



Pyramid Of Exploitation: The Socialist Critique Of Capitalism
 The "Pyramid of Capitalist System" cartoon, created in 1911 by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), provides a scathing critique of capitalism and social stratification. It vividly captures the essence of class struggle, economic exploitation, and social inequality that are inherent in capitalist systems

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ASK CEO Batram Muthoka (right) with other officials in Mombasa yesterday

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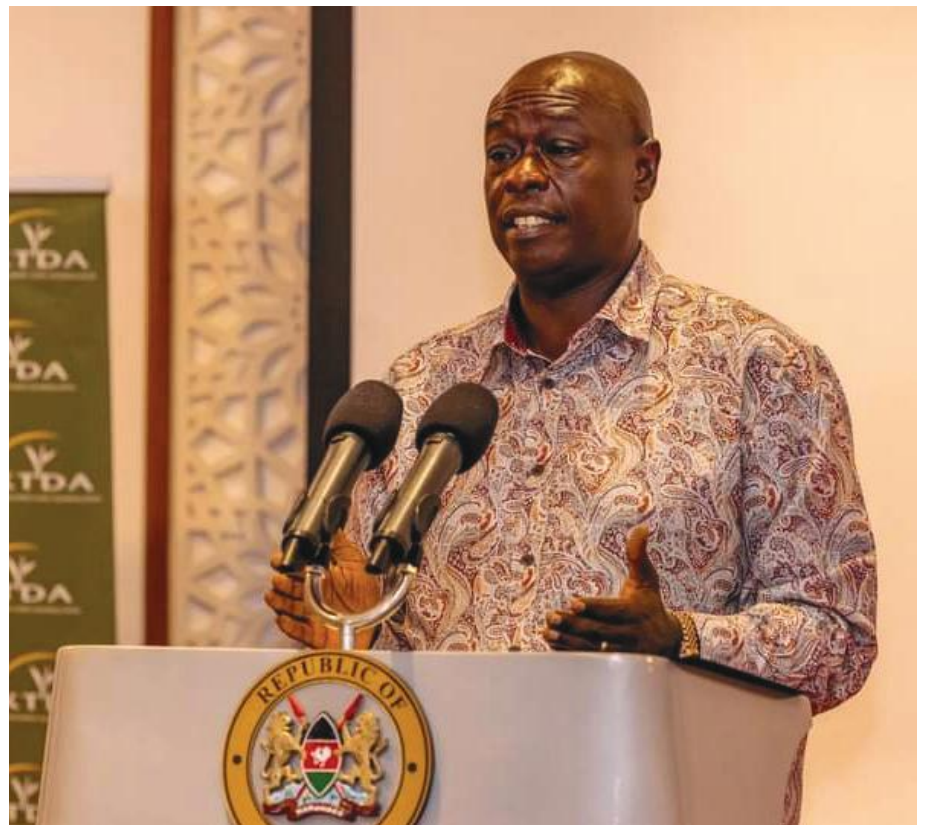
P. 12. The government is ready to engage macadamia processors and exporters if they are ready to offer farmers better pay, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said.

Gachagua: Accomplish Tea Reforms

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua addressing tea stakeholders

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First African Regional Disability Pre-Summit Sets The Stage For Global Advocacy



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In a landmark event for disability rights, the first African Regional Pre-Summit, organized by the African Disability Forum (ADF) and the International Disability Alliance (IDA), was held yesterday in Nairobi. Co-hosted by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Pre-Summit coincided with the 2024 African Disability Conference and brought together representatives from 40 African countries. The event marks a crucial step toward Africa's participation in the Global Disability Summit (GDS) set for April 2025 in Berlin.

The opening session featured a distinguished panel of leaders, including Idriss Maiga, chairperson of ADF; Mudford Zachariah Mwandenga, Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; Mercy Wanjau, Secretary to the Cabinet of Kenya; Jose Viera, Interim Executive Director of IDA; Kennedy Kalunga, Permanent Secretary, Cabinet Office (Special Duties), Zambia; and representatives from the British and German embassies.

In her keynote address, Wanjau emphasized the need for a new approach to inclusivity in Africa. "As Africa navigates the evolving landscape, we are tasked with rethinking our approach to inclusivity and development, ensuring that the needs and rights of persons with disabilities are at the forefront of both our policy and humanitarian efforts. By prioritizing accessibility and equity, we can forge a more inclusive Africa where every person, regardless of ability, can thrive and contribute meaningfully to our shared future," she stated.

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Maiga, underscored the importance of African leadership in disability rights. "This Pre-Summit is an opportunity for us to elevate African perspectives on disability rights, ensuring that our voices lead the way in defining the global agenda. Together, we can ensure that persons with disabilities across Africa have a say in shaping the commitments that will affect their futures. The strength of the Global Disability Summit lies in regional contributions, and today we have demonstrated Africa's readiness to lead."

Regional summits like this play a vital role in bridging gaps between local, regional, and global disability rights frameworks. The event encouraged col-

laboration between organizations such as the African Union, Arab League, and European Union while promoting active participation from Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs).

Nawaf Kabbara, President of IDA, emphasized the significance of regional voices in shaping the global disability agenda. "Bringing together leaders from organizations of persons with disabilities across Africa is the only way to truly understand the diverse perspectives and priorities of persons with disabilities from the region, ensuring that local and regional voices are central to shaping commitments."

The success of this first African

Pre-Summit has set high expectations for the GDS 2025 in Berlin. Dom Haslam, Deputy CEO of Sightsavers International, concluded, "To have the voices of persons with disabilities, in the shape of their representative organizations, from across Africa, coming together to demand progress in the achievement of their rights, but also to share their knowledge on how that can be done, is exactly what the Global Disability Summit should be about."

As the world gears up for the GDS 2025, African disability advocates hope this Pre-Summit will serve as a catalyst for meaningful change across the continent and beyond.

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About 90 youths in Makueni County have been given trade tools to start businesses to generate income, alleviate poverty, and become self-reliant. The youths were handed over the tools by the Makueni County Deputy Governor Lucy Mulili after they underwent a thorough 8 weeks on job-training under the supervision of identified master craftsmen through a programme dubbed Ujuzi Teke Teke in the Department of Gender, Children, Youth, Sports and Social Services. “The programme seeks to create self-employment for the youth as well bridge the capital gap by providing tools of work. Hence, it gives me great pleasure to be part of this occasion targeting various Jua Kali sector which is a game changer sector when it comes to economic stability of our county,” said Mulili, during the graduation and issuance of tools trade for Teke Teke programme at the Makueni Integrated Vocation Centre. Among the tools of trade handed over to the beneficiaries who were drawn from the 30 wards in the county included sewing machines, car wash machines, saloon, barber machines to mention a few.



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has lauded the Directorate of Criminal Investigations for the continued war on sale, distribution and consumption of illicit drugs. Speaking at the National Police Service stand on the occasion of the official opening of the Mombasa International Show, the Deputy President assured the Director DCI Mr Mohamed I. Amin of the government’s support in ensuring the war on drugs is sustained for a drug free society. Gachagua further noted that tangible milestones in the war against drugs within the entire Coastal region have been attained, urging the DCI to keep doing it’s work relentlessly.



Odibets has partnered with the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) to give Harambee stars jersey to fans. In the announcement made on Thursday, September 5, Odibets will be the official fan jersey sponsors for the national team Harambee stars. We want to ensure fans have jerseys as they head to Uganda to support Harambee stars. We have over 50,000 Harambee jerseys to give away,” said Dedan Mungai, Odibets general manager.



Nairobi Regional Commissioner Katee Mwanza has cautioned individuals vandalizing roads furniture along Kitisuru-Thika Road in Westlands and Kasarani sub counties within Nairobi County to stop forthwith. Mwanza said the government has spent a colossal amount of funds and resources to construct roads and other infrastructures in the county and will not allow people to destroy them. “Security Committees in the Sub Counties should ensure that vandalism of road furniture is stopped, and those involved in the theft should be arrested and arraigned in court,” he stressed. The RC mentioned that in 2022, there was widespread vandalism of critical infrastructure in the country, which made the government to make a decision that anyone found vandalizing road furniture be charged with terrorism. The RC was speaking during the Nairobi National Government Development Region/County Implementation Coordination and Management Committee held at the Regional Commissioner Boardroom at Nyayo House Building that was attended by the Director Delivery Service for Nairobi and Central Regions Mr. Jonah Orumoi and Departmental Heads. He at the same time cautioned people encroaching on the Southern bypass and other road reserves within the country to stop.



A delegation from Malawi and members of WASREB paid a courtesy call to the Ministry of water, sanitation and Irrigation for the benchmarking of the Ministry on Regulatory Overview, Institutional Arrangements, Sector Policies and Registrations. Representing the Principal Secretary water and sanitation Julius Korir, was Engineer Mary Wamaitha who took the delegation on a learning expedition on what sanitation sector does on daily basis. The team from Malawi were happy to learn on regulatory tools, customer service, service delivery provision and how the State of Water and Sanitation Department functions. The team was very happy with the polices the Ministry undertake and appreciated that they will implement what they have learnt from the Ministry to their country.

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The government Want Tea Reforms Accomplished, Says Gachagua

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Worth Noting:

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Speaking in Mombasa, when he addressed Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) affiliated factories directors during the closure of the week-long induction course, the DP said the government must protect the interests of the 800,000 tea growers and thus focus on the improvement of quality.

"I direct TBK leadership to pursue the errant producers who are out to sabotage our tea as we are working on looking for the market while others are producing low-quality produce," said the DP.

He said the directors must work towards reducing the production costs, with energies on improved sales and quality green leaf at the farm level.

Gachagua emphasized that the government had an unswerving interest in the sector calling on the players to ensure the cost of production was brought down to a manageable level to enable the farmers to reap better returns.

He noted that the sector was important as it earns the country foreign exchange worth billions annually.



KTDA chairman Enos Njeru addressing stakeholders in Mombasa yes.

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He proposed that KTDA subsidiaries that make losses should be shut down. "The investment in loss-making businesses without returns to the farmer should be closed and a forensic audit conducted," said Gachagua.

The DP said KTDA should increase the sale of value-added tea from the current 1% to 40% by 2027, as Sri Lanka, a leading producer of the commodity was doing 50 per cent in the value addition.

"The regulator should deal with tea

brokers and other players in the value chain who mess the sector their licenses should be revoked immediately and surcharged," noted Gachagua.

On his part, Njeru said there was a need for the directors to collectively address tea quality in their areas to ensure the farmers interests are looked at.

He said production of quality alone is not enough and thus, there was need for combined efforts to produce top-notch tea that will only bear fruit if the end product is successfully absorbed by the market.

KTDA, the DP said, was committed to expanding its market share through retaining the existing markets but also exploring new ones.

"I challenge the directors to be innovative in finding new routes to take our teas to the market," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary said the government targets tea sales will increase from KSh180 billion to KSh360 billion by the year 2027 while the volumes rise from 20 million kilograms to 25 million kilograms in the same year.

"We are also set to have the price of the commodity from KSh59 to KSh90 by the year 2027," said the Agriculture CS.

The PS said the stocks of unsold teas have reduced from 100 million kilograms to 37 million.

"Following the directive to remove the reserved price on our teas, in the shortest time we have managed to reduce the unsold stock," said Dr Rono.

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KISE Expo 2024: Empowering Lives Through Assistive Technology Innovation

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The Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) has hosted the African Expo on Specialized Learning Materials, Assistive Devices, and Technology in Nairobi, an event designed to showcase innovations aimed at enhancing the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

As assistive devices play a crucial role in improving the quality of life, independence, and participation of individuals with disabilities, the Expo aims to bridge gaps in access, awareness, and provision of these essential tools.

Globally, 2.5 billion people require at least one assistive device, with this number projected to rise to 3.5 billion by 2050, according to the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

In Kenya, the situation is dire, with the 2018 National Survey on Children with Special Needs and Disabilities highlighting a severe shortage of assistive devices in schools, hindering students with disabilities from accessing quality education.

Speaking during the opening ceremony Chief Guest, Basic Education PS Dr. Belio Kipsang, stated that the Expo is meant to create awareness of various assistive technologies in enhancing the inclusion of persons with disability

“The anticipated outcome of this expo is improved production, create awareness of various assistive technologies, distribution and maintenance of specialized, resources ensuring they are not only available but also sustainable,” noted PS Kipsang.

The Expo, themed “Affordable and Accessible Specialized Learning Materials, Assistive Devices, and Technology,” brought together manufacturers, innovators, distributors, and end-users to create awareness, share experiences, and explore solutions. Key objectives include exposing users to available technologies, fostering partnerships among stakeholders, and establishing networks to improve production and distribution.

The Director KISE, Dr. N. Kiogora thanked the government and other stakeholders for the support they have always accorded KISE during the KISE, underscoring the critical role of inclusive learning in achieving equity in education

“I thank everyone who has come to this Expo today, and also the government for greater efforts they have given us. KISE’s commitment is to enhance education for learners with special needs, and therefore I call for greater collaboration among stakeholders in the education sector to integrate modern assistive technologies into schools. Innovation is the key to unlocking the potential of all learners, regardless of their abilities,” remarked Kiogora.

Some of the Sub-Themes to Driving the Conversation were: Specialized Learning Materials, Assistive Devices, and Technology Manufacturers and suppliers who also showcased their products, offering a platform to engage with potential users and new markets.

Resourcing for Specialized Learning Resources which focused on financing models and strategic approaches for resourcing assistive technologies, with discussions on partnerships to enhance provision and distribution.

User Perspectives, Individuals who rely on these technologies shared their experiences, offering insights into the transformative impact assistive devices have on their daily lives, Policymakers explored the frame-



Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education Dr. Belio Kipsang being ushered through the various exhibitions stands at KISE Expo 2024 by KISE Director General Dr. N. Kiogoro and other KISE members.

works governing the production and distribution of assistive devices, discussing ways to enhance access and affordability across different countries.

Artificial Intelligence and IoT for Persons with Disabilities and their role of AI and IoT in enhancing independence and creating more inclusive environments for persons with disabilities were also explored, with case studies showcasing successful

implementations.

The two day event is expected to address the critical challenges of availability, cost, and user-specific needs, and hopes to spark collaborations that will improve access to assistive devices across Africa. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, the event seeks to drive forward a more inclusive future for persons with disabilities.

MELTA Affirms Support For PAVRISK, Seeks Clarity From KECOBO On CMO Royalties

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The Medium Liquor Traders Association MELTA (MELTA) has publicly declared its steadfast support for the Performing and Audio Visual Rights Society of Kenya (PAVRISK), underscoring its commitment to ensuring that local artists and content creators receive their due compensation.

In a statement, MELTA emphasized its dedication to protecting the rights of artists and upholding the integrity of the creative industry.

The association, which represents numerous small and medium liquor traders, acknowledged the significant contributions of local artists to Kenya’s cultural heritage and expressed its commitment to supporting PAVRISK’s efforts in this regard.

The association has also requested formal clarification from the Kenya Copyright Board (KECOBO) con-

cerning the activities of other Collective Management Organizations (CMOs) that are reportedly collecting royalties beyond those affiliated with PAVRISK. MELTA argues that understanding the full landscape of royalty collection is crucial for ensuring transparency and compliance with regulatory requirements.

“MELTA believes it is essential for all stakeholders, including our members, to be informed about the legally appointed CMO for regulatory purposes,” said Francis Mbogo, a representative of MELTA.

“This clarity will help us ensure that royalty collection remains transparent and just.”

The association extended an invitation to artists, content creators, and government agencies to engage in constructive discussions aimed at resolving industry challenges and improving compensation mechanisms for artists. MELTA encouraged its members to subscribe to PAVRISK’s services, highlighting the benefits of the current discounted rates as a

means of supporting artists and com-



laboration with PAVRISK and other

main focus on its mission to sup-

Francis Mbogo (R) representative of MELTA.

plying with legal requirements.

MELTA’s initiative reflects a broader commitment to fostering a compliant and respectful culture within the creative economy. By working in col-

laboration with PAVRISK and other relevant stakeholders, MELTA aims to contribute to a thriving creative sector that benefits both artists and the wider community.

As the situation evolves, MELTA re-

port the creative industry and ensure that the voices of all parties are heard in the ongoing dialogue about artist compensation and rights protection.

Kenya Inching Closer To Manufacture Own Anti-Venom

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Snakebites have always been a thorn in the flesh of many Kenyans especially those that live in arid and semi-arid areas of the country.

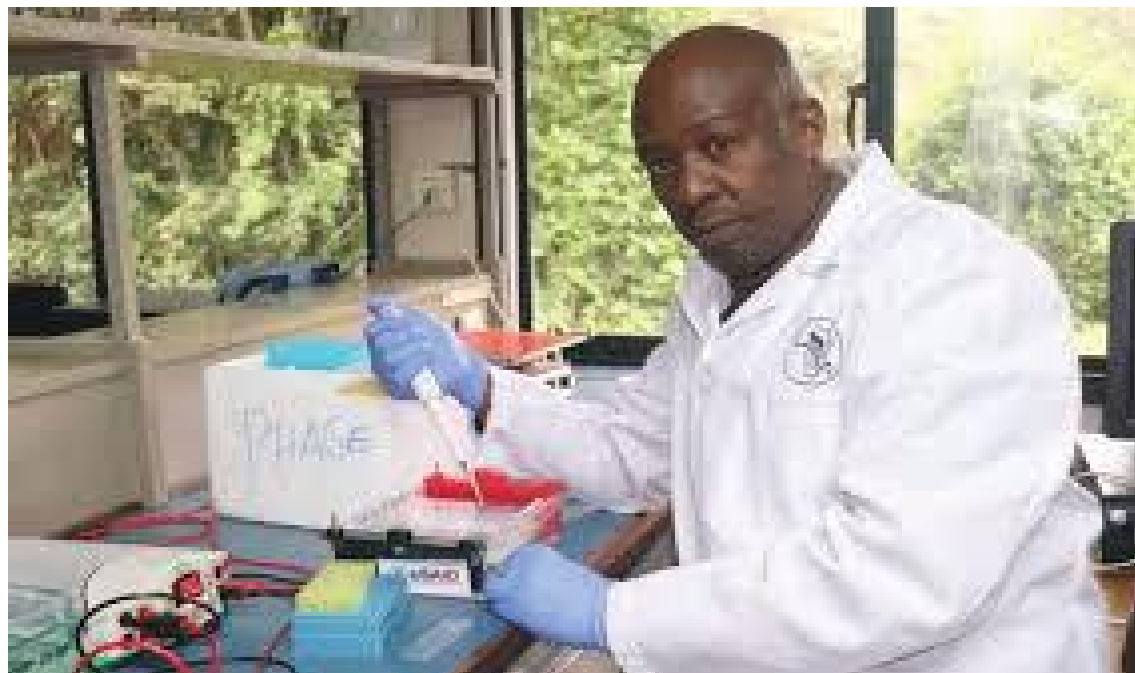
Scores of people have found themselves on the receiving end for encountering the slithering serpents.

Majority of snakebites are reported in snake-prone areas such as the Coast, Lower Eastern, and the arid parts of the Rift Valley that include Samburu and Baringo.

The main challenge that snakebite victims suffer is inadequate access to prompt healthcare, not to mention the handful vials of anti-venom available to respond to such incidences.

But one institution - The Kenya Institute of Primate Research, under the Ministry of Health and led Chief Executive Officer Dr Peter Gichuhi Mwethera is keen and committed to change that narrative. The Mt Kenya Times sought a one-on-one interview with the CEO and this is what he had to say:

“Snakebite and the resultant consequences have for long been a neglected tropical disease. As an institution, we are into partnerships with other organizations in a bid to develop a modern, effective anti-venom that will respond to daily distress calls of snakebite cases. At the moment our country depends on imported anti-venom mainly from India and Europe, but this has known shortcomings including less effectiveness because of being sourced from “alien” snakes. The Institution is looking forward to develop the said antivenom in a span of the next 15 months. One big advantage is the goodwill and support from the Government that has already released the first tranche of the money. The money will go a long way in facilitating the first phase of the locally-sourced antivenom manufacture. Firstly, the venom ‘milked’ from our local snakes will be exported for processing in India, and after an year, through a technology-transfer program, the antidotes will be locally manufactured and in about one year the country will be self-sufficient in anti-venom manufacture. Other than that, the Institution is in



Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Institute of Primate Research, Dr. Peter Gichuhi Mwethera

partnership with other organizations in a bid to sensitize communities, empower health professionals as well as advocate for prompt rush to health facilities. The institution is also in the process of mapping out the areas, to provide more effective response and

save the 8,000 Kenyans who suffer amputation, disfiguration or incapacity due to snakebites.

In the area of research, the institution has partnered with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. The institution has a parcel of land spanning

78 acres in Samburu for the said research.

The Director General also alluded the need to approach the private sector in a bid to forge partnerships, collaboration and synergy towards a worthy cause.

E4Impact Accelerator And Incubator Celebrates Graduation, New Cohort, And State-of-the-Art Facilities

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The E4Impact Entrepreneurship Center in Karen, Nairobi, recently celebrated a milestone in its mission to support impact-driven startups and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

The event marked the graduation of its current accelerator and incubator cohorts, the launch of a new cohort, and the inauguration of cutting-edge training facilities.

Notable attendees included Roberto Natali, Italian Ambassador to Kenya; Susan Mang’eni, Principal Secretary of the State Department of MSME Development; Mr. Giovanni Grandi, Director of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS); and Prof. Mario Molteni, CEO of the E4Impact Foundation.

Natali emphasized the importance of private sector support in economic development: “We believe that the private sector is the backbone of any

economy and enhancing business and employment creation is one of the pillars of the partnerships and friendship we have established with Kenya. We aim to act as bridge builders between Italian and Kenyan businesses through financial investments and technical assistance to facilitate trade, knowledge exchange, and innovation.”

Mr Grandi highlighted the alignment of E4Impact’s support with broader developmental goals: “In the multi-annual program signed between Italy and the Kenyan government, based on the 3 Ps of the 2030 Agenda, prosperity is one of the key pillars. Our support for E4Impact is aligned with this pillar.”

The graduation ceremony saw 39 enterprises complete their programs, with 29 finishing the Accelerator program and 10 the Incubator program. Over the past 12 months, these enterprises benefited from extensive training in business strategy, financial accounting, marketing, investor readiness, and impact measurement, along with valuable networking opportunities.



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Prof. Molteni encouraged graduates to stay connected and leverage ongoing support: “Dear graduates, keep in touch. At E4Impact, we create long-lasting relationships with our entrepreneurs. We have established a B2B platform to foster continental exchange. We can assist with market access in Italy and Europe. To the incoming cohort, participate actively, express your needs, and be open to the opportunities that arise. Engage

your teams in activities that interest you.”

The newly inaugurated facilities are set to enhance the center’s capabilities, offering advanced resources and a conducive environment for innovation and growth. E4Impact remains committed to driving inclusive growth and job creation across Africa, tailoring its programs to build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and strengthen economies throughout

the continent.

E4Impact is a trailblazer in promoting sustainable entrepreneurial solutions in Kenya. Through its robust programs, it aims to catalyze growth, drive innovation, and foster international partnerships that champion economic progress and sustainable impact. The Foundation has 8 Centers in Africa; with a presence in 22 countries.

PURSUIING PURPOSE



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There are many people in the world today who have taken pains to discover where they are going, but who are yet to accomplish anything, because vision is not automatically equal to distinction. It must be coupled with action. That is to say, it is PURPOSE PLUS PURSUIT THAT RESULTS IN ACHIEVEMENT. Habakkuk said: "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it (Habakkuk 2:2)."

God was saying through the prophet, "Don't sleep with the vision, don't just talk about the vision, don't dance with it, "run" with the vision! Every day dreamer, the one who does nothing with his dreams, — will have nothing to show for it. Apostle Paul

says, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain (1 Corinthians 9:24)."

The book of Hebrews also talks of the race of life saying, "... let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). There is a race set before you, you must discover what it is and run it. There is a prize to obtain, but it is only for runners, not talkers or sleepers. It is time to run the race of destiny.

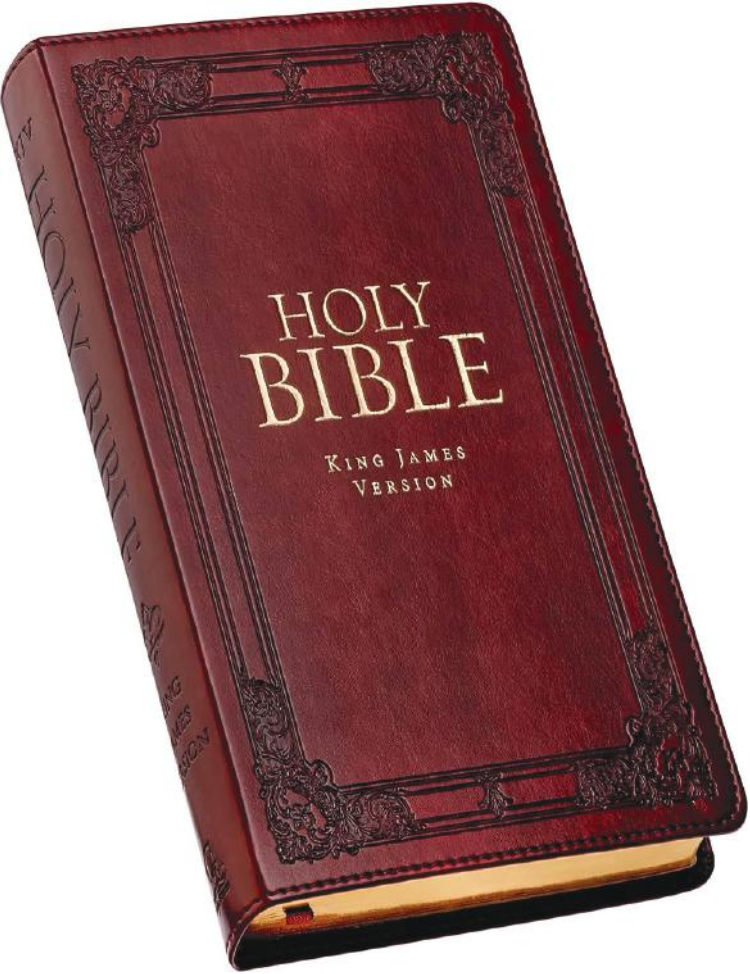
A young man who wants to be a medical doctor, he must first know which subjects to take. Then must be prepared to give it all he's got, otherwise that dream will never become a reality. Many Christians know where they are going but are not ready to give it what it takes. People share their dreams with Pastors. They say, "O, about twenty years ago, I knew I should go into business, but I was getting myself ready" or "Fifteen years ago, God called me into ministry, but as I was sorting myself out, God called someone else to do it."

God cannot be stranded! Whatever purpose He has for your life is

transferable to another, if you are not ready for it. Men of action are men of distinction. Get ready to step out, because until you step out, you never stand out. No matter how slow your steps may be, take them any way. One wise man said, "If you cannot fly, run. If you cannot run, walk. If you cannot walk, crawl. By all means keep moving". I have kept moving. HALELUJAH.

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(My message continuously: The best decision in this earthly life is to receive Christ Jesus as your personal Saviour: Believe and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit: AMEN). As it is written; "NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2 Cor 6:2". For prayers, devotion; to support Evangelism contact Ev. Eric Musa on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember; God Loves you unconditionally, perfectly and forever.



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President Ruto Meets With IMF Senior Representative For Africa In China



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President William Ruto (right) and IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva shake hands in a past meeting. PHOTO/PCS..

Worth Noting:

- In a meeting with the President of International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Africa, President Ruto reportedly briefed him about his efforts to return the Kenyan economy back on track.
- My administration is being guided by some of the good ideas that you had given us.
- Notably, the talks came hot on the heels of a strong-worded statement that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) had released a few days earlier.
- The Bretton Wood institutions vehemently denounced the damning accusations of reckless lending to Kenya.
- We have over the years had engagements with the Government of Kenya. Our terms of lending have not changed.

President William Ruto is currently in China where he is attending Forum On China-Africa Cooperation.

Apart from holding bilateral talks with his host, President Xi Jinping, the Kenyan head of state has met a number of world leaders explore areas of cooperation with Kenya.

This is in regard to identifying and laying roadmaps of tackling issues of mutual interest and benefit to their peoples. Matters of trade, infrastructural development and security took the center stage.

Taking note that that the summit was being attended by Africa heads of state and government, the President seized this opportunity to campaign for Raila Odinga's bid for chairmanship of Africa Union Commission.

The former Prime Minister was also there to showcase and present his credentials.

In a meeting with the President of International Monetary Fund (IMF) for Africa, President Ruto reportedly briefed him about his efforts to return the Kenyan economy back on track.

My administration is being guided by some of the good ideas that you had given us.

Notably, the talks came hot on the heels of a strong-worded statement that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) had released a few days earlier.

The Bretton Wood institutions vehemently denounced the damning accusations of reckless lending to Kenya.

We have over the years had engagements with the Government of Kenya. Our terms of lending have not changed.

The approval of the respective loans is hinged on due diligence.

Our core business is to jumpstart the economies of the countries which had been run down.

The statement by IMF and World Bank coincided with audit report released by Kenya's Auditor General

It also came at a time when two Kenyan politicians namely Okiya Omtata and Jimmy Wanjigi had taken their

claims a notch higher.

The duo wanted Kenyans to believe that a huge chunk of loan monies had been diverted to bankroll the pockets of corrupt individuals in government and their accomplices.

The two politicians, who were known to be fierce critics of President William Ruto, would not however provide tangible evidence to support their claims.

The Auditor General's report on the other hand mainly highlighted allocations made during the reign of Ruto's predecessor, President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The timelines for the projects being implemented by the current government have not lapsed. One can therefore understand why the Auditor gave little attention on these projects.

I'm persuaded to believe that the statement by Bretton Wood Institutions was also prompted by my earlier article in this column.

In the wake of GenZees protests, I argued that reports indicated that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had fuelled the recent Generation-Z protests.

This comes just a few days after the new National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi held talks with visiting IMF top official.

The agenda focussed on the board meeting between IMF and the government of Kenya scheduled to be held in September.

CS Mbadi had some days earlier announced that he has set up a team to review the controversial Finance Bill 2024.

President William Ruto did not reject this Bill because it was bad. But as you know the political temperature had been polluted by toxic politics.

Gen-zees had been made to believe that the Bill was punitive and oppressive and that it had been 'drafted by the IMF'.

One thing remained clear. Those inciting them would not furnish them with tangible evidence. They would only want the young people to believe that President Ruto was being held hostage by IMF.

According to Mbadi, his team will draft a new financial blueprint that contains non-controversial and non-contentious proposals.

As you know, the government needs money to implement a raft of development projects and programmes.

If the Finance Bill 2024 sailed through, we intended to raise Sh346 billion more.

We are going to find a way of bridging this gap.

So, Mbadi reaffirmed that the National Treasury will present the revised Bill to parliament for consideration and we are hopeful that the members will approve it.

At this juncture, allow me to ask this question. Did IMF fuelled the Generation-Z protests?

I disagree. Allow me to explain why. Bretton Wood institutions do not invite themselves into a country.

Failure to live up to the terms of agreement is the main reason why many African countries have been grappling with the conditionalities.

During their respective tenures, Presidents Daniel Arap Moi, Mwai Kibaki and Uhuru Kenyatta faced public back-rashes.

For President Ruto, he has been assuring Kenyans that his main goal was to safe guard their economic interests.

Therefore, we are not going to embrace these conditionalities blindly.

We will only implement what is good for our country in terms of uplifting the living standards of our people. He is walking the talk.

Being a global financial institution, IMF engages both the developing countries and developed/industrialized nations.

For me, GenZ protests were a blessing in disguise for President William Ruto.

The writing was already on wall that the President was uncomfortable with several things that were happening in the country.

To avoid a political back rash, he knew that he needed to undertake some of these reforms with caution.

Gen-Z protests were timely trigger. Going by his latest pronouncements, President Ruto is committed to address this recurring problem.

In the initial stages the protests were peaceful. The President was happy to see young people coming out in big numbers to speak their mind. He in particular admired these protests because they were tribe less and party less.

Their message is clear. Kenya belongs to all of us. As your President, I have been reiterating this. So, when he dissolved the entire cabinet, he minced no word in stating.

As he promised, President Ruto has since unveiled a new-look cabinet that is broad based, all-inclusive and composed of experts.

On IMF prescriptions, there was no doubt that he was opposed to some of them.

On reconstitution of his cabinet, the President had earlier read several riot

acts to his cabinet secretaries (CSs).

In the eyes of the public, your performance is below expectation.

Some of you are totally clueless about what you are supposed to do.

I even know more than you regarding the mandate of your respective ministries.

So, I don't see the point of having you in my cabinet.

With this, the President had drawn the line and it was only a matter of time before he cracked the whip and sent them home.

As per the constitution, the prerogative to hire and fire members of the cabinet lies squarely with the President. The role bestowed on them is delegated. The President is the CEO of Kenya and he hires them to help him discharge the constitutional mandate of his office.

Since he assumed office, the President curves a niche of being a strong believer in the tenet of democracy and rule of law.

President Ruto followed the footsteps of former President Mwai Kibaki.

In the aftermath of 2007/2008 post election violence, Kibaki caved in to pressure and agreed to form a unity government with ODM leader Raila Odinga.

The only difference at the time was that the pressure came from the international community.

For President Ruto, he has so far managed to use his wisdom to contain pockets of violence and prevent Kenya from sliding into a full blown anarchy.

The other key demand raised by Generation-Z and millennials touched on reconstitution of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

A few days ago, the President signed the IEBC Bill into law paving the way for the recruitment of the commissioners.

The Bill emanated from the talks held at the Bomas of Kenya.

The 10-member national dialogue committee (NADCO) was co-chaired by national assembly majority leader Kimani Ichungwah and Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

The President was flanked opposition leaders led by Raila Odinga during the signing ceremony held at KICC.

The new law to reform the IEBC is a product of the views and memoranda presented by the people of Kenya during the public hearings.

So, we have no reason to doubt that this process will lead to formation of a truly independent commission.

We want to assure Kenyans that the commissioners will conduct a free, fair and credible polls in 2027, the opposition leaders reiterated.

Majority of Kenyans abhor use of unconstitutional means to remove a democratically government from power.

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Macadamia Processors On Better Returns To Farmers

By: ODP

The government is ready to engage macadamia processors and exporters if they are ready to offer farmers better pay, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said.

Speaking when he opened the Agricultural Society of Kenya Mombasa International Show yesterday, the Deputy President said the government is ready for a discussion on minimum returns before any action of stopping farmers from exporting directly.

“Macadamia processors want us to stop farmers from exporting raw products of macadamia. The Ruto Administration has no problem with that provided we sit down and agree on a minimum return, which should not be below what the farmers are earning today. If they are amiable to that discussion, we have agreed with the Cabinet Secretary of Agriculture Dr Andrew Karanja to engage them as early as tomorrow,” he said.

The Deputy President said the processors must pay what the farmers are earning now or more, between Sh100 and Sh150 per kilogramme.

Deputy President said the farmer, irrespective of the subsector is king, therefore, there is no going back on taking short term measures to cushion them from exploitation.

On coffee, he said the government is

working on compliance with the European Union Deforestation (EUDR) by December 30, 2024, to enable farmers continue accessing the European market, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has said.

Mr Gachagua said the EUDR reinforce the ongoing reforms in the Coffee Subsector, moreso traceability of the produce from the farm to the cup of the consumer.

The EUDR require importers and exporters of coffee, timber, palm oil, cocoa, rubber, among others, to carry out due diligence to show that these items were not sources from land where forests were cut down after December 2020. It is part of the EU’s strategy of fighting Climate Change through sustaining forests in countries of origin.

“The Government agencies have the requisite and sufficient data to set up a due diligence system. We have started the process of ensuring our coffee farmers comply by December 30, 2024 deadline. The Government has mobilised Ministries, State Departments and Agencies to form an Inter-Ministerial committee to fast-track compliance with the EU market requirements,” the Deputy President said.

The EU imports more than 55% of Kenyan coffee. In the year 2022/2023, Kenya exported 48,000 MT and the country aims at 60,000 MT in 2024/2025. With the support of the ongoing reforms in the coffee subsector, spearheaded by the Deputy President, Kenya is working to raise



Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua handing over a trophy to one of the best exhibitors in Mombasa yesterday

the export up to 102,000 by 2027.

“Towards this initiative, the Government has supported farmers in four Counties with 49,000 seedlings. For the Financial year 2024/25, we have an additional allocation of KSh 3 Billion for the Coffee Cherry Revolving Fund and a further KSh2 Billion for the coffee debt waivers, hence, alleviating cashflow challenges faced by our farmers,” he said insisting that the coffee tea, dairy, avocado, cotton, coconut, macadamia, and other subsector reforms will continue until the farmer has more money in their pocket.

The Deputy President said the government banks of technology to drive sustainable farming for economic growth as undepinned by the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation agenda.

“We are compelled to devise and adopt Climate resilient technologies to surmount challenges in the production chain. The exhibitions here have presented the best innovations. We have identified potential nascent ideas for incubation and nurturing to maturity and industrial application, for the benefit of our farmers,” he said.

Present during the opening, included Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr Andrew Karanja, PSs Dr. Paul Rono Agriculture, Cabinet Affairs, Idris Dakota (Cabinet Affairs) Aurelia Rono (Parliamentary Affairs) Mombasa Governor Hon Abdullswamad Shariff Nassir, and his Taita Taveta counterpart Andrew Mwadime, Jomvu MP Badi Twalib, among other high-level dignitaries from across the sectors.

The ASK fraternity led by the Chief Executive Officer Batram Muthoka were also present.

Governor Lomorukai Calls For More Support For Refugees

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Turkana Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai has called for increased resources to support the growing refugee population and host communities in the county.

He was addressing a delegation from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development who are visiting the county to inspect the impact of donor-funded projects.

The delegation, led by Parliamentary State Secretary Niels Annen, is visiting Kakuma and Kalobeyei to assess the situation on the ground and discuss potential areas for collaboration.

Lomorukai emphasized the need for additional resources to address the challenges faced by refugees and host communities, including water

shortages, inadequate education infrastructure, limited healthcare facilities, and lack of economic opportunities.

The governor expressed his support for the Shirika Plan, a government initiative aimed at mobilizing resources and coordinating stakeholders to implement integration programs between refugees and host communities. However, he stressed the importance of County Governments playing a key role in the implementation of the plan to ensure that resources benefit the communities.

The governor highlighted the need for more resources to develop entrepreneurship among refugees and host communities, and commended the International Finance Corporation (IFC) for its initiatives in this area. He also called for support in mega projects such as the establishment of a Level 5B hospital in Lodwar and the Tarach Dam in Turkana West.



Turkana Governor Jeremiah Lomorukai

Parliamentary State Secretary Niels Annen praised the integration programme in Turkana West as a “courageous approach” that is creating opportunities for both refugees and host communities. He said the visit was an opportunity to understand the

broader picture of what the international community can do to support refugees and host communities.

The delegation included Pit Koehler, Head of Division / Humanitarian Assistance, Policy, IOS, Multilateral Coordination, Bettina Schmidt, Dep-

uty Head, Special Initiative Displaced Persons and Hosts (BMZ), UNHCR Kenya Deputy Representative Ivana Unluova and UNHCR Head of Sub Office Kakuma Nanduri Sateesh.

Njuri Ncheke Pronounces Blessings Upon Waiguru

By: MKT Correspondent

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Njuri Ncheke elders have pronounced their blessings upon the Council of Governors (COG) chairperson, Anne Waiguru, as they urged her to strengthen her ties with the famous and respected council.

Led by Njuri Ncheke National vice Chair Alphance Kamwala, the elders uttered their blessings to the Kirinyaga Governor as they faced Mount Kenya.

The blessings were given during the governor's tour to Tharaka Nthi where she officiated the opening of the 6th Annual Cultural Festival, and the launch of the first goats' auction in the county.

The elders urged Waiguru to pursue her working relationship with the elders even as she positions herself for the future National leadership.

"Nimetumwa na hawa Wazee nikwambie watakusaidia kunoa kisu chako cha kisiasa kiwe kikali, Njoo tukusaidie vile utaendelea," said

Kamwala, translated as "I have been sent by these elders to tell you that they will help you sharpen your political knife so that it gets sharp for the task ahead of you".

The governor who was hosted by Tharaka Nithi Governor, Muthomi Njuki, received warm reception at the county event that was marked by an extravaganza that included rich cultural songs and dances.

She was also treated with ululations from women as she bought goats worth thousands of shillings to support the new goat auction initiative in the county.

The Njuri Ncheke elders declared family and leadership blessings upon the Governor as she also faced the Mt. Kenya land mark.

During the event, Governor Anne Waiguru also expressed concern over the poor state of Ciakariga- Marimanti roads towards Uru gate, pledging to work with leaders in the area to help upgrade the road which she noted was an important link to the rich cultural hub.

"I like traveling by road so that I can appreciate the challenges that residents face and having experienced



Governors Ann Waiguru and Muthomi Njuki as well as other leaders being entertained by traditional dancers.

this road I pledge to initiate talks with my brothers Governor Muthomi Njuki, and CS for Interior, Kithure Kindiki, about upgrading the road," said Waiguru.

She noted that COG was committed to preservation, and promotion of

rich cultural values across the country, adding that the council had conserved over 600 historical and 250 sacred sites nationally. She said that COG will support the counties to ensure they realize their vision for social economic development through di-

versified cultural activities.

Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki hailed Governor Waiguru for her exemplary transformative leadership of the COG.

Kiambu County Solar Street lights Project Commissioned

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Kiambu Governor Paul Kimani Wamatangi has commissioned a state-of-the-art integrated solar street lights program along Fort Jesus-Gitambaya-Kwa Kibugi-Walakishi Road to enhance security operations in the area.

This is part of the Angaza Kiambu program, launched earlier this year, which aims to revolutionize the county's energy infrastructure by transitioning all streetlights to solar power.

The initiative is projected to significantly reduce maintenance costs and eliminate monthly power bills, ultimately saving the county millions of shillings annually.

"While we are not completely disconnecting from the Kenya Power grid, we aim to progressively transition to solar energy," Wamatangi said, while launching the ambitious program.

Powered by solar energy, these

street lights offer consistent illumination, making the streets safer and more accessible at night. This improvement enhances the quality of life and security for residents by providing reliable and sustainable lighting solutions.

During the launch, the governor appealed to all stakeholders to support the shift to solar energy and noted that government agencies such as the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA), Kenya Power, and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) have been installing street lights across the county, leaving the burden of utility bills to the County Government.

He noted that this has left the County Government with exorbitant power bills, occasional disruptions caused by power outages, and disconnections due to unpaid bills.

According to Chief Officer Public Works and Utilities Virginia Kahonge, solar Street Lights have a life span of 20 years as compared to grid connected lights, which last a maximum of 5 years, they are less prone



Kiambu county governor Kimani Wamatangi (in green jacket) during the launching ceremony.

to vandalism and insect swarming, are reliable, efficient and have minimal maintenance cost.

Additionally, Wamatangi launched the construction of an approximately 2 km bitumen-standard road, which will feature 107 integrated solar street lights.

The road will include two loops, one extending from Masaku-Thuita Ocean Friends Church to SGR Small Lagos, and the second from Masaku-Kiambu Road at Maina Chairman Place, both located in the Gitambaya area.

This project is fully funded by

the World Bank and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), and is being implemented by the Kiambu County Government through the State Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Enigmatic Asad



By: Muhammad Adnan

Wandering Around the Wonder
Sometimes, I am bewitched and
surrender,

Amazed and enigmatic,
The world is charismatic;

In this charisma,
I find thy enigma.
Cheerful charisma,
Defeating dilemma.

While passing the bars,
I met in and across,
Thy spirit is mesmerizing,
Thy aura is engaging.

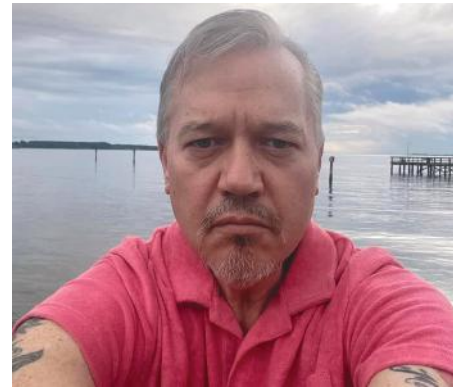
In a world of tooth and claw,
Thou keep a beautiful awe,
Sharing and caring to foe,
Boosting up the spirit of low.

In a world of bamboozles,
Thou solve the riddles,
Tackling tricky slides,
Folks know thee as Asad.
Learning and sharing is thy art,
You are a blessed mart,
The thirsty quench their thirst,
Puzzles find their burst.

Dedication:

To a distinguished individual of noble character, Mr. Muhammad Asad, the poem is respectfully dedicated to your esteemed spirit, May it honor the excellence that you embody and inspire. The poet is a full time lecturer in the department of English language and Literature at University of Chenab, Gujrat. Currently he is working on the third edition of The Wordsmith E Magazine.

Beautiful Soul Robert



By: Paula O.M Otukile

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is a beacon in the field, holding numerous certifications and accolades, including the prestigious title of former Counselor of the Year in Virginia. His dedication to his craft and clients is evident in his extensive body of work, having authored an impressive 24 books to date. Robert's love for poetry is evident not only in his writing but also in his admiration for his grandson, Dru, and a talented poet in India.

An advocate for the arts and nature, Robert finds solace in the beauty of the world around him. Alongside his two canine companions, Stella and Tara, he navigates life with a

passion for helping others and a keen eye for the poetic. As the founder of Cut From The Same Cloth, International select poets, Robert has touched lives across four continents, offering his counseling expertise to those in need. In the realm of poetry, Robert stands as a guardian of the quill, leaving an indelible mark on the literary landscape.

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Modern Methods Of Food Analysis. Chromotography.



ABSTRACT. Today, obtaining high-quality products based on scientific and technical achievements and introducing them to our economy is one of the most urgent tasks, is big.

Today, chemistry and biotechnological sciences cannot be imagined without chromatography. 70-80% of research in many fields, including organic chemistry, is contributed by chromatographic methods.

Therefore, the purpose of this science is to meet the requirements of the main compounds, proteins, peptides, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals and other compounds found in food products, modern chromatographic spectrophotometric and other compounds used in purification and other physico-chemical methods, consists of introducing the possibilities of styles.

Keywords. Chromotography, spectrometry, adsorption, chromatography precipitation, distribution.

Relevance of the topic. He learns modern chromatography, spectrophotometry and other physical chemical analysis techniques and their theoretical foundations. A chromatographic process, the chromatographic zone takes up methods to optimize fractionation conditions of ways to separate closely moving zones from each other.

Chromotography is a physicochemical method

of analysis and research of VSA—they mixtures of separation-based substances that occur due to the distribution of components in the groove through the Phase Flow in motion from the excitable phase layer.

On the basis of chromatographic processes, there are many repeated sorption and dysorption processes, in which the components are excitable and their separation occurs at the expense of the difference in distribution coefficients between the phases in motion.

It will be extremely necessary for them to know modern and classic methods of analyzing the properties of matter. That is, the following:

1. Adsorption spectroscopy
2. Fluorescent spectroscopy
3. Microwave spectroscopy
4. Infrared spectroscopy
5. Nuclear-magnetic resonance
6. Electron-paramagnetic resonance
7. Proton-magnetic resonance
8. Macc spectroscopy
9. The basics of Fire-spectroscopy.

Chromotographic methods are divided into three main types;

1. Adsorption,
2. Distribution,
3. Squat.

On the basis of adsorption chromatography, adsorption of the secreted substances lies on the surface of the selected solid adsorbent.

On the basis of distribution chromatography lies the different solubility of the substances being separated in the liquid. The main condition for their separation is the difference in the solubility of substances.

On the basis of deposition chromatography, the separation lies in the formation of difficult soluble compounds as a result of the reaction between the substance and the precipitating reagent.

Event



By: Sultanov Lazizbek

The event started on Sunday morning
Every student had to attend
Boys and girls all one by one
He expressed his opinion very differently

The sun rises and warms the earth
The heat is annoying
Then my dear girls went home
The boys were also called to their room

In the evening everyone came to a decision
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My God said---blessing the movement
In fact, everything is an attempt to "go home".

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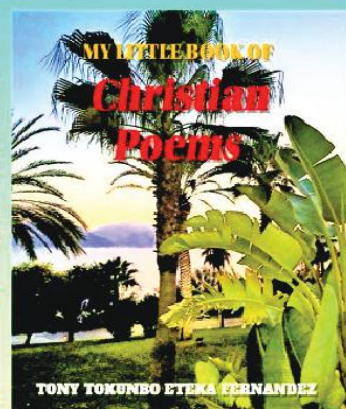
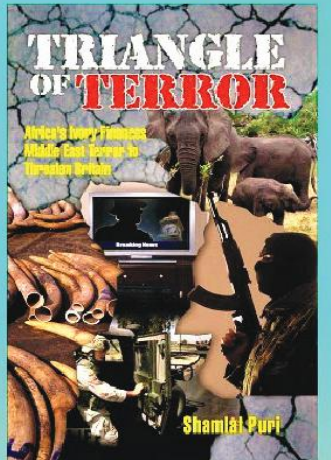
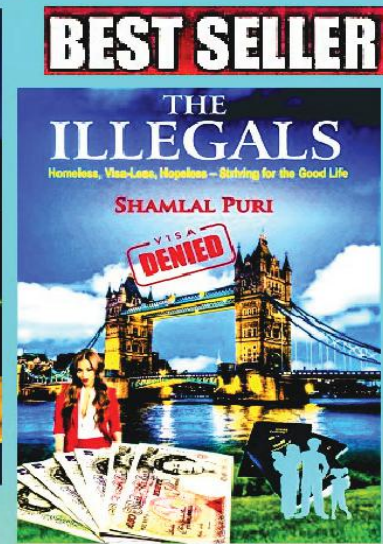
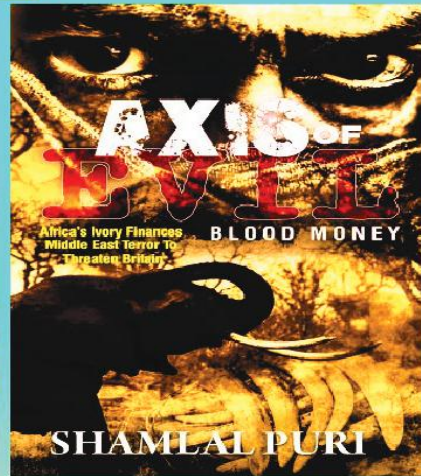
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Kajiado Residents Up In Arms Against The Corrupt Ministry Of Lands Officer

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Angry residents of Kajiado County have protested against an official of the Ministry of Lands, who they claim has been working in cahoots with unknown persons to grab land from members of the community.

The residents, through a letter sent to the Ethics and Anticorruption Commission (EACC) registered complaint against Bernard Leitch accusing the former Lands Registrar at Kajiado County of facilitating the fraudulent sale of land within Kajiado and Nairobi Counties.

“That the said officer has facilitated fraudulent sale of land within Kajiado and Nairobi counties as detailed below; he facilitated the fraudulent partition of 100-acre piece of public utility land at Lorngosua area of Il Bisil, Kajiado into two plots and sold them. The parcels are Kajiado / Lorngosua/10626 and Kajiado/Lorngosua/1026,” wrote the residents.

According to the angry residents, the official transferred Everlin Naitiira’s two parcels of land illegally, and only returned them upon pressure

from the community. They noted the parcels returned as Kajiado/Kaputie North 94965 and 94966.

They are also claiming that he sold Nairobi Blocks 374 and 375 each totaling 0.063 in the Donholm area of Nairobi.

“In order to try and cover the trace of his criminal activities, Mr Leitch’s trick is to subdivide the land parcels he targets and register them under new LR numbers.”

“I would like to further state that even after his transfer to Nairobi three months ago he has not moved and continues with fraudulent and abuse of office activities unabated,” claims the residents.

The residents also said in their protest letter that the rogue officer has been using proxies, who they named James Gakuya Iguanya (for the Lorngosua parcels) and Forhomes Ltd (for the Donholm properties valued at Sh100 million) for his fraudulent activities.

In a letter copied to the Director of Criminal Investigators, the Inspector General of Police, Chief Land Registrar, National Land Commission and Cabinet Secretary for Lands, they demand that the matter be addressed with immediate effect.



Ardhi House.

This is not the first complaint filed against such officials, who have been taking advantage of their position to forcefully rob residents of their land and properties.

Last year, a human rights activist wrote to the Head of Public Service Felix Koskei over what he termed as an abuse of office at a key department in the Ministry of Lands.

In a letter dated October 19, 2023, Aggrey Wafula claimed that a senior official at the Ministry, in a clear abuse of power and with intent to defraud the ministry on the project known as change management system (Ardhi sasa) sponsored by FAO has nebulously acted and/or falsified

records. “Particulars of fraud/falsification are as follows: an officer who retired on 1-1-2023 is purported to have attended a seminar and paid a per diem. Another official is also listed to have attended the seminar and also paid per diem,” the letter reads in part.

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Pyramid Of Exploitation: The Socialist Critique Of Capitalism



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Worth Noting:

- Directly beneath the wealth is the clergy, symbolizing the role of religion in maintaining the capitalist structure.
- The caption “We fool you” indicates how religion is often used as a tool to pacify the working class, encouraging them to accept their suffering as divinely ordained. Religion, in this context, is portrayed as complicit in the capitalist system, offering false promises of salvation and eternal reward to those who endure exploitation and hardship without complaint.
- This critique aligns with Marxist thought, which famously characterized religion as the “opium of the people,” a means of dulling the pain of the working class and preventing them from rising up against their oppressors.

The “Pyramid of Capitalist System” cartoon, created in 1911 by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), provides a scathing critique of capitalism and social stratification. It vividly captures the essence of class struggle, economic exploitation, and social inequality that are inherent in capitalist systems. The image portrays society as a tiered pyramid, with the ruling elite at the top and the working masses at the bottom. Each layer of the pyramid symbolizes different classes, illustrating how wealth, power, and resources are concentrated in the hands of the few while the majority are left to toil and suffer under their rule. This representation of capitalism as an exploitative system resonates with socialist ideologies, which emphasize the need for an egalitarian society where the working class controls the means of production.

At the apex of the pyramid, a large bag of money rests, adorned with dollar signs, representing the accumulation of wealth in capitalist economies. This is a clear symbol of how financial power governs the capitalist system, where profit maximization is the ultimate goal, often at the expense of human dignity, rights, and well-being. The presence of this enormous bag of wealth symbolizes how capitalists hoard resources, leaving the working class with only a fraction of the wealth they produce. The image critiques how the wealthy elite, represented by the top of the pyramid, remain detached from the struggles of the working class. They thrive on the hard work of the lower classes, yet they take no responsibility for the social and economic issues that affect the majority.

Directly beneath the wealth is the clergy, symbolizing the role of religion in maintaining the capitalist structure. The caption “We fool you” indicates how religion is often used as

a tool to pacify the working class, encouraging them to accept their suffering as divinely ordained. Religion, in this context, is portrayed as complicit in the capitalist system, offering false promises of salvation and eternal reward to those who endure exploitation and hardship without complaint. This critique aligns with Marxist thought, which famously characterized religion as the “opium of the people,” a means of dulling the pain of the working class and preventing them from rising up against their oppressors. The presence of the clergy in the pyramid suggests that religion serves to reinforce the existing social order, ensuring that the capitalist system remains unchallenged.

Below the clergy are the ruling class and politicians, whose role is to “rule you.” This layer represents the political elite who create and enforce laws that benefit the capitalist class. The ruling class maintains control over the political system, using legislation and policy to ensure that the capitalist structure remains intact. The caption points to the fact that the political system is designed to serve the interests of the wealthy elite rather than the working masses. In capitalist societies, political power is often concentrated in the hands of those with economic power, and this image highlights the collusion between politicians and capitalists in maintaining the status quo. The ruling class enacts policies that favor the wealthy while suppressing the demands of the working class for fair wages, better working conditions, and social justice.

Further down the pyramid, the military is depicted with the caption “We shoot at you.” The military is presented as the enforcer of the capitalist system, using violence and intimidation to suppress any attempts at rebellion or revolution. In capitalist societies, the military often serves the interests of the ruling class, protecting their

wealth and power by maintaining order and quashing dissent. This layer of the pyramid suggests that capitalism is maintained not only through economic and political control but also through force and coercion. The military is used to crush worker uprisings, protests, and movements for social change, ensuring that the capitalist system remains unchallenged.

The next layer shows the bourgeoisie, or the upper middle class, enjoying a lavish banquet, with the caption “We eat for you.” This represents the consumerist culture of capitalism, where the wealthy elite indulge in excess while the working class struggles to survive. The bourgeoisie benefit from the labor of the working class, yet they contribute little to the production process. Their wealth allows them to live comfortably and enjoy the fruits of others’ labor, further exacerbating the inequality inherent in the capitalist system. The image critiques the culture of consumption that is prevalent in capitalist societies, where the accumulation of material wealth and luxury is prioritized over the needs and well-being of the working class.

At the base of the pyramid are the workers and peasants, with the caption “We work for all...We feed all.” This layer represents the working class, who produce the goods and services that sustain the capitalist system. Despite being the foundation of the economy, the working class is the most exploited and oppressed group in capitalist societies. They toil for long hours in difficult conditions, yet they receive only a fraction of the wealth they produce. The image underscores the exploitation of labor in capitalist systems, where the value created by the working class is appropriated by the ruling elite. The workers and peasants are the backbone of the economy, yet they are denied the fruits of their labor, living in poverty

and deprivation while the ruling class enjoys immense wealth and privilege.

The “Pyramid of Capitalist System” also reflects the IWW’s call for revolutionary change. The IWW, a radical labor union, advocated for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a socialist society where the working class would control the means of production. The image critiques not only the economic and social injustices of capitalism but also the mechanisms by which the system is perpetuated. It calls attention to the ways in which religion, politics, and the military are used to maintain the capitalist order, and it highlights the need for the working class to rise up and reclaim their rights. The pyramid structure suggests that capitalism is a hierarchical system, where power and wealth are concentrated at the top, and the majority of the population is left to suffer at the bottom.

This critique of capitalism is rooted in socialist thought, which argues that capitalism inherently leads to inequality, exploitation, and oppression. Socialists believe that the means of production should be owned and controlled by the working class, rather than by a small elite. They argue that only through collective ownership and democratic control of the economy can true equality and social justice be achieved. The “Pyramid of Capitalist System” encapsulates this critique, portraying capitalism as a system that benefits the few at the expense of the many.

The “Pyramid of Capitalist System” is a powerful visual representation of the critique of capitalism and social stratification. It highlights the exploitation and oppression inherent in capitalist societies, where wealth and power are concentrated in the hands of a small elite, while the working class is left to suffer. The image critiques the role of religion, politics, and the military in maintaining the capitalist order, and it calls for revolutionary change to establish a more egalitarian society. This critique resonates with socialist ideologies, which advocate for the collective ownership of the means of production and the redistribution of wealth to achieve social justice. The pyramid serves as a reminder of the need for continued struggle against economic inequality and exploitation in the pursuit of a fairer and more just society.

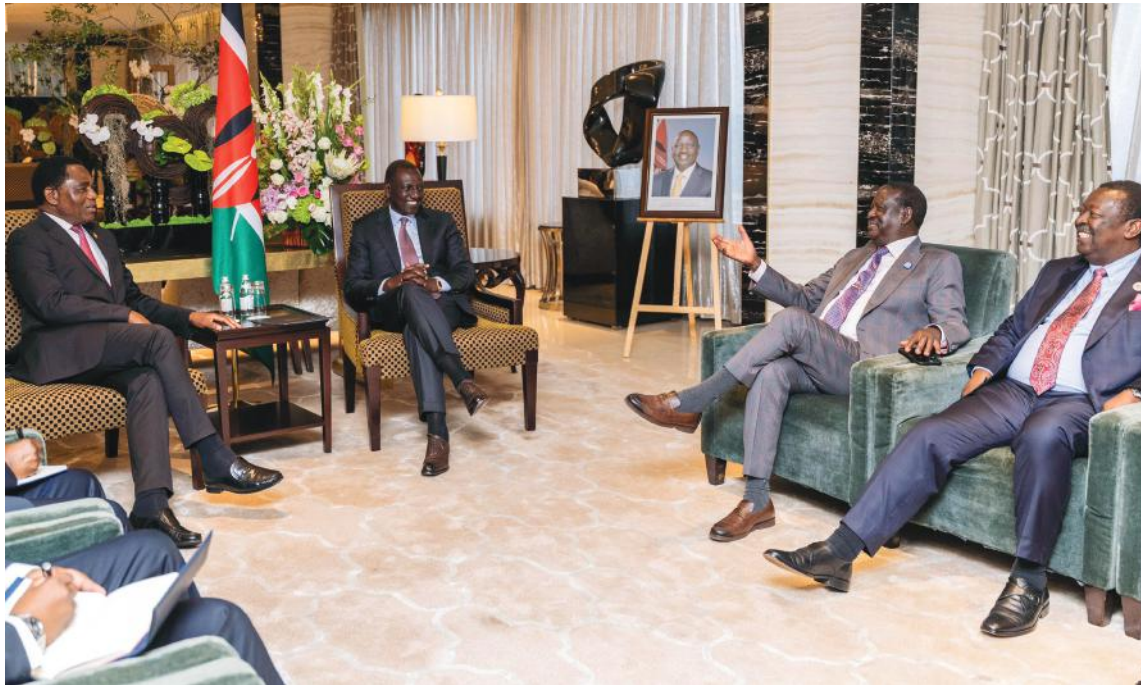
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raila Odinga's AUC Bid: A Vision For African Unity And Progress

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President William Ruto yesterday met with 6 African presidents in Beijing China to drum up support for the Azimio leader Raila Odinga's African Union (AU) Commission candidature.

Worth Noting:

- Central to Odinga's vision is the emphasis on infrastructure development, particularly within the context of China's Belt and Road Initiative. This ambitious plan aims to create a network of roads, railways, and maritime routes that connect Asia, Europe, and Africa, presenting a unique opportunity for African nations to attract investment and stimulate economic growth. By aligning his vision with this initiative, Odinga demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of global partnerships in achieving sustainable development.
- Kenya's efforts to mobilize support for Odinga's AUC bid are commendable. President Ruto's proactive engagement with several African leaders in Beijing reflects a strategic approach to deepen bilateral relations and garner backing for Odinga's candidacy.

Raila Odinga's bid for the chairmanship of the African Union Commission (AUC) is not merely a personal ambition; it represents a pivotal moment for the continent as it seeks to navigate complex challenges and harness opportunities for growth and unity. The recent meeting between President William Ruto, Raila Odinga, and Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud during the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit in Beijing underscores the significance of regional cooperation in addressing the multifaceted issues facing Africa today. Odinga's candidacy comes at a time when Africa grapples with pressing concerns such as poverty, conflict, and climate change. His extensive experience as a seasoned politician and former Prime Minister of Kenya positions him uniquely to lead the continent towards a more integrated and prosperous future. The discussions held among the leaders highlight the urgent need for a coordinated approach to security and development, emphasizing that Odinga's leadership could foster a sense of unity and common purpose among African nations.

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Kenya's efforts to mobilize support for Odinga's AUC bid are commendable. President Ruto's proactive engagement with several African leaders in Beijing reflects a strategic approach to deepen bilateral relations and garner backing for Odinga's candidacy. The establishment of a campaign secretariat, led by experienced officials, further illustrates Kenya's commitment to ensuring that Odinga's leadership is recognized and supported across the continent. This collective effort positions Kenya as a key player in shaping Africa's future and amplifies the continent's voice on the global stage.

However, Odinga's bid is not without challenges. The African Union has faced criticism for its bureaucratic inefficiencies, lack of funding, and political tensions among member states. As AUC chairperson, Odinga would need to navigate these obstacles and work towards reforming the institution to make it more effective and responsive to the needs of African citizens. His focus on regional cooperation, infrastructure development, and global partnerships could unlock new opportunities for growth and development across the continent.

The support Odinga has garnered from East African Community (EAC) leaders, including Uganda's Yoweri Museveni and Tanzania's Samia Suluhu, further solidifies his candidacy. Their endorsements emphasize Odinga's qualifications and commitment to African unity, sending a powerful message of solidarity among East African na-

tions. This regional backing is crucial, as it reflects a growing recognition that Africa must prioritize its own leaders who understand the continent's unique challenges and aspirations.

At a recent campaign launch at State House, Nairobi, President Ruto highlighted the importance of Odinga's candidacy, stating that it embodies the collective aspirations of millions of Africans who yearn for a united and prosperous continent. Dignitaries from various countries, including former leaders like Olusegun Obasanjo and Jakaya Kikwete, were present, further underscoring the broad support for Odinga's bid. Their remarks emphasized that Odinga is not just a candidate for Kenya but for the entire East African region, representing a unified front in the quest for leadership within the African Union.

Moreover, Odinga's vision extends beyond mere political ambition; it encompasses a commitment to the ideals of Agenda 2063, which envisions an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa. His proposal to constitute a "Cabinet of the Chairperson" with a continental outlook signifies his intent to engage diverse voices from across the continent, ensuring that the African Union is truly representative of its people. This approach could help bridge divides and foster collaboration among member states, ultimately leading to a more cohesive and effective organization.

As Odinga prepares for the elections scheduled for February 2025, he faces competition from candidates such as Mahmoud Youssouf of Djibouti and Anil Gayan of Mauritius. However,

the endorsements from seven countries, including all EAC member states, position him favorably in the race. To secure the chairmanship, Odinga will need to garner at least 66 percent of the votes, equivalent to 32 countries, a goal that seems increasingly attainable given the growing support he has received. The backing of regional leaders is critical, particularly in a political landscape where alliances can significantly influence outcomes. The East African Community's unified support for Odinga's candidacy not only strengthens his position but also reflects a broader regional strategy to elevate African leadership that is both experienced and committed to the continent's development. This solidarity is essential as Africa seeks to assert its place on the global stage, particularly in discussions surrounding trade, security, and climate change.

In conclusion, Raila Odinga's AUC bid represents a unique opportunity for the African continent to chart a new course towards unity, prosperity, and sustainable development. His leadership could pave the way for a more integrated Africa that prioritizes the needs of its people, fostering an environment where development is inclusive and sustainable. As African leaders gather to discuss the future of the continent, the decisions made today will shape Africa for generations to come. By supporting Odinga's candidacy and working together to address the continent's challenges, African nations can unlock their full potential and create a brighter future for all. Odinga's candidacy is not just about one man's ambition; it embodies the collective aspirations of millions of Africans who yearn for a united and prosperous continent.

With the backing of regional leaders and a clear vision for the future, Odinga's bid could indeed serve as a catalyst for meaningful change across the continent. It is an opportunity for Africa to embrace its own leaders who understand the complexities and nuances of the continent's challenges and who are committed to fostering a united and prosperous future for all its citizens. Odinga's vision aligns with the aspirations of a new generation of African leaders who are determined to foster innovation, drive economic growth, and ensure that the benefits of development reach every corner of the continent.

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Wetang'ula's Court Battle Over Pricy Dogs Slated For Next Week

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The small claims court will on September 11, 2024 mention a case between National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula and a dog handler. In his case filed before in Nairobi, Isokat Bethwel claims Mr Wetang'ula had, in June 2021, contracted him to supply him with two male German Shepherd dogs. However, the man alleged that Wetang'ula had declined to pay Sh348,100.

On Wednesday, Wetang'ula asked the court for time to respond. He said some documents, including invoices were not legible and therefore could not respond to the claims.

Isokat said the contract also entailed supplying dog food, training sleeves, dog leash and choke chains, grooming brushes, nail cutters, shampoo, kennel disinfectants, and dog harnesses.

In his case filed before adjudicator VK Momanyi, he stated the deal would have seen the speaker pay Sh348,100. He also claimed the speaker requested that he trains his

staff for a month for Sh50,000.

"It is regrettable that the Respondent failed to honor the agreement with the Claimant, by refusing to pay for the dogs supplied and for the training offered," claimed Isokat.

He said after following up on the payment several times, Wetang'ula paid him Sh100,000, leaving a balance of Sh298,100.

Isokat further alleged that he tried to get the speaker to pay the remainder but his bid fell on deaf ears. "The claimant further reached out to the respondent through various means to recover the balance, but he responded rudely and adamantly informed the claimant he would not pay," he stated.

The man said he sent Wetang'ula a demand letter on July 11, 2024. Isokat said he has suffered for the speaker's failure to pay what he owes him.

"The claimant has been psychologically tortured and again he stands to lose all the remaining balance if the court does not come in for his legal redress," his court papers reads in part. The case will be mentioned on September 11, 2024.



National Assembly speaker Moses Wetangula |photo courtesy.

New Contender Emerges to Challenge Bondo's Political Landscape

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The candidacy of Lawyer Stephen Odinga for the Bondo constituency is reshaping the political landscape in Raila Odinga's traditional stronghold.

Odinga has announced his bid to challenge the incumbent MP, Gideon Ochanda, who is serving a third term. This development has unsettled rival factions, with some of Ochanda's supporters switching allegiances to Odinga.

Ochanda, who has had contentious relationships with his party, ODM, in the past two elections, has managed to remain politically viable in Siaya, despite internal party conflicts.

In 2022, for instance, Ochanda was set back Engineer Nicolas Gumbo for the Siaya county governorship after it was apparent that he was not going to be awarded ODM nomination cer-

tificate.

This move was potentially going to undermine ODM's candidate, James Orendo, forcing ODM to grant Ochanda the nomination under significant pressure from other members of the party to have the certificate awarded to businessman Andiwo Mwai instead.

Now, it appears Ochanda's political future with ODM is uncertain, paving the way for new contenders.

An ODM insider, speaking on condition of anonymity, suggested that Stephen Odinga might receive the party's nomination but will face competition from other candidates, including Andiwo Mwai.

The youthful legal expert has garnered substantial support from the Sakwa clan, which holds four of the six wards in Bondo constituency and represents about 70% of the electorate.

Political commentator William Ogolla believes that while Andiwo Mwai, a long-time friend of Raila Odinga, has notable advantages, clan

politics and his lack of academic credentials may hamper his bid.

Ogolla argues that Stephen Odinga, with his strong academic background and vision for Bondo's development, is well-positioned to succeed.

"Andiwo has struggled to secure support from the Sakwa clan, which controls a significant portion of the vote in Bondo. Additionally, a legislative role requires a certain level of expertise, which Mwai may lack," Ogolla explained.

This is Odinga's first attempt to enter the Bondo parliamentary race. He envisions leveraging the region's natural resources, such as Lake Victoria and Lake Sare, to enhance the economic prospects of Bondo.

Bondo, one of Siaya county's six constituencies, first elected Jaramogi Oginga as its MP in 1963.

Oginga was succeeded by William Omamo, who served until 1974 when Hezekiah Ougo won the seat.

Ougo, a former principal, resigned from his educational role to enter politics in 1973, following Jaramogi



Lawyer Stephen Odinga

Oginga Odinga's exclusion from the 1974 elections.

Despite winning the seat, Ougo stepped down a year into his second term to allow Odinga to return to Parliament. However, Oginga's bid was thwarted, enabling Omamo to reclaim the seat.

The constituency has seen six MPs,

with Oburu Odinga holding the record for the longest service.

He was first elected in 1995 after a by-election following his father's death and served until 2013, when he was succeeded by Gideon Ochanda, who is now in his third term and is set to run for the fourth term.

Nairobi Gold Winners Advocate For Women's Boxing League To Transform Kenya's Boxing Scene

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Box Girls Kenya, a community-based boxing organization, has called for the creation of a women's boxing league in Kenya to enhance talent development and uplift the sport nationwide. The organization made the appeal during the unveiling ceremony where they were recognized as the Nairobi region winners of the Tujiamini Gold Award, walking away with KSh 500,000.

Box Girls Kenya has been at the forefront of promoting women's participation in boxing and sports in general. Their call for a structured women's boxing league is aimed at providing a professional platform to help female athletes in the sport reach their full potential and compete on a national and international level.

Speaking at the event, Analo Anjere, boxing coach and founder of Box Girls Kenya, emphasized the need for consistent support for female athletes, highlighting the challenges they face in finding training opportunities and competitive platforms.

"We need a well-structured and exclusive Women's Boxing League run entirely by the women to support en-

rolment and competitiveness in the sport through regular tournaments. This will help build up our amateur and professional rankings to give our female boxers an edge regionally and globally." Said Anjere.

Anjere further explained that the Tujiamini award, will go into upgrading their gym and training facilities located in Kariobangi area of Embakasi North Constituency in Nairobi.

According to Sarah Achieng, a professional boxer and the sports administrator at Box Girls Kenya, in spite of a growing interest and talent in Kenya, women boxing remains critically under developed in comparison to its male counterpart.

"Regular scheduled fights are crucial for the growth and development of boxing. Female boxers in particular, need consistent competition to maximise their full potential. I urge the public to strongly support women sports because we have the talent and requisite competitive spirit to succeed." Noted Achieng.

Box Girls Kenya which focuses on the growth of female boxers in the grassroots, began in 2007 with just two women aspiring to box and excel in the sport. It has to date trained and mentored over 4,000 girls in boxing and self defence classes and hopes to ultimately expand to include oth-



Box Girls Kenya Members receiving the Tujiamini Gold Winner Award at the Box Girls Sport Centre, Light Industry, Kariobangi.

er sports and non-sports activities to keep empowering girls beyond the boxing ring.

Lyle Asiligwa Director at DBA Africa that have partnered with SportPesa in the Tujiamini Initiative acknowledged the immense talent in young women looking for advancement opportunities in the community.

"The Nairobi region's Tujiamini submissions displayed a high level

of competitiveness and Box Girls Kenya stood out as a key driver of sporting talent and positive change in the community. Their blend of amateur and professional boxing is proving to be high-yielding and we look forward to seeing more exploits from the club." He said.

The Tujiamini initiative, powered by SportPesa, aims to nurture and support sports and talent at the grassroots

and community level. The program is designed to improve the quality of sports in Kenya by offering financial and structural backing to deserving organizations. The initiative now heads to South Rift region in September, Young people have been urged to enrol in large numbers as it nears completion in November.



Professional Boxer Sarah Achieng with Amateur Boxer and Field Coordinator Box Girls Kenya Lencer Akinyi, receiving the Tujiamini Gold Winner Award. Professional Boxer Sarah Achieng with Amateur Boxer and Field Coordinator Box Girls Kenya Lencer Akinyi, receiving the Tujiamini Gold Winner Award.

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Sports >> *Athletics Kenya (AK) vice-president Paul Mutwii says the under-20 athletes that competed at this year's World Under-20 Championships in Lima, Peru will be ripe for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028.

AK To 'Stay Close' With U-20 Stars For Los Angeles Olympics



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The youngsters jetted back to the country on Thursday after harvesting seven medals; three gold, three silver and one bronze, to place fifth overall behind USA, Ethiopia, China and Jamaica respectively.

Mutwii, who had accompanied the junior team to the biannual championship, said the federation would monitor the athletes to ensure they gradually graduate to the senior level without going off the rails.

"I've been with so many junior

teams to many championships but this squad is among those I've found special. They are disciplined and committed. We will guide them because they carry our future and especially the 2028 Olympics," Mutwii said upon the team's arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Sarah Moraa, who timed 2 mins 00.36 seconds to win gold in the women's 800m final, attributed her heroics to hard work and also inspiration from her cousin and world 800m champion Mary Moraa.

"My family and friends are my biggest support system. Moraa (Mary) always encourages me and I can say I'm keenly following in her footsteps."

The triumph in Lima marked Moraa's second major win this year, following her earlier victory at the African Games in Accra, Ghana.

The men's 3000m steeplechase champion Edmund Serem, who is also drawing inspiration from a family member—Amos Serem, elder brother and former world junior champion, believes he will dominate the race as he prepares to join Amos in the senior level.

Kenya has recently lost the water and barrier event stranglehold with Soufiane El Bakkali of Morocco winning back to back Olympics titles and also World Championships gold in Budapest last year.

"I believe I can bring back our

dominance. It's not easy but with dedication and focus, I know we can unite with my colleagues to bring back the glory.

Serem led his compatriot Matthew Kosgei in winning gold and silver in the event on the last day of the junior championships, clocking 8:15.28 for the title.

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Sports >> *Freshly minted Paralympics silver medallist Samson Ojuka has called for more investment in the field events if Kenya is to challenge for top honours against world-beaters.

Paralympics: Ojuka Calls For More Field Events Investment After Paris Heroics



Samson Ojuka celebrates after winning silver in the men's T37 Long Jump at the Paris Paralympics with a new Personal Best and African Record of 6.20M on Tuesday, September 03, 2024..

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Ojuka won silver at the Paris Paralympics on Tuesday in the men's long jump T37 final, jumping 6.20metres in the fourth attempt, setting a new African record.

"I feel proud for the opportunity to represent my country at the Paralympic Games. More importantly, I'm very happy to bring the first medal ever in long jump."

"The government should also look for younger talents which are coming up and they need to invest in sports like the field events. Not only for para athletes but even in the conventional sports. Our medal haul at these championships like Paralympics will grow when we think beyond track events," he said upon arrival from Paris.

Ojuka, who was making his debut at the Games, had participated in three World Championships- 2019 Dubai, 2023 Paris and 2024 Kobe, Japan-but pulled through without a medal.

The final year law student at Ken-

yatta University is dreaming big after the Paris exploits that saw him clinch Kenya's much awaited first medal, and is now eyeing the world record.

"It motivates me because I'm happy at least we are starting to get medals in these types of events. We are looking forward to bringing more people on board. I would also like to break milestones and maybe aim to pursue a world record next time," he added.

Ojuka leapt 6.20m on his fourth attempt to secure Kenya's first medal at the Paris Games as he obliterated South African Andrea

Dalle Ave's previous African record of 6.05 he set in 2015.

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Official Launch Of Beyond Books Organization



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Worth Noting:

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Gaolatlhe Wame Setsile Srinath, Kutlwano Nonofu Molome, Gothata Courtney Gopolang and Motshidisi Ramhitshana.

Books are getting fashionable as more people see the need to read and write, and it is so beautiful to see the youth writers increasing in large numbers across the continent.

Mt. Kenya Times Editor Dr Paula O.M. Otukile interviewed Gaolatlhe Srinath on her upcoming function with her partners of the Beyond Books organization.

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The organisation was founded on grounds to cultivate the culture of writing and reading in Botswana and Africa at large. We have a Creative Writing Mentorship Program that seeks to identify upcoming writers or aspiring writers, unearth their talent and nurture them into authors. Their services include Writing Mentorship, Book Publishing, editing and Proofreading, creative writing classes, Bookclub reading sessions, and profiling authors to help them network and build a community of literature enthusiasts for easy benchmarking as well as promoting upcoming writers to help them market their work. They currently profile authors all over Africa through book reviews on social media at no cost.

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Mostly they face challenges such as recruiting new creative talent as there is need for support and exposure for more people to know of our services and accessing them. There

is also a challenge of funds to assist especially the youth who are aspiring writers to reach their dreams since they are not financially able to sponsor themselves, so mostly we volunteer to mentor them and use their own funds to avail their services to them. They therefore extend a request to sponsors out there to assist in collaborating supporting and awakening literature enthusiasm in the youth.

LAUNCH

They will be officially launching BEYOND BOOKS ORGANIZATION on the 22nd of September 2024 from 2pm to 6pm at Mo's Open Table, Fairgrounds. A ticket only goes for P100.

They highly encourage aspiring writers to come and network with like-minded individuals and kick start their own journeys.

For any collaborations, volunteering or ticket kindly contact +26777370172

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One can also follow us on FACEBOOK: BEYOND BOOKS ORGANIZATION or follow their PODCAST channel: BOOKISH

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Her advice to upcoming writers is that 'Procrastination is number one enemy and time will never be right or enough to write; so make writing a habit. Don't fear what people might say about your writing, write that which you enjoy and people will enjoy it along with you. Challenges will always come but what drives you is much bigger.'

Photo: Gaolatlhe Wame Setsile Srinath - Director and Bookclub Manager

Kutlwano Nonofu Molome- Podcast Manager & Creative Mentorship Program Overseer

Gothata Courtney Gopolang- Production and Marketing Manager & Community engagement overseer
Motshidisi Ramhitshana - Bookstore Manager & Talent Acquisition specialist



Founder Mrs Gaolatlhe Srinath..