim her family.

This powerful narrative of redemption and resilience promises to be a compelling watch.

“Soulmates” (Indian Series) will air on StarLife, Channel 500/550, Daily at 11:30 pm, viewers meet Sayali, whose dreams of a fairytale romance clash with the reality of her bond with Sachin, an emotionally scarred taxi driver.

The series explores the complexities of fate and love, and whether Sayali’s aspirations for a perfect life can overcome the harsh realities of her unconventional relationship.



President Ruto Is Keeping Tab On Progress Of Investigation Into The Cause Of Fire That Snuffed Out Life Of 21 Learners



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Worth Noting:

- The President also announced a three day period of mourning during which the national flag will fly at half mast.
- In the same breath, he directed the security agencies to conduct thorough investigations and this should be done speedily.
- Besides the affected families, Kenyans want to know the cause of this fire.
- The President also promised Kenyans that this will not happen again.
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President William Ruto.

President William Ruto was in China when the fire that gutted a dormitory at Endarasha School Academy snuffed out life of 21 learners.

His response was swift a move that demonstrated he was receiving timely briefings from security agencies of what was happening back at home.

In his statement, he left no doubt that he had been deeply touched with this sad and unfortunate incident.

He consoled the parents and guardians of those who lost their loved ones and wished the learners who were admitted at various hospitals a quick recovery.

As parents, we know that losing a child is very painful. The wish of every parent is to see the child completing education and thereafter being able to take care of himself, uplift the living standard of his or her family and serve the nation.

We therefore understand the pain you are going through. We share this pain and my government will stand with you.

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Most of the fires witnessed during the eras of Presidents Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta burnt dormitories broke out when the students were asleep.

I remember President Moi had set up commission of inquiry to probe the cause of these fires and come up with safety measures.

But it seemed the recommendations were not implemented.

I am sure President Ruto's administration will borrow heavily from that report and others including the one compiled by his government to come up with long lasting interventions.

Back to Endarasha fire tragedy, we saw a high powered team of government officials immediately visiting this school.

Given that this was a serious matter that bordered on security lapse, one would have expected to hear Interior Cabinet Secretary and heads of security

agencies briefing the country.

This was not however the case. All of officials opted to issue separate statements.

This did not augur because they ended up contradicting each other.

For Government Spokesperson, I heard him saying the government will donate rice and beans to this school.

This did not go down well with the bereaved parents and those whose children were missing. "We are not here for food. We want our children".

Ideally, one would have expected the Spokesperson to communicate the briefs from the CS.

The CS, on the other hand, was required to present to him some of the information he had from the security agencies.

The agencies would treat some of the information as confidential and hence would not allow it to be shared with the public. Reason? This is a matter under the investigation.

Initial media reports indicated that a number of children who had managed to escape when the fire broke out in the middle of night were missing.

Speaking when he visited the school, Interior CS Kithure Kindiki stated. We believe that these children left the school premises and got accommodated

by the neighbors.

As a government, we want to ensure all the children are accounted for. So, we ask the neighbors who have these children to return them back to school.

Initially, the confusion raged as leaders gave contradicting statements on exact number of missing children. This again exacerbated the anger of the affected families.

Generation-Z had also taken note of this and would later keep their word of visiting this school. They demanded to know from the government where '70 missing children' were.

GenZ visited the school a day after Prof. Kindiki stated that all children are accounted for.

For now, no child is missing. Police have confirmed this after conducting investigations.

Therefore, whoever gave you that information totally misled you. These officials were behaving badly and we are zeroing on them. Here we are dealing with very serious matter of life. It is therefore wrong to resort to politicizing it.

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Alarm Over Unroadworthy Vehicles Used To Transport School Children

By: Felix Njenga
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Alarm by concerned parents have been raised over the rise of unroadworthy and non-compliant to the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) requirements of school vans within Nairobi county.

According to the parents of both public and private schools, numerous reports have been recorded with the NTSA and traffic police of various police stations where both entities have been pointing fingers at each other on whose responsibility to act lies on hence continuing to put pupils at risk.

“I have personally gone to NTSA to report on unroadworthy van operating in a school where my son schools and i was referred to the traffic police of a police station near the school who in turn returned me back to the NTSA as it is their responsibility to inspect if school vans have complied with all necessary requirements,” a parent who sort anonymity said.

The parents of international schools within Nairobi who did not want to be named while seeking for the government to intervene said that there is a cartel of private vans offering transport services with school administrations and have no contract of tenure with the school but with parents who are unable to pay the official school transport system.

“There are school vans which are parked inside the school but are not the official school buses that ferry pupils in and out of school in the morning and evening perhaps because they are cheap and some parents want to use them despite the risks posed due to their conditions and non-compliance to NTSA rules on school vans and buses,” a parent said.

They said that the school vans are not painted yellow and written school vans, they do not have seat belts, they carry excess pupils and are unroadworthy posing a risk for the school going children.

According to a board member of one of the international schools who refused to be named as he is not the authorized person to speak on behalf of the school refuted the claims saying that the school buses are fully controlled and do not move around without any authorization.

“Our inspections of the school buses are up to date. During the holidays all vehicles were taken for service and am shocked to hear of the concerns,” the board member said.

The vice is also being experienced in public schools where concerned parents have reported of non-compliant school vans picking and dropping pupils within the school.

“Former matatu nissans are parked



Accident

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outside the schools where parents secure transport services for their children without checking whether the vehicles have adhered to requirements set out by NTSA. Most of the vehicles are unroadworthy,” a parent said.

In another incident Pupils of a Nairobi primary school had a fortunate escape from a potentially dangerous situation when an alert pedestrian raised the alarm concerning the unroadworthy condition of a school van they had been using.

The van had been contracted by a primary school to provide transportation services for the pupils.

The van had stalled due to lack of fuel and several pedestrians came to the rescue, assisting in pushing the disabled van off the road.

One observant pedestrian noticed a peculiar altercation of a nail beneath the acceleration pedal deliberately welded to prevent the driver from accelerating and posed a serious safety hazard.

This modification restricts the driver’s ability to accelerate the vehicle, potentially leading to dangerous situations on the road.

The matter was reported to NTSA and was acted upon.

On 2nd September this year Justice Roselyne Aburili of the High Court in Kisumu made a ruling that schools purchase buses and insure them for use by students and staff only, directing that boards of management of schools be served with her judgment.

In March this year NTSA listed five

key conditions that school transport must meet before embarking on ferrying students.

“Remember, school transport, like all Public Service Vehicles, must have a valid Road Service Licence (RSL),” NTSA said in a statement on X.

NTSA said school transport must also have a valid inspection certificate and the vehicle be fitted with a functional speed limiter.

“The driver must have the requisite Drivers License class endorsement and a valid PSV badge,” NTSA said.

“We urge all schools to ensure compliance with traffic rules and regulations. Let us all ensure our children are safe.”

NTSA also noted that it was expecting the vehicles to be fitted with functional seatbelts which the students can use during their transportation to and from school.

Additionally, the authority warned schools against disregarding the vehicle capacity limit. NTSA revealed that action would be taken against schools that overload.

The guidelines came in the backdrop of cases of accidents involving school buses.

In April this year NTSA Director General George Njao said that they identified a risk on school transport, not the regulated school buses but parents who have contracted certain individuals to provide transport for their school-going children.

Njao said the regulations followed concerns that some vehicles that parents join forces to hire are dilapidated

and largely unregulated.

“We have enhanced the regulations to introduce technology. The vehicles will be fitted with telematics and dashboard cameras to monitor the behaviour of drivers and occupants,” Njao said.

“We have heard from the Education Ministry of harassment and bullying in school transport systems. The idea is to give parents the comfort of knowing where their child has been picked and dropped, and how the vehicle is being operated,” the NTSA director general said.

In the rules, NTSA calls for vehicles transporting children to have minders on board, for instance, to help them cross the road and check on their general safety.

In a recent accident which occurred at the Gitaru-Kikuyu Road in Kiambu County in August between a school bus and a trailer left two people dead. Police said the accident happened after the driver of a hired school bus lost control and rammed into a stalled trailer at a known dangerous spot.

The vehicles which offer transport services for school going children despite being reported to be unroadworthy are still operational and have never been flagged down by traffic police or NTSA.

The parents have now laid blame to the authority for slumbering in their jobs since the school vans are in operation with also school administrations not acting for pupils safety.

Gachagua Calls For Financial Transparency In Cooperatives Movement

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Dr Andrew Karanja, industrialist Dr Thuo Mathenge and other leaders at the Kikuyu traditions exhibition stand at Kabiru-ini show ground, Nyeri on Friday.

Worth Noting:

- He explained that this will enable farmers to question any costs they find suspicious, thus contribute to better governance and accountability of the societies.
- He said this as he also called political leaders to keep off the ongoing reforms in the agriculture sector.
- “I have asked the Ministry of Co-operatives and Ministry of Agriculture to fast track the administrative and legal actions to enhance Corporate governance, transparency and accountability in co-operative societies. This includes direct payment to coffee farmers from the Direct Settlement System (DSS). For full disclosure, co-operative societies must publish and make known their costs and deductions to their members,” said Mr Gachagua.

Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has asked Coffee Cooperative Societies to publish and make known details of their financial costs and deductions to their members.

This comes amid heightened efforts to entrench efficient financial management practices in the cooperative movement through legal, regulatory and policy reforms, alongside the coffee subsector.

At the same time, the government has stepped up measures to comply with the European Union’s zero-deforestation law (EUDR), which require companies trading in coffee to conduct extensive diligence on the value chain to ensure the production of the crop does not originate from lands that have been deforested.

The Deputy President who was tasked by President William Ruto to lead reforms in Coffee Sub-sector, on Friday, asked the Sacco management officials to make full disclosure of the financial costs.

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He was speaking at the official opening of the this year’s Central Kenya National Agricultural Show at Kabiru-ini grounds in Nyeri.

He said the government is keen in ensuring Cooperative Societies end wastage and are efficiently managed and profitable like a business enterprise.

Mr Gachagua was representing President William Ruto at the event, where he was accompanied by dozens of officials and leaders.

They included Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja, Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga, Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Senator John Methu (Nyandarua), MPs James Gakuya (Embakasi North), Benjamin Gathiru Mejja Donk (Embakasi Central), Kamau Munyoro (Kigumo), George Koimburi (Juja), Teresiah Wanjiru (Nominated), former Laikipia Woman Rep. Cate Waruguru, former Mukurwe-ini MP Anthony Kiai, ASK National Chairperson Annabell Kiriinya, ASK CEO Batram Muthoka, ASK Nyeri Branch Chairman Patrick Karinga, Kenya Seed Company Board Chairperson Purity Ngirici, MCAs, Tana Water Works Development Agency chairman Wanyaga Gathaka, among others.

On Kenya’s compliance with European Union’s zero-deforestation law (EUDR), Mr Gachagua said; “we have mobilised action to ensure compliance with the European Union Deforestation Regulations before the December 30, 2024 deadline”.

He said measures are being taken

to ensure the coffee sector is aligned with European anti-deforestation regulations.

“This will enable us retain the profitable European Union market, which accounts for over 55 per cent of our coffee,” he said.

In his speech, the Deputy President highlighted the Government’s interventions in various crops.

He said the Government is addressing the challenges in Coffee, Tea, Dairy, Avocado and Macadamia sub-sectors through pushing of radical reforms.

“In supporting our small-scale coffee farmer, we have also availed Ksh3 billion for the Coffee Cherry Revolving Fund and a further Ksh2 billion for the Coffee Debt Waivers. It is, however, unacceptable that despite the rigorous reforms of transforming the coffee value chain, governance

of cooperatives remains the weakest link in freeing and empowering our farmers,” he added.

Regarding the tea sub-sector, the Deputy President said the Government has made progress with the ongoing reforms since the Kericho Tea Conference last year.

Last week while in Mombasa, the Deputy President engaged the newly elected Directors of the Kenya Tea Development Authority (KTDA) and they agreed that the tea farmer is a priority.

“As such, cutting down production and operational costs, eliminating loss-making subsidiaries and strengthening value addition for more money to trickle down to the farmer must be done,” he stated.

In the Macadamia sub-sector, he said, the Government has initiated a plan for full-scale lasting reforms-informed by robust farmer engagements.

“We are ready to discuss with processors and exporters on minimum returns equivalent to their sweat,” he says.

In the Avocado Subsector, the Government has implemented crucial interventions, such as removal of red tapes and streamlined processing and inspection for export.

This, he said, has eliminated undue delays and ensured quality fruits for export.

“We are also organising Avocado farmers into cooperatives for better economies of scale, as we expand our market into the United States of America, Japan, India, Malaysia, among others,” he added.

On dairy farming, the Deputy President said the Ruto administration is reforming the sub-sector and is implementing the minimum pay per litre at Ksh50, alongside prompt payment.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua with other officials admiring one of the dairy cattle at the Kabiru-ini show ground on Friday.

Thee, The Soulful Harmony



a ring

Nevertheless, thee, nightingale, myn
untold mirth
Thee, myn clout, hover around, sensed
the birth
Ever entangle with the regards, thee
myn hearth

Sometimes, in awe, words vanish, yet
heart reads
Thee, the ocean where the sawn swims
like feed
Yes, ponder, for multiple hours, thee, the
seed

Your flounder fumes, soon myn radiance
resumes
Thee, ease the veins, but canny hits,
often consume
yet, believe the beats, thee, covers myn
inner blooms

Echoe the even, thee tint the twigs,
firm and freeze
All thee belong, all myn regards are long
in breeze
Heart wernches when myn moves cacks
the glees.

Tajalla Qureshi

Exhilarate vehemently, thee blow the
brain
Unhread, unveiled stare, thee dye the
drain
Thee, over the clouds, a dale, as a
blessed rain

Elevate overwhelmingly, thee whisper
the charm
Cupped the core, Clutch curves, shared
the warm
Thee, the heaven, the thought at eleven,
often alarm

Entwine humorously, thee over the
delightful fling
Shore up, thee, fuel the feisty, wonder
with a bring
Blindly blink, thee, invading emerald, since

O My Friend, Return To God ASAP



As a pain, to a helpless slave,
Do not cover your mother's eyes with
tears,
Don't look at your father's money,
O my friend, return to God as soon as
possible!

Do not join the path of Satan, Do not
take the trust of a stranger as my love,
Be patient, one day you will be married
O my friend, return to God as soon as
possible!

Don't let the end turn into a dark day,
Do not take the curse of others.
Do not lose faith in your heart,
O my friend, return to God as soon as
possible!

God forgives his servant,
Just repent and stop doing bad things.
Be a good person, just be patient.
O my friend, return to God as soon as
possible!

By: Muhlis Qulmamatova
Come on, my friend, let's have a little chat.
Tell me what's on your mind, my friend.
Don't take life so lightly
O my friend, return to God as soon as
possible!

Allah gives many trials to whom He loves.
It's not just you, don't worry.
Make your way straight, walk proudly
O my friend, return to God as soon as
possible!

Climate's Call



A world transformed by human hand.
Regrettable!

What causes this? We know too well—
The smoke, the fire, the fossil's spell.
We dig, we burn, we cut too deep,
And wake the earth from ancient sleep.
The gases rise, they trap the heat,
The glaciers melt beneath our feet.
Regrettable!

But remedies, though faint, remain—
In every choice, we break the chain.
We turn to winds, to sun, to trees,
Restore the balance, calm the seas.
We walk with care, we plant, we grow,
We change the path, we learn to slow.
Hopeful!

For in the soil, the air, the sea,
Is all we need to set us free.
If we instead listen, heed the call—
We heal the earth, we save us all.

(Teacher Evans Asikoyo, the poet)

What is climate, but the breath
Of earth's great body, life and death—
The long, slow dance of wind and sun,
The skies, the seas, as seasons run.
The deserts dry to forests green,
It shapes the world, both seen, unseen.
Wonderful!

Yet now we feel its pulse off beat,
The cold that burns, the summer heat.
A shifting tide, a storm unplanned,

Time Will Tell You!



You will blink and think,
Smile and be clad in pink.

The audience will rush for autographs,
You will weep and smile at their drafts.
Engraving evoking art,
You will win their hearts.

Grabbing and gathering grace,
You will be tired in the damned race.
Take a pause and sip the holiness,
It will remove your hecticness.

But remember,
Don't keep in slumber, and eagerly peep!
Imagine the deep,
And miles to go before you sleep,
And miles to go before you sleep!

Muhammad Adnan

Time will tell your grace,
The world will identify in an endless race.
You are grace and grit,
People will know this writ.

Time will tell you the tale,
Of ecstatic reels.
You will stand tall like a protagonist,
And there will be endless claps from
your antagonists.

Eyes will search the persona,
Amid delightful flora and fauna.

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Kenya's Economic Engine Revving Up: Government Spokesperson Highlights Key Growth Sectors

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Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura painted a picture of a dynamic Kenyan economy, highlighting key sectors driving the nation's transformation.

He emphasized the government's commitment to empowering Kenyans and fostering a thriving, inclusive economy.

Mwaura kicked off his address by emphasizing the critical role of agriculture in Kenya's economy.

"Agriculture is the backbone of our nation, its direct contribution of 25% to the GDP and indirect impact on manufacturing and other sectors. With 40% of our population working in agriculture, it's a core pillar of our Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA)," he declared.

He acknowledged the high cost of food, which constitutes a significant portion of household spending.

"We're prioritizing lowering the cost of living through targeted agricultural reforms," he explained.

Mwaura highlighted the success

of the Fertilizer Subsidy Program, which has benefited millions of farmers and boosted maize production, reducing imports and lowering the cost of maize flour. Beyond maize, he celebrated improvements in key value chains like tea, edible oils, dairy, and leather, pointing to increased farmer incomes and job creation, stating that the people are seeing real progress.

Mwaura then shifted focus to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), the backbone of Kenya's workforce, by highlighting the government's efforts to revitalize County Industrial Development Centers, equipping them with resources to support various sectors like leather, textiles, and dairy.

"We're not just talking about supporting small businesses, we're building infrastructure for them to thrive," he noted.

He further emphasized the ongoing construction of County Aggregation Industrial Parks (CAIPs) across 19 counties, creating jobs and offering crucial infrastructure for MSMEs.

The Hustler Fund, launched in 2022, was another major initiative lauded by Mwaura, providing crucial financial support and fostering entrepreneurship.



Government Spokesperson Isaac Mwaura addressing journalists in Nairobi.

Touching on the government's commitment to providing affordable housing, a key aspect of building a brighter future for Kenyans, he explained that the government is building homes, and in turn, creating jobs, highlighting the construction of over 112,000 housing units and the creation of 160,000 jobs.

Mwaura also addressed the government's strides in healthcare, emphasizing the establishment of a new Social Health Authority to replace NHIF, bringing with it a new Social Health Insurance Fund and Primary

Health Care Fund, affirming that the government is committed to achieving 100% Universal Healthcare coverage, emphasizing the government's focus on ensuring access to quality healthcare for all Kenyans.

Finally, he looked ahead to the future, showcasing the government's commitment to digital infrastructure. He highlighted the expansion of fiber optic installation and the establishment of Wi-Fi hotspots, creating opportunities for the youth in the digital economy.

"We're building a digital super-

highway to connect Kenyans to the future, the digitization of government services and its positive impact on revenue collection," he stated.

He concluded by saying that the government's commitment to a broader socio-economic transformation plan, is about improving livelihoods, reducing costs and ensuring inclusive growth across the nation, emphasizing the government's dedication to building a brighter future for all Kenyans.

Wamuchomba Slams Nyahururu Declaration and Criticizes MPs For Neglecting Key Issues

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Githunguri Member of Parliament Gathoni Wamuchomba, has fiercely criticized the Nyahururu Declaration, where 48 MPs expressed support for Interior Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki.

In a strong response, Wamuchomba condemned the MPs for what she described as selfish behavior, accusing them of focusing on personalities rather than addressing critical issues affecting the Mount Kenya region.

Chief among these concerns is the alleged diversion of funds meant for the Cherry Fund.

Wamuchomba argued that the MPs' actions were not in the best interest of Kenyans or their constituents.

"If they were genuinely concerned, they would have discussed why the

KSh1.5 billion allocated for the Cherry Fund has been redirected to support cotton and dairy farmers in the Rift Valley, with additional funds being distributed to women's groups in Northeastern Kenya. Why are coffee farmers being overlooked while money is granted to other beneficiaries, leaving them impoverished and burdened by substantial loans?" she questioned.

She also criticized the MPs for failing to address tangible issues affecting ordinary citizens, such as the injustices faced by Maai Mahiu flood victims who have yet to receive compensation despite previous pledges.

Furthermore, the MPs did not address the recent Hillside Academy fire tragedy, nor did they inquire about the missing pupils. Additionally, the relocation of Marikiti traders, who primarily source vegetables and groceries from the Mount Kenya region, was not discussed.



Githunguri Member of Parliament Gathoni Wamuchomba



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The Digital Panopticon: Data Protection in the Age of Ubiquitous Surveillance - A Critical Analysis of ODPC Complaint No. 0372 of 2024



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Bank Kenya to promptly address the complainant's multiple requests for correction over a period of several months represents a clear contravention of this principle. This prolonged inaction not only violates the letter of the law but also undermines the spirit of data protection legislation, which seeks to empower individuals with control over their personal information. The case raises pertinent questions about the adequacy of internal processes within financial institutions for handling data correction requests and the level of priority accorded to data protection compliance in their operational frameworks.

The right to object to data processing, as provided for in Section 36 of the Data Protection Act, takes center stage in this legal drama. This right, which allows data subjects to contest the processing of their personal data, serves as a critical safeguard against unauthorized or unwanted use of personal information. The complainant's repeated attempts to exercise this right, through both telephonic and email communications, were met with a frustrating lack of response from the bank. This cavalier disregard for a fundamental data protection right underscores the challenges faced by individuals in asserting control over their personal information in an increasingly data-driven world. The case highlights the need for robust enforcement mechanisms to ensure that data controllers and processors respect and promptly act upon objections raised by data subjects, lest the right to object become a mere paper tiger in the face of corporate indifference.

The decision of the Data Commissioner to award compensation to the complainant marks a significant milestone in Kenyan data protection jurisprudence. By quantifying the harm caused by the unlawful processing of personal data and the infringement of the right to object, the Commissioner sends a powerful message about the tangible consequences of data protection violations. The award of Kshs. 450,000 as compensation serves not only as restitution for the complainant but also as a deterrent to other data controllers and processors who might be tempted to treat data protection obligations with less than due diligence. This decision aligns with the global trend towards recognizing data

Worth Noting:

- The constitutional underpinnings of this case cannot be overstated, as they form the bedrock upon which the entire edifice of data protection law in Kenya is constructed.
- Article 31(c) and (d) of the Constitution of Kenya, with its lofty ideals of privacy protection, stands as a bulwark against the encroaching tide of data exploitation that threatens to engulf modern society. It is within this constitutional framework that the Data Protection Act of 2019 finds its *raison d'être*, seeking to give concrete form to the abstract notions of privacy enshrined in the supreme law of the land.

"Big Brother is watching you." - George Orwell, 1984

In the intricate and multifaceted domain of data protection law, where the threads of technological innovation weave through the fundamental rights of individuals, the case of Kevin Kiprotich Rono v. SBM Bank Kenya (ODPC Complaint No. 0372 of 2024) stands out as a pivotal moment in legal discourse. This landmark ruling, delivered by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC), serves as a clarion call, highlighting the persistent and often fraught tension between the relentless march of technological progress and the inviolable sanctity of personal privacy in our ever-evolving digital landscape.

At the heart of this case lies the seemingly mundane yet profoundly consequential act of misdirected email communication. This incident unfurls a complex tapestry of legal challenges that delve deep into the core principles of data protection as enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution and the Data Protection Act of 2019. As we embark on an exploration of the nuances of this case, we will uncover the significant ramifications it holds for data controllers, processors, and subjects alike. This case compels us to reflect on the delicate equilibrium that must be maintained between the facilitation of efficient business operations and the imperative of safeguarding individual privacy rights. The implications of this decision resonate beyond the immediate parties involved, urging a reevaluation of practices within the data management ecosystem and reinforcing the necessity for robust compliance frameworks in an age where personal information is both a valuable asset and a potential liability.

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The facts of the case at hand present a seemingly mundane scenario that, upon closer inspection, reveals the insidious nature of data mishandling in the digital era. The complainant, Mr. Rono, found himself inundated with a veritable deluge of emails from SBM Bank Kenya, despite having no banking relationship with the institution. These digital missives, numbering an astounding 327 over a period of ten months, ran the gamut from innocuous promotional offers to highly sensitive information such as PIN alerts and account statements. The sheer volume and nature of these communications raise alarming questions

about the adequacy of data protection measures employed by financial institutions in their day-to-day operations. It is a testament to the pervasive nature of data collection and processing that an individual can find himself so thoroughly entangled in the digital affairs of a bank with which he has no formal association.

The response of SBM Bank Kenya to the complaint lodged by Mr. Rono is a study in the complexities of data management in the modern banking sector. The bank's assertion that the email address was provided by one of their customers with a similar name to the complainant highlights the precarious nature of relying solely on customer-provided information without adequate verification mechanisms. This situation is exacerbated by the bank's claim that it lacks the capacity to verify whether an email address belongs to a different person, a position that seems woefully inadequate in an era where data verification tools are readily available. The irony of a financial institution, entrusted with safeguarding the most sensitive financial information of its clients, being unable to verify the accuracy of a simple email address is not lost on the astute observer. This case serves as a stark reminder of the potential for widespread data breaches and privacy violations that can occur through seemingly innocuous administrative oversights.

The principle of data accuracy, as enshrined in Section 25 of the Data Protection Act, emerges as a central theme in this case. The Act mandates that personal data must be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date, with every reasonable step being taken to ensure that inaccurate personal data is erased or rectified without delay. The failure of SBM



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Empowering Gen-Z Entrepreneurs: Strategy For The Next Generation Of Leaders



By Dr Jas Bedi

Africa's population is estimated at 1,373,486,472. Generation Z is currently the largest generation in Africa with 428,514,686 inhabitants making up 31.20%. Kenya's population is estimated at 54,985,702. Generation Z is the most populous with 18,378,493 inhabitants representing 33.42%. Millennials are 12,123,453 representing 22.05%. Both generations make up 55.47%. At KEPSA, we recognise that the emergence of Generation Z in the workforce represents not just a demo-

graphic shift but a profound transformation in corporate culture and leadership dynamics. This generational shift presents both challenges and opportunities for businesses in Kenya.

In alignment with our KEPSA Business Strategy 2023-2027, we are committed to fostering an inclusive environment that embraces generational diversity. Our strategy recognises that the future of corporate leadership will be shaped by the diverse perspectives and ideas that Gen-Z brings to the table. By actively engaging this generation, we aim to cultivate a new wave of leaders who are equipped to navigate the complexities of the modern business world.

To support this initiative, KEPSA has launched several initiatives specifically designed to onboard and empower Gen-Z entrepreneurs. The Kenya Youth Employment and Empowerment Accelerator Program (KYEEAP) which is a multifaceted initiative dedicated

to nurturing small enterprises in Kenya by providing support in financing, market access, coaching, and supply chain opportunities.

This initiative comprises the Ajira Digital Program that targets individuals aged 18 to 35, offering training, mentorship, and job linkages through various avenues such as Ajira Youth Empowerment Centres (AYECs), university clubs, and partnerships with the private sector, Twende Digital Project with an aim to boost youth employment by empowering SMEs and has set targets such as generating 3,046 employment opportunities for young people and enhancing the income, profitability, and productivity of 400 SMEs. The Digital Skills and Employment Advancement Program (DSEAP), through the Microsoft Community Training (MCT) platform, trained 15,000 youth and provided labour market information to over 200,000 young individuals. Dual TVET and the

Digital Explorer among other KEPSA initiatives are strategically focused on driving the digital transformation of small businesses, creating job prospects in the digital sector, supporting the digitalisation efforts of the public sector, and enhancing market-oriented skills.

Additionally, KEPSA has implemented training workshops focusing on critical skills such as digital marketing, financial literacy, and business management. These workshops are tailored to meet the needs of young entrepreneurs, ensuring they are well-prepared to thrive in an increasingly competitive environment. By equipping Gen-Z with the necessary tools and knowledge, we are laying the groundwork for their success in leadership roles.

As we move forward, it is crucial that we continue to embrace generational diversity in our corporate strategies. By fostering an inclusive environment that values the contributions of all

generations, we can drive innovation, enhance productivity, and ensure sustainable growth for our businesses. The rise of Gen-Z is not just a trend; it is a transformative force that will shape the future of corporate leadership in Kenya.

We invite all stakeholders to join us in this journey towards a more inclusive and diverse business landscape. Together, we can harness the potential of Generation Z and create a thriving environment that supports the next generation of leaders. Let us work collaboratively to ensure that our businesses not only adapt to change but also lead it, setting a benchmark for future generations to follow.

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The High Court Of Kenya Has Sentenced Acting Inspector General Of Police Gilbert Masengeli To Six Months In Prison



By: James Kilonzo Bwire

police misconduct.

The High Court of Kenya has sentenced Acting Inspector General of Police Gilbert Masengeli to six months in prison for contempt of court. This ruling, delivered by Justice Lawrence Mugambi on September 13, 2024, follows Masengeli's repeated failure to respond to seven court summons regarding the disappearance of three individuals—activist Robert Njagi and brothers Jamil and Aslam Longton—who went missing during protests in Kitengela on August 19. The court's decision underscores the pressing need for accountability within law enforcement, particularly concerning allegations of

Court Proceedings and Rulings

Justice Mugambi's ruling mandates that Masengeli surrender to the Commissioner General of Prisons within seven days. Should he fail to comply, the Interior Cabinet Secretary, Kithure Kindiki, is tasked with ensuring his imprisonment. The judge emphasized that Masengeli's absence not only obstructed the judicial process but also hindered efforts to ascertain the fate of the missing persons. The court had previously extended multiple opportunities for Masengeli to comply with its orders, which he consistently ignored, opting instead to send his deputy to repre-

sent him. His legal team argued that he was engaged in critical security operations, but the court dismissed these claims, asserting that the rule of law must prevail.

The missing persons' families have been vocal in their pursuit of justice, alleging police involvement in their disappearances. This case has drawn significant attention from human rights organizations, which have documented numerous instances of enforced disappearances in Kenya, often linked to police actions. The Law Society of Kenya has praised the court's decision, viewing it as a reinforcement of the rule of law and a necessary step toward addressing police impunity.

Implications for Law Enforcement

Masengeli's sentencing is a pivotal moment for Kenya's law enforcement landscape. For years, police officers have operated with a degree of impunity, often evading accountability for their actions. This ruling serves as a critical reminder that no one, regardless of their position, is above the law. The judiciary's willingness to hold high-ranking officials accountable is essential for restoring public trust in law enforcement agencies.

The implications of this ruling extend beyond Masengeli's individual case. It highlights the urgent need for comprehensive reforms within the police force to address systemic issues of corruption and abuse. The public's trust in law enforcement is paramount, and actions such as these are crucial in rebuilding that trust. The judiciary's role in enforcing accountability is vital for ensuring that police serve as protectors of the people rather than enforcers of oppression.

Opinion: The Path Forward for Police Accountability

The sentencing of Gilbert Masengeli is a watershed moment in Kenya's ongoing struggle for justice and accountability within law enforcement. This case not only addresses the immediate issue of Masengeli's contempt but also serves as a broader indictment of a system that has often shielded police officers from accountability. The ruling sends a clear message: impunity will no longer be tolerated.

As Kenya faces ongoing protests and public discontent, the need for police reform has never been more urgent. The government must prioritize transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights to en-

sure that the police are seen as allies of the community rather than adversaries. This includes implementing measures to prevent enforced disappearances and ensuring that all allegations of police misconduct are thoroughly investigated.

The judiciary's role in this process is critical. By holding officials accountable, the courts can help to create a culture of respect for the rule of law within law enforcement agencies. This case could serve as a catalyst for change, prompting lawmakers and policymakers to consider reforms that enhance oversight and accountability mechanisms within the police force.

In conclusion, the sentencing of Acting IG Gilbert Masengeli represents a significant step toward accountability in Kenya's law enforcement. It is a reminder that the rule of law must prevail, and that public officials, regardless of their rank, must be held accountable for their actions. The path forward requires a commitment to reform, transparency, and respect for human rights, ensuring that the police serve the people with integrity and honor.

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African Youth Urged To Embrace Engineering To Drive Development

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Africa's youth have been called upon to embrace engineering as a key driver of development and innovation across the continent.

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She noted that Africa's future depends on its youth embracing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, particularly engineering, which lies at the core of solving the continent's most pressing challenges.

“The growing need for infrastructure, clean energy, and climate resilience offers a unique opportunity for engineers to shape Africa's path toward sustainable growth. But more efforts need to be put in attracting younger people, especially women, to the profession,” Eng. Mwaniki said.

“Women, in particular, need to step out of their comfort zones and grab the opportunities that are offered by companies such as Huawei. Programs like Seeds for the future, ICT Competition, Women Collaboration programs with our partners, etc will help expose the Women Engineers to advanced technologies that can enable them to create solutions for their country.”

The Africa Engineering Week provides a platform for government representatives, industry leaders, and academia to discuss policy frameworks and partnerships that can accelerate engineering education and innovation on the continent.

Celebrated across the region every year, UNESCO Africa Engineering Week promotes engineering solutions and awareness among students, society and policy-makers. It aims to inspire and educate youth and the public on the vital role of engineers in societies.

This year's edition is hosted by the



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Ordem dos Engenheiros de Angola in Luanda, Angola, and organised jointly by UNESCO, the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and the Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO).

It will include the 8th Africa Engineering Conference, the 7th Af-

rica Women Engineers Forum, the Young Engineers Forum and a Business-to-Business (B2B) session. These events will focus on sustainability and innovative infrastructures; engineering and acceleration of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation; and engineering education and ca-

capacity building.

“This year's theme, ‘Engineering and for Sustainable Development’, highlights the urgent need for technical solutions to address challenges such as climate change, infrastructure development, and digital transformation,” Eng. Mwaniki said.



Cross-section of Women in Tech the who attended the 10th Annual UNESCO Africa Engineering Week in Nairobi- Kenya

Muthurwa, Marikiti Traders Endorse Kangundo Market Relocation

By: Capital Correspondent

In a move aimed at decongesting Nairobi's bustling markets, traders from Muthurwa and Marikiti markets dealing in onions, potatoes, oranges, and pineapples have agreed to relocate to Kangundo Market.

The decision follows a meeting Friday morning with Nairobi Governor Johnson Sakaja.

The meeting, chaired by Governor Sakaja and attended by Nairobi Regional Police Boss Adamson Bungei, resulted in an agreement with Wakulima Market Chairperson Paul Maina, also known as Tonnie.

The relocation is part of a broader plan to reduce overcrowding in the city and provide traders with a more spacious, modern environment.

"After discussions with the Governor, we are convinced that we will benefit more from Kangundo Market. It is modern, with space for over

5,000 traders, and we are ready for a smooth transition," said Paul Maina.

Governor Sakaja emphasized that the move is essential for restoring order in the city.

He noted that both Muthurwa and Marikiti markets have become overcrowded, with three times the intended capacity of 1,200 traders.

"We mean well and cannot allow our people to suffer. This move will ensure that traders have a better space for improved services," said Governor Sakaja.

Fee waiver

To ease the transition, Governor Sakaja also announced a two-month waiver on cess payments, typically collected by the county from traders.

"We understand that moving your businesses will cause disruption, so for the next two months, you won't pay anything," the Governor confirmed.

Nairobi Police Boss Adamson Bungei reassured traders about their safety during the transition, affirming that security measures would be in



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"Our core mandate is to provide security, and we will ensure that you are safe," said Bungei.

Kangundo Market, the traders' new

location, can accommodate 5,000 traders and offers 4,000 parking slots.

It is strategically located at the junction of major highways leading to the airport and the city center, making it

a prime location for business expansion.

The Digital Panopticon: Data Protection in the Age of Ubiquitous Surveillance - A Critical Analysis of ODPC Complaint No. 0372 of 2024

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protection violations as giving rise to compensable harm, reflecting an understanding of the real-world impacts that such violations can have on individuals' lives, from emotional distress to potential financial losses.

The implications of this case extend far beyond the immediate parties involved, resonating throughout the Kenyan business landscape and potentially influencing data protection practices across various sectors. Financial institutions, in particular, must take heed of the heightened standards of care expected in the handling of personal data, given the sensitive nature of the information they process. The case underscores the need for robust data verification processes at the point of collection, regular audits of data accuracy, and

swift response mechanisms to address data subject requests and objections. Moreover, it highlights the importance of fostering a culture of data protection compliance within organizations, where respect for individual privacy rights is ingrained in every aspect of operations, from customer onboarding to ongoing communication practices.

From a comparative law perspective, this decision aligns Kenya with progressive data protection regimes around the world, particularly the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which has set the global benchmark for robust data protection standards. The willingness of the Kenyan Data Commissioner to impose significant financial penalties for data protection violations mirrors the approach taken by European data protection authorities, signaling Kenya's commitment to enforcing its data protection laws with vigor. This alignment is crucial in an era of global data flows,

where multinational corporations must navigate a complex web of data protection regulations across different jurisdictions. By demonstrating a serious approach to data protection enforcement, Kenya positions itself as a jurisdiction that takes the privacy rights of its citizens seriously, potentially enhancing its attractiveness as a destination for responsible data-driven businesses.

In conclusion, the case of Kevin Kiprotich Rono v. SBM Bank Kenya serves as a watershed moment in Kenyan data protection law, illuminating the intricate interplay between individual privacy rights, corporate responsibilities, and regulatory oversight in the digital age. As we stand on the precipice of an era where data has become the lifeblood of the global economy, this decision reminds us of the paramount importance of safeguarding the fundamental right to privacy enshrined in our constitution. The digital panopticon, with its all-seeing eyes and ever-listening



ears, looms large over our society, threatening to reduce individuals to mere data points in a vast algorithmic machine. Yet, through robust legal frameworks, vigilant regulatory bodies, and an informed citizenry willing to assert their rights, we can hope to forge a future where technological progress and personal privacy coexist in harmonious balance. As we navigate the uncharted waters of the data-driven future, let this case serve as a lodestar, guiding us towards a more equitable and privacy-respecting digital ecosystem.

For in the end, as we grapple with the challenges posed by the digital revolution, we must never lose sight of the fundamental truth that lies at the heart of data protection law: that behind every data point lies a human being, deserving of dignity, respect, and the inalienable right to control their personal information.

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Harambee Stars placed themselves in prime position to punch a ticket to the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) after bagging four points in the opening two matches of the qualifiers.

Stars kicked off the hunt for a ticket to Morocco with a barren draw against Zimbabwe on Friday last week at Mandela Stadium in Namboole, Uganda.

The team defied all manner of odds stacked against them to beat Namibia 2-1 in a match played at Orlando Stadium in South Africa.

The four points were enough to send Stars to the summit of group J with four points, a tally similar to that of five-time champions Cameroon.

With Stars set to return in action in October for a double clash against Cameroon, there is optimism that the team will pick up more points and inch closer to sealing a return to the AFCON.

Owino confident of Stars sailing through

Fast-rising defender Sylvester Owino is confident that the team will book a return ticket to the AFCON following the impressive start.

Owino, who made his Stars debut against Zimbabwe, casts his hope on the determination of the team to play in the 2025 finals in Morocco.

Stars have missed the previous two editions, in Cameroon and Ivory Coast, with the team watching the latest edition from home due to the FIFA suspension that barred them from playing the qualifiers.

“We have a realistic chance of qualifying for the AFCON. Everyone in the team is determined to qualify after missing the last two editions. If we build on the good start, we will make it to Morocco,” the Gor Mahia man told SportsBoom.com.

Six more points are enough

With four matches remaining in the qualifier roster, Owino believes that six points out of the possible 12 points will take the team to Morocco.

Previously, teams have been heavily relying on the strategy of winning all home matches and securing a draw or victory in foreign territory to qualify.

However, Owino says two more wins might just be enough to seal the deal early and give Kenyans

something to celebrate about.

“If you look at the numbers, ten points have always been enough. This means, if we get two more wins, we might get the ticket,” he said.

Cameroon are beatable

Renowned Cameroonian and Manchester United goalkeeper Andre Onana, in an interview after their match against Zimbabwe, identified Kenya as the country with the capacity to upset them in the group.

Considering the quality and experience in their squad, the Indomitable Lions are deemed clear favourites to top the group.

Out of the four teams in the pool, only Cameroon have CAF-approved stadia and thus, will be enjoying support in home matches.

Despite all these, Owino is confident that Kenya will get points against the five-time champions. Kenya’s home match will be hosted at Namboole according to sources.

“African Football has changed as there no longer exists under-

dogs. We will confront them with confidence and get at least three points. The next round of qualifiers is very important,” said the former Kakamega Homeboyz defender.

Coach Firat bullish ahead of Cameroon encounter

The win over Namibia appears to have ignited the team’s desire to qualify for the AFCON as coach Engin Firat is promising to cause Cameroon all sorts of trouble.

Initially, Kenya would not have dared to dream of beating Cameroon, but the Turkish coach warned them to prepare for grueling encounters.

“Do you think Kenya is an easy team? Cameroon should think about how they want to crack Kenya, we are not afraid of Cameroon, you saw the boys, how they played before against Ivory Coast, against Russia against Qatar,” he said.

The unity in the playing unit gives Firat hopes of a good outing in the next international window.

“If you have the boys together, the boys are very united and they believe in each other, we are on our way, let us face the reality of what the boys have done this year, they are unbeaten this year, they have won a Cup (Four-Nation tournament) outside Kenya, we have scored 10 goals from the last six matches, we had never won in Namibia but we have won now,” he added.

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Al Ahly Have Great History But Anything Is Possible, Says Gor Mahia Coach Martins Neiva

By: Louis Hobbs (SportsBoom)
Gor Mahia head coach Leonardo Martins Neiva believes playing against Egyptian giants Al Ahly in the second round of the CAF Champions League will be a tall order for the Kenyan champions but maintains "in football, anything is possible."

K'Ogalo, who clinched a record 21st Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League title last season to make a return to the inter-club competition, reached the second round after eliminating South Sudanese outfit El Merreikh Bentiu on a 5-2 aggregate result.

Gor Mahia lost the first leg in Juba 1-0 but turned on the screw during the return leg to hammer the visitors 5-1 at Nyayo Stadium and secure their passage to the second round of the lucrative competition.

K'Ogalo's qualification pitted them against the African champions Al Ahly, who had received a bye to the second round. Gor Mahia will host the Red Devils in the first leg at Nyayo Stadium on Sunday, September 15, before the two sides face off again in the return on Saturday, September 21 at Cairo International Stadium.

Al Ahly the Greatest but Giant clubs Suffer Defeats

Kenya teams have always endured a bad record while playing against teams from North Africa including the national team Harambee Stars. Whenever the local teams get a draw against an opponent from North Africa it becomes the end of their journey in any CAF competition.

In recent years, only Sofapaka managed to turn the tables against Egyptian side Ismaily SC during their Confederation Cup fixture in 2020. Having gone down 2-0 in the first leg tie in Egypt, Sofapaka mounted a comeback to upset their visitors with a 4-0 win in Nairobi.

However, Sofapaka's quest to reach their first ever group stage in the CAF competition was dashed

after they lost to another North African side Tunisia's Club Africain on a 4-3 aggregate result. They lost the first leg 3-0 in Tunisia before losing 3-1 in Nairobi.

The 46-year-old Brazilian tactician, who took charge of K'Ogalo on July 1, 2024, to replace the departed Johnathan McKinstry, is hopefully with his great experience in coaching, the poor run of results by Kenyan clubs will soon be a thing of the past.

Asked whether the poor record will change when Gor Mahia take on Al Ahly, Martins Neiva responded exclusively to SportsBoom.com. "We hope so, everyone knows that Al Ahly is the big favourite to keep the title (Champions League trophy) again by the great history and records of the club, but I can give you an example when things went against the favourite."

"I had a great experience in the Qatar World Cup qualifiers in 2021 where I managed to qualify the Saint Kitts and Nevis National Team for the second round for the first time ever in the country's history. We were fourth Power/force in a group with 5 (five) national teams where the big favourite was Trinidad and Tobago, who had already played in the World Cup before."

Martins Neiva continued: "So, in football everything is possible, we have already seen giant clubs and national teams defeated."

While Gor Mahia has 21 Kenyan league titles, Al Ahly has a record of 44 Egyptian Premier League titles, 39 Egypt Cup titles and 14 Egyptian Super Cups.

They are the most successful club in Africa having won a record 12 Champions League titles, one Confederation Cup, a record of eight CAF Super Cups, a record of four African Cup Winners' Cups, one Afro-Asian Club Championship, one Arab Club Champions Cup, one Arab Cup Winners' Cup, a record of two Arab Super Cups, and has won 4four bronze medals in the FIFA Club World Cup.

Gor Mahia Undergoing Tactical, Physical Preparations

According to Martins Neiva the fixture against Al Ahly will demand a lot from his players hence the decision to focus on tactical and physical preparations.

"We are undergoing tactical, physical, and technical preparations to try to do our best against the African champions. This game will certainly demand a lot from my players due to the level of the opponent," offered Martins Neiva, who last season coached Uganda Premier League giants Vipers SC and had a short spell at Sudanese giants Al Merrikh in 2022.

Gor Mahia is yet to play their first match in the FKF Premier League after the opening fixture against FC Talanta was shelved to allow them time to prepare for the El Merreikh first round clash.

On whether missing domestic action will affect his team, Martins Neiva said: "Of course, if we were in a competition, we would be more physically prepared (match fitness), but let's manage this well."

Gor Mahia centre back Alphonse Omija suffered a knock and was withdrawn during Harambee Stars' 2025 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifying Group J fixture against Zimbabwe which ended in a 0-0 draw at Stade Nelson Mandela Stadium in Kampala, Uganda, on Friday, September 6.

Despite the injury to the 21-year-old, who missed Kenya's matchday two fixture against Namibia at Orlando Stadium on Tuesday, September 10, Martins Neiva is keeping fingers crossed that he will make the squad for the Al Ahly game.

"Omija got an Injury during his last game for the national team against Zimbabwe, he is under treatment already. I Hope he can play," explained Martins Neiva.

El Merreikh Thrasing Will Motivate Gor Mahia Players

Gor Mahia's 5-1 hammering of El Merreikh to qualify for the second round will be a big motivator for the side against the Red Devils, according to Martins Neiva.

With K'Ogalo losing 1-0 away, El Merreikh further complicated matters for the Kenyan side after they took an early lead in the return at Nyayo Stadium. However, goals from Crispin Ochieng, Austin Odhiambo, Omija and a brace from Rooney Onyango, turned the game in favour of K'Ogalo in front of their Green Army.

"Positive results always motivate us, but the biggest motivation is to be able to play against the best team of Africa. Also, it will be an amazing opportunity for the players' exposure and to express themselves for all of the continent to see them," said Martins Neiva.

On August 13, Gor Mahia lost their key striker Benson Omalla to Lebanese outfit Al-Safa FC. The 21-year-old Omalla, was K'Ogalo's top scorer in the FKF Premier League last season after scoring 19 goals to win the Golden Boot Award.

Despite missing the services of Omalla, Martins Neiva is confident of other players stepping in and doing the job. "We have other players who will cover this gap," Martins Neiva responded when asked about Omalla's exit. "We have a good group of players who can replace him, we don't need to worry about that."

The Brazilian concluded: "For us to beat Al Ahly, first of all, a lot of commitment from all of us. We must have a determined team that will seek its best performance to play competitively and try to surprise them (Al Ahly)."

The last time Gor Mahia played against an Egyptian opponent was in 2019 during the group stage of the Confederation Cup. Gor Mahia suffered a 4-0 defeat in the first-round meeting in Cairo but recovered to win the reverse fixture 4-2 at Kasarani Stadium.

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Education Of Special Needs Children



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- Children with autism, down syndrome, and learning difficulties are examples of disorders that fall under the category of children with special needs.



Education Of Special Needs Children. Photo - Courtesy

A kid is a one-of-a-kind individual with their own personalities, quirks, and qualities. As a result of this natural variety, the mental capacities of all infants, even sets of identical twins, are distinct. Every youngster has their own special identity. It is not always the case that the individual traits of children are proportionate to one another. Every youngster is born with the intrinsic capacity to learn new things and grow in their own special manner. Some children are born inherently intelligent and responsive to learning, while others can need more time to fully comprehend new information. It is for this reason that it is not a good idea to treat all children in the same manner. Children who are inclined to succeed in one area but suffer in another, as well as those who have other issues in their development, are both included in the group of children who are considered to have special needs. This category is a wide one.

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ments that distinguish them apart from children who are considered to be "normal," and they need personalized help to meet those requirements. Children with autism, down syndrome, and learning difficulties are examples of disorders that fall under the category of children with special needs.

Children who have true difficulties with abilities such as listening, talking, reading, writing, thinking, and arithmetic are the ones we refer to as having "learning challenges." When we speak about "children with learning issues," we mean children who have these difficulties. It's possible that a child's capacity to learn across a variety of subject areas would suffer as a result of these obstacles.

Learning difficulties are unfortunately all too frequent among young people, especially in the setting of schools and education. When someone has problems learning new things, the common assumption is that they are not intelligent enough. Children that have trouble learning should not be sent to ordinary schools because if they do so, they will continue to fail academically even after attending such institutions. Children who have difficulties in learning often have a more difficult time than their peers in acquiring new ideas and concepts. If a child who is having difficulty intel-

lectually is enrolled in a traditional school, it is inevitable that they will lag behind the other children in their class. Every kid has a unique mental capacity for learning, and these capacities might range widely. The fact that no two children, not even two sets of identical twins, are precisely the same is one of the factors that contribute to the fact that their IQs are not the same. Learning challenges in children are a topic that is not only intriguing but also very important. There isn't a single factor that can be singled out as the cause of a child's difficulty in acquiring new knowledge; rather, the causes originate from a broad variety of different places.

These phenomena may be caused by a combination of internal and external factors, such as the management of learning activities that do not spark children's learning drive and the delivery of erroneous repetition. In addition to these possible external reasons, brain dysfunction and incorrect learning processes are also possibilities. It's also possible that the individual's psychological requirements aren't being satisfied to the level that they should be. This is something that you should look into. Primary requirements, which are often referred to as physiological needs, include things like the necessity for food and water, while secondary wants, which are also

referred to as psychological needs, include things like the requirement for a sense of protection and security. The two categories of fundamental criteria are not interchangeable with one another. If a person does certain acts or displays particular behaviors, they may be able to satiate both their primary or physiological wants as well as their secondary or psychological needs. When a kid's emotional and behavioral needs are met, the child experiences emotional growth and development on both an emotional and behavioral level.

This, in turn, has an effect on the child's cognitive and social skills. These conditions have to be satisfied since they play a significant role in building a solid foundation, which is necessary for the development and growth of new characteristics.

If the child's requirements are satisfied, he or she will experience fulfillment and joy, which is a state that may be encouraged and supported. The converse is true if the youngster is unable to conquer this impediment; in that instance, he or she may suffer intense disappointment or fury as a result. Feelings of aggravation are sometimes brought on by a combination of things, including one's own actions, the actions of others, outside influences, and even one's own mental condition.

During the formative years of a kid, negative experiences such as disappointments or frustrations may make it more difficult for the youngster to adapt to new environments in the future. It is possible for a kid to experience learning challenges, which are one kind of adjustment disorder. Adjustment disorders may affect children. In light of the information presented above, the researcher aims to focus the bulk of this investigation on the problem of identifying the psychological needs of children who have difficulties with learning as the primary focus of this investigation.

There is a significant amount of space here for study and discussion. It is possible to deduce, based on the circumstances that lead to the emergence of learning difficulties, what psychological and physiological needs children who have these difficulties have.

We choose to focus on this topic so that in the future we would have a better understanding of the types of assistance that parents and teachers of children who have difficulties learning need in order to give those children with the most favorable conditions for education and growth.