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News>>Democratic Party Of Kenya Renounces Gachagua's Impeachment Motion

P. 16. One of the oldest political party, Democratic Party of Kenya (DP), has dismissed the impeachment plans against Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua. The party, which is country's second oldest political party after the repeal of section 2A of the former constitution, yesterday distanced itself from its members who have joined the bandwagon baying for the DP's blood.

National Assembly To Defend The Impeachment Process

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Senators Order Arrest Of First Choice Director As New Details Of Money Laundering Emerge

By: PSCU

The Senate Committee on Labour and Social Welfare has intensified its investigation into the alleged job scam involving First Choice Recruitment and Consultancy Agency, ordering the arrest of its Director, Judy Chepchirchir.

The proposal for her arrest, made by Embu Senator Alexander Mundigi was seconded by his Mombasa counterpart Mohammed Faki, who also recommended that the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) initiate criminal proceedings against Chepchirchir for defying the Committee's summons.

During the Committee meeting, chaired by George Mbugua, the Asset Recovery Agency (ARA) disclosed new details revealing the extent of the alleged fraud.

Timothy Nderitu, Director of Corporate Services at ARA, stated that a caveat had been placed on 21 motor vehicles registered under the names of seven key suspects connected to the scheme. Nderitu further explained that investigations uncovered suspicious financial activity, with First Choice Recruitment operating seven bank accounts across five banks, showing clear patterns of money laundering.

"Between 2020 and 2023, these accounts received approximately KShs 300 million, with most of the money being withdrawn in cash just below the reporting threshold, indicating an attempt to avoid detection," Nderitu said.

He also revealed that 27 additional bank accounts belonging to the suspects were under review, many of which had been emptied despite handling significant sums during the period in question.

Labour and Social Protection Cabinet Secretary Dr Alfred Mutua also appeared before the Committee, reporting that Judy Chepchirchir and Faith Gichuhi, another Director of First Choice, had been barred from registering, managing or operating any recruitment agency.

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Labour Cabinet Secretary Dr Alfred Mutua when he appeared before the committee yesterday.

However, Mbugua raised concerns over the delayed implementation of a recommendation from an October 2023 report, which called for the publication of black-listed firms within a month of the report's tabling.

Dr Mutua responded that he had recently taken over the Labour CS position and was focused on current actions rather than past bureaucratic delays.

Sen Gloria Orwoba criticised the National Employment Authority (NEA) Board, calling for its disbandment and reconstitution, arguing that it had failed in its mandate, leaving Kenyans vulnerable to fraudulent recruitment agencies. Echoing these sentiments, Sen Samson Cherarkey stated that NEA bore the greatest responsibility for allowing such scams to persist.

Petitioners, led by Mr Kimutai Kirui, accused the directors of First Choice of operating with impunity, using proxies to continue their illegal activities despite ongoing investigations.

Dr Mutua reassured victims of the scam



The parliamentary committee members during yesterday's session.

that his Ministry would assist them in seeking justice and securing alternative employment opportunities abroad. He urged Kenyans to perform due diligence

before engaging with recruitment agencies, highlighting that relevant information is available on the National Employment Authority's website.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Residents of Bomet County expect improved access to quality healthcare following the arrival of pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical supplies worth Sh37 million from the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA). The delivery was officially received and distributed at the Bomet Green Stadium on Tuesday. Bomet County Health Chief Officer, Felix Langat, led the reception of the medical supplies, highlighting that the shipment marks the second batch of their order from KEMSA.



The founder and director of Grasten Academy and Juste Bar and Restaurant in Witeithie in Juja of Kiambu County, Mwalimu Stephen Waweru Ngaroga passed on at KNH last Wednesday after ailing and developing multiple complications. Family and friends started meeting at his Juste Bar and Restaurant in Witeithie yesterday to plan on how to raise over KSh4 million hospital bill. Family, relatives, friends and well-wishers have been urged to help the family of the late career educationist in prayers and kind at this trying moment.



The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Department of Health in Busia County has embarked on mass polio vaccination with a view to reducing its negative effects including deaths among children. The exercise which will be carried out in two phases targets to vaccinate 308,000 children aged 10 years and below. Speaking during the launch of the exercise at Ebenezer Academy on Wednesday, Busia County Expanded Programme on Immunisation Logistician, Juliet Kilima said that the disease is communicable hence the need to observe hygiene among children.



Laikipia County governor, Joshua Irungu, has assured residents of his administration's commitment to ensure no one is denied services at any hospital in the county even as the transition to a new medical insurance scheme is ongoing. This comes after the government rolled out the Social Health Authority (SHA) countrywide replacing the now defunct National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF). Irungu said that plans are underway to have members of the public sensitized on the new shift to ensure they not only understand its operations but also enroll for the new insurance cover. He noted that patients seeking dialysis services and those with lifestyle diseases such as diabetes and hypertension do not have cause to worry as the SHA will cater for their medical needs. He spoke while on his visit at the Nyahururu County and Referral Hospital Wednesday where he led the registration exercise and assured citizens that healthcare services will continue uninterrupted.

The Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has begun collecting views and comments from stakeholders on its proposed tariffs review which will affect import handling, primary storage and the truck loading. Energy and Petroleum Regulation Authority (EPRA) Director General Daniel Kiptoo said that Kenya Pipeline Company manages several common user petroleum logistic facilities that are crucial to the storage, transportation and distribution of petroleum products across Kenya, these include the pipeline network, the storage depots, the jetties and the loading terminals. "KPC charges the tariffs for the usage of its infrastructure, and these tariffs are reviewed and approved every three years through a public participatory process facilitated by EPRA," explained Kiptoo. Speaking in Nairobi on Wednesday during a consultative workshop on the review of KPC tariffs, Kiptoo said that under the Energy Act of Kenya 2019, EPRA is mandated to ensure fair and reasonable tariffs for KPC services.



Deputy Speaker Sen Kathuri Murungi has expressed concern over the persistent banditry attacks in Igembe North Constituency, Meru County, which recently resulted in the deaths of a local resident and two police reservists in Amwathi Ward. Despite repeated assurances from the Ministry of Interior and National Administration, the region remains engulfed in violence, disrupting peace and security and leaving the community in distress. The Deputy Speaker has called on the Senate Committee on National Security, Defence, and Foreign Relations to explain why these attacks continue unabated, despite efforts by the Ministry to restore peace. He urged the Committee to determine whether the Ministry has evaluated the broader impact of the attacks on residents' lives, considering the social, economic, cultural and political repercussions of the ongoing violence.



Treasury CS John Mbadi has challenged governors to reduce or disband some offices in their governments as a way of addressing the ballooning wage bill. Mbadi noted that most of the new county bosses are currently grappling with the high wage bill which he attributed to the new offices created to replicate those in the national government.

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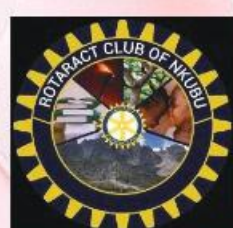
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A Section Of Nyeri MPs' U-Turn, Vow To Support DP Gachagua

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Worth Noting:

- Mukami called on President William Ruto and his deputy Gachagua to iron out their differences so as to avert further proceedings of the motion.
- "After a lot of soul-searching and going through the details of the motion, I have realized that this is something that our deputy president can iron out with the President. I have listened to the ground and the people of Nyeri have said it clearly that they don't want the Deputy President to be removed from office. Kenya is bigger than an individual and it belongs to all of us," the woman representative said.

A section of MPs from Nyeri County who had appended their signatures in support of Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua impeachment motion in Parliament have now made a sudden u-turn and vowed to defend him.

When the motion was tabled on the floor of the National Assembly on Tuesday by Kibwezi West MP Mwenji Mutuse, it was only Mukurwe-ini MP John Kaguchia from the County who had declined to endorse it.

The rest – Geoffrey Wandeto (Tetu), Njoroge Wainaina (Kieni), Eric Wamumbi (Mathira), Duncan Mathenge (Nyeri Town), Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya) and woman representative Rahab Mukami – had appended their signatures to the ouster motion.

But a day before the public participation over the motion, Wandeto, Wainaina and Mukami backtracked on their earlier decision.

The trio said they arrived at the decision to defend Gachagua against the ongoing impeachment proceedings after keenly consulting their electorates.

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Wandeto said the people of Tetu are against the motion that, if passed by



as the country's second-in-command.

"When I consulted my people about the motion, they said it was not a priority at this time but focus should be directed towards other important priorities. As a representative of the people, it is imperative for us to listen to them and do what they have asked us. On Tuesday, I will be voting 'NO'," said Wandeto.

On his part, MP Wainaina said: "I want to make a personal commitment that I will go with the decision of the people of Kieni. An MP has never had the final say on matters pertaining to the country".

In Mukurwe-ini, Kaguchia led his

The public hearings were held at Rugi ward, Gikondi ward, Mukurwe-ini West ward and Mukurwe-ini Central ward.

"Even if we have political differences, there is a need to come together and speak in one voice. That is why I decided not to sign that motion. On Tuesday, I will still vote against the motion," the lawmaker said.

Faith Wanjiru, a resident of Othaya, said it was unfair for the impeachment motion to be leveled against the DP, arguing that he was elevated to the office jointly with President Ruto during the August 9, 2022 General Election.

"We elected President Ruto and his

should be directed towards the two of them as a pair but not towards a single leader," Wanjiru said.

"Why are the MPs demanding for additional security? If at all they think they did their best by appending their signature in support of Gachagua's ouster, then they should not fear coming to us on the ground. We are against that motion in totality," she added.

Kaguchia was among 58 MPs who did not sign the motion.

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Why Mountains Deserve Their Respect

The Spiritual And Religious Significance Of Mountains, Amidst Negative Criticisms And Ignorance



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Worth Noting:

- For Hindus, Mount Kailash it is the home of the Hindu god Shiva, for Jains it is where their first leader was enlightened; for Buddhists, the navel of the universe; and for adherents of Bon, the abode of the sky goddess Sipaimen.
- In remote Western Tibet, the holy peak Mount Kailash (6,714 meters) dominates the entire region's landscape.
- The celestial beauty of Mount Kailash is not only fascinating, but it is also the ultimate pilgrimage destination for four religions Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, and Bon from around the world. For all four religions, Mount Kailash is the spiritual epicentre. Every year, thousands of devotees make the pilgrimage tour to the holy mount Kailash for spiritual purification.

According to many world communities mountains have a very serious religious and spiritual significance to the majority of people living around them.

Such people relate to mountains and closely associate their God or gods with the mountain.

Famous mountains mentioned in the Bible include Mount Horeb, Sinai, Gerizim, Olives, Nebo, Moriah, Zion, Carmel and Tabor. There are other mountains like Taranaki, Tomorr, Fiji, Everest, Ararat, K2, Kailash, Kilimanjaro, Elgon, Ruwenzori and Kirinyaga (Mt Kenya) to name but a few.

Mount Everest has religious significance to both Hindus and Buddhists in Nepal. For many, a visit to Mount Everest is not just a chance to conquer the peak or marvel at its beauty - it is a spiritual journey.

In Tibetan, Mount Everest is called Chomolungma, which means the Mother Goddess of the World.

Mount Kailash is invaluable in both Shintoism and Buddhism.

For example, in Shintoism; the indigenous religion of Japan, Mount Fuji is considered a sacred mountain and believed to be the dwelling place of gods and spirits.

Kailash is considered a source of spiritual power and is worshipped as a deity itself.

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Islam recognizes Mount Sinai or Jabal Musa in Arabic as the place where Nabii Musa was given the Taurat.

In Christian tradition, Mount Tabor is the site of the transfiguration of Jesus.

Mount Ararat is known as the "holy



mountain" of the Armenian people. It was principal to the pre-Christian Armenian mythology, where it was the home of the gods.

With the rise of Christianity, the mythology associated with pagan worship of the mountain was lost.

According to Maori Legend, Mount Taranaki is a god like entity that lived peacefully for many centuries in the middle of New Zealand's upper island.

Tongariro fought with other mountain gods over a nice looking lady mountain. Taranaki is known to many in New Zealand as Mt. Egmont, the name given by the intrepid Captain Cook.

K2 Mountain which is located on the boarder between China and Pakistani holds profound cultural significance for the local communities in Pakistan and China.

It is a sacred and majestic peak often woven into local myths and traditions. It symbolizes resilience and spiritual importance, shaping the cultural fabric of the regions surrounding its base.

K2's allure extends to a deeper connection with the cultural identity of those living in its shadow.

The Ruwenzoris in Uganda, each ridge that descends from the peaks to the plains is 'controlled' by a sacred site.

In effect, the entire mountain range is a sacred landscape whose meanings and uses are directed by the flow of spiritual power.

This power originates with Kithasamba, the god who inhabits the snow of the mountains.

Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania holds a special spiritual significance. It is believed to be a holy site and

is thought to contain the spirits and energies reminiscent of their ancient ancestors.

The mountain is a symbol of strength, courage, and beauty that has been carried through the generations.

Among the Chagga people, Kilimanjaro is considered the seat of Ngai, the Sky God, whose presence imbues the mountain with divine energies. Pilgrimages to the summit are seen as a way to connect with the divine and seek blessings for health, prosperity, and protection.

Mount Kenya is also regarded as a sacred or holy mountain by the neighbouring communities especially the Ameru, Aembu and Agikuyu living adjacent to it. They believe that God, Ngai or Mwenenyaga, lived on Mount Kenya when he came down from the sky. They believe that the Mountain is Ngai's throne on earth. It is also the place where Gikûyû, the Father of the tribe, used to meet with God.

Today pilgrimages are also made around the mountain to thank God, 'Ngai' or 'Mwenenyaga' and to seek blessings, protection and prosperity annually.

A number of narrators talk of the spiritual significance of Mount Elgon, and how many communities around it associate God with certain special areas or features, and especially the highest and least accessible places.

The most unique places in Mount Elgon are very specific areas which people adore and worship, people around worship God and associate 'Yien' (God) with the highest place even in the blue sky.

That is why the upper part of the

mountain, which a normal human being can not easily reach and is where people think 'Yien' stays."

In the New International Version Bible in Exodus 19:12 God gave Moses clear instructions to put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, "Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death."

It is therefore an abomination to make Loathsome, disgusting and profane utterances about any mountain.

The relevance of Mountains cannot be underestimated.

Informed and educated people shouldn't behave like bastards or African pagans.

Otherwise they will keep wondering profanely why bad things keep happening to them and their communities or nation.

Let such foul-mouthed obscene individuals be warned by both Religious leadership and Traditional Elders that it is sacrilegious, blasphemous, and risky to carelessly mention a mountain obscenely.

Such subversive, seditious, inflammatory, incendiary, obscene, toxic utterances and narratives like 'murima' deserve a mission to cleanse the propagators and entire nation of subversives.

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Why Kiambu's Ting'ang'a Ward Residents Want A Vocational Training Institute

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Worth Noting:

- Ruth Waithera a youth said that due to lack of a VTC in the Ward many who did not attain grades to enrol in universities or college are left hopeless since they have no skills that can help them fend for themselves.
- "You will find that those students who got D+ in their KCPE exams and below are sitting idle in the villages. if there is a VTC they could enroll and acquire skills that may help them. We passed that a VTC be put up at Benson Njau primary school, we are now being told that the BOM of the school has refused the views of the public despite the school having a lot of space to put up a VTC," Waithera said.

Residents of Ting'ang'a ward in Kiambu Township constituency have demanded for Kiambu county government to build a Vocational Training Center (VTC) so that the youth can access technical skills.

The residents are concerned why the implementation of the project has not yet begun as resolved through a public participation forum held early this year.

The VTC is supposed to be constructed inside Benson Njau primary school as it has space to host the skilled base institution.

"As parents are concerned for our children who have left high school and are sitting idle at home without any skills. We are seeing our youths indulging in alcoholism due to idleness. We want our VTC to be opened so that we can equip our children with necessary skills that can help them acquire jobs or be self employed," Grace Wambui, a resident said.

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The residents took issue with the area member of parliament Machua Waithaka accusing him of having a hand in the VTC not being built by the county government due to a letter he wrote questioning whether the Benson Njau Primary school land is a national government land or is it a county government land and indicating that his office intends to build a national polytechnic rather than a VTC.

"Our MP has disputed the views of Ting'ang'a people who through public participation unanimously passed that a VTC be put up inside Benson Njau primary school which has space. We need a VTC since our children are in dire need as not all parents can afford to take their children to private colleges and they can get skills in the VTC," Charity Githinji, a resident.

The resident said that politics has marred the process of having a VTC be put up which they have called upon leaders to desist from politics and act in the best interest of the people.

"We do not want politics, let's put

politics aside because as parents we want our children who are sitting idle at home without skills to have somewhere they can get skills that will help them," she said.

According to Lawrence Mwaura area member of county assembly who has championed for the VTC in the ward since year 2014 said that the prayer of Ting'ang'a ward people to have a VTC be put up was heard by the county government and Sh 31 million has since been put aside for the construction of the VTC to be implemented in the 2025/2026 financial year.

"A public participation forum held at the Ting'ang'a ward shopping center where the community resolved that a VTC be put up inside Benson Njau primary school," Mwaura said.

He said while in quest for the VTC a meeting between the office of the MP, MCA, county education office and Benson Njau board of management was convened and all parties were in agreement that a public participation be done to so as to start the process of having a VTC inside Benson Njau.

"During the public participation the office of the MP, county education office and Benson Njau board of management did not attend despite a notice of invite sent to churches and media for participation being effected," he said.

Mwaura said that he was met with shock after the Benson Njau Primary school BOM wrote to the governor through CECM education that they do not want a VTC to be built inside the school.

"The policy of both national and county governments is that in every ward in the country there should be a VTC. Ting'ang'a ward is the only ward within Kiambu constituency out of the four wards without a VTC. it is not a good picture that a BOM can write a letter to say that they do not want a VTC," he said.

He said that a student who got a D-grade in their exams has nowhere to go to further their studies but VTC's have come in to give them hope and give them skills.

"When a county government has approved the construction of a VTC and a school board refuses development it is an embarrassment," he said.

He added that the member of parliament has a conflict of interest as he has written a letter asking who has approved the county government to construct a VTC in Benson Njau primary school.

"I did my research as the area MCA and i found out that the Benson Njau Primary school land is registered as community trust land which does not belong to the national or county



Lawrence Mwaura Ting'ang'a Ward MCA breaking ground of an ECD center in his ward



Lawrence Mwaura making his contributions inside the County Assembly of Kiambu chambers..

government but rather a community land given many years ago by the late Benson Njau who said that the land should serve as an area where educational facility may be put up for Ting'ang'a people," he said.

Efforts to get comments from the area Member of Parliament Mburu Machua were futile as his phone was switched off.

He said that the challenge that is being faced is that when a student from other wards applies for bursary they are given capitation but for Ting'ang'a ward does not benefit.

"When Ting'ang'a ward students apply for bursary in other wards they are not considered since they are not from the other wards. That is the main

challenge my people are facing. That is why they are demanding that the ward must have a VTC," he said.

He said that the school BOM should listen to the needs of the community and that is a VTC be put for their children

He however called on the clergy and community leaders in the area to come out and champion for the VTC to be put up since money has been set aside for its construction.

'Our community leaders and clergy let us not allow the VTC to elude the people of Ting'ang'a,' he said.

National Assembly To Defend The Impeachment Process Of Deputy President And Ten Other Petitions Before Court

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Worth Noting:

- Among the other ten petitions is one filed by Kirinyaga County Women Representative Njeri Maina and former United Democratic Alliance Party Secretary General, Cleophas Malala.
- In her Petition filed before the High Court in Kerugoya, Kirinyaga, Ms Maina, argues that the period for the Notice of Public Hearings was too short, insufficient and ineffective, arguing that the gravity of the impeachment of the Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya, was a serious matter necessitating more time.
- “There is a cost implication for the Kenyan Citizens in regards to accessing the participation venues considering the geographical expansions of the Republic of Kenya,” argues the Kirinyaga County MP.

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In his Petition filed at the Milimani High Court yesterday, Gachagua through Lawyer Victor Swanya seeks to have the impeachment process suspended pending the hearing and determination of the case.

The Deputy President argues that the Motion for his removal is founded on shaky and dangerous legal and procedural foundations that threatens the broad principles of good governance, procedural fairness and fair administrative action, transparency, accountability, public participation and institutional integrity.

“The petition herein raises an important question of principle, law and procedure, namely, whether the Standing Orders of the National Assembly are unconstitutional to the extent of their failure to make provision for any public participation as an integral part of the process of consideration of a Motion seeking removal from office by impeachment of the President or Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya,” reads the Petition in part.

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In his Petition before the Milimani High Court, former United Democratic Alliance (UDA) Secretary General Cleophas Malala, is alleging that the impeachment process is unlawful and unprocedural on grounds that the National Assembly and Senate had not met the constitutional gender parity threshold of not-more-than two-thirds and are thus null and void.

The Court declined to issue orders suspending the impeachment pro-



Speaker Moses Wetang'ula

cess, and instead slated the matter for mention on Monday for further directions and /or issuance of orders.

The Second Petition was filed in Nyandarua by one Dennis Ndegwa, seeking to restrain the National Assembly and the Senate from discussing or initiating a Motion for impeachment of the Deputy President.

The Petitioner alleged that the Motion was not based on constitutional concerns but is driven by political motivation and factionalism within Parliament.

The court also declined to issue stay orders against the impeachment process and instead directed that the matter be mentioned on October 14 for directions.

The third petition was filed by Sheria Mtaani and Shadrack Wambui accusing National Assembly Speaker, Moses Wetang'ula of bias to the Motion on account of past utterances presumed to be related to the Motion.

High Court Judge Justice Chacha Mwita slated the matter for directions Wednesday next week October.

In another Petition, Obuli Namanya, Kennedy Gachege, Dennis Okumu and five others claim the impeachment process lacks the mandatory public participation in the process, as required by Article 118(2) of the Constitution, claiming that there are no clear laws or mechanisms guiding public involvement

in such motions.

Additionally, the petitioners reflect on the historical challenges faced by Vice Presidents in Kenya, stating that the office has been marked by political interference, frustration, and dismissals, and that the current Constitution has not resolved these longstanding issues.

Justice Lawrence Mugambi set the hearing of the Petition for Wednesday next week.

In another Petition, Caroline Wambui Mwangi has gone to court claiming that the Deputy President was not given a proper notice of the impending impeachment process against him.

The petitioner has sought conservatory orders restraining the

respondents from collecting signatures, filing, or proceeding with any impeachment motions against the Deputy President.

The matter was mentioned on Monday where Justice Mugambi who slated the matter for Wednesday for any further directions.

The other two petitions are one filed by Hezron Okirigit and two others, and another filed by Jeremiah Gitari Njagi.

The Okirigit Petition had been slated for mention on October 15 before the Deputy Registrar to confirm compliance and for fixing of a mention date before a Judge, while no directions are yet to be issued on the last Petition.



The National Assembly

Reversing Hidden Curses Pt 2



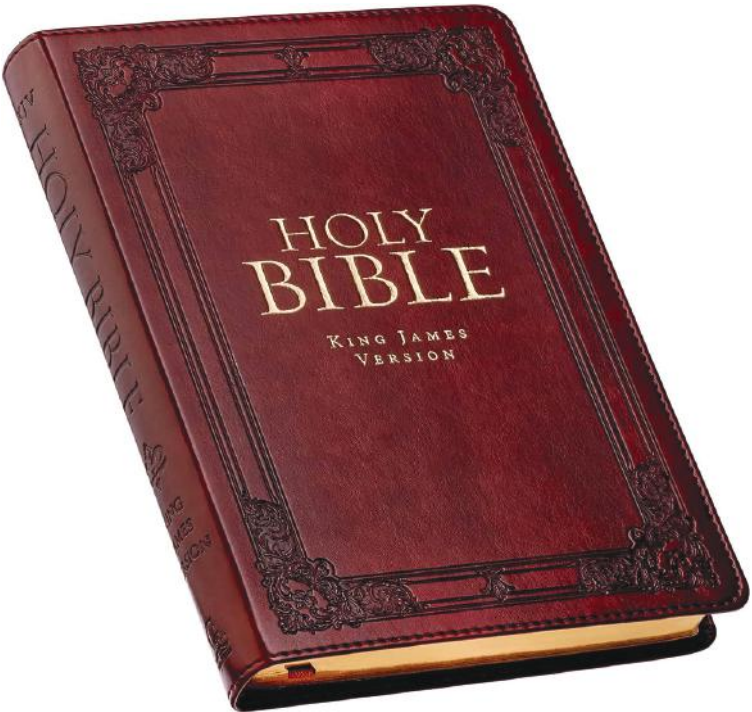
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We continue from where we left of yesterday as regards :” serious and powerful prayers, with the aim of power changing hands: from evil control/ influences of our lives to Holy Spirit control (freedom) thus reversing hidden curses in the name of Christ Jesus and by the blood of Christ Jesus.

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12. I command every bad spirit of any curse to release me and go, in the name of Jesus. (Spend time on this).
13. I break every curse of automatic failure working in my family, in the name of Jesus.
14. I take authority over every curse of ... in my family, in the name of Jesus.

- Sickness, infirmity and deformity
 - family destruction
 - financial destruction
 - Marriage destruction
 - physical and spiritual destruction
15. I cancel the consequences and evil effects of all curses, in the name of Jesus.
16. I take authority over every unconscious curse or playful curse issued on me, in the name of Jesus.
17. Let the root of my life be purged by the fire of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus.
18. Let the root of my life be washed in the blood of Jesus.
19. I break and cancel every curse placed on children in order to punish parents operating in my life, in the name of Jesus.
20. I break and cancel every curse placed on me out of jealousy, in the name of Jesus.
21. I break and cancel every clinical and medical curse, in the name of Jesus.
22. I break and cancel every issued by satanic ministers, in the name of Jesus.
23. I break and cancel every curse

- emanating from evil prophecies, in the name of Jesus.
24. I release myself from any curse emanating from ...in the name of Jesus.
- Past heresies or blasphemies
 - tithe failures
 - breaking a person’s heart
 - Deliberate sinning - self-imposed curses
 - negative words
 - Trying to purify the uncleanpast involvement in immorality and sexual perversion
 - Conscious and unconscious demonic offering of sacrifice,
 - Conscious or unconscious unrighteous denial of another person’s right.
25. I reverse all the curses, in the name of Jesus. There shall be no more...(Mention what you do not desire in your life e.g. poverty, sickness, etc) in the name of Jesus. (Pray out loud aggressively).
- AMEN, AND AMEN. GLORY BE TO THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY FOR DOING THIS IN MY LIFE. HAKELUJAH.



Evangelist Eric Musa:

(My message continuously: If you are not saved: Believe, accept, receive and confess Christ Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and be filled with the Holy Spirit, as it is written; “NOW is the acceptable time, TODAY is the day of SALVATION.- 2

Cor 6:2”. For prayers, devotion, and to support the ministry contact Evangelist on +254722157300 (Email: EMEA.ericmusa@gmail.com). Remember, God LOVES you unconditionally, perfectly and always: SHALOM



The Rollout Of SHA Marks Another Key Milestone



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Worth Noting:

- From today, every Kenyan will be required to register and become a member of SHIF.
- We have established registration desks in all health facilities across the country to register those who have not registered.
- She also unveiled the link for those who opt to register online. Ms Debra also disclosed that more than 12 million Kenyans had so far registered. 400,000 of them registered during the launch.
- It emerged that the process of transferring the details of NHIF members to the new Fund had started earlier. The CS also took this opportunity to allay fears of any disruption during the transition period.

During the campaigns the Kenya Kwanza presidential candidate William Ruto, now the President of the Republic of Kenya, promised to build a legacy that will be remembered by Kenyans for many years to come.

Ever since he assumed office, Dr Ruto has been walking the talk.

The rollout of Social Health Authority (SHA) marks another key milestone in these endeavors.

During the launch of SHA in Kakamega, Cabinet Secretary for Health Dr Debras Barasa congratulated President Ruto for providing leadership that has enabled the dream of the provision and accessibility of quality and affordable health care to all Kenyans become a reality.

The CS announced the exit of National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) which has been replaced by SHA and Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF).

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We have reactivated our systems and so the bills of Kenyans who were currently hospitalized and undergoing certain medical procedures will continue being cleared.

But the critics of President William Ruto would not see this as a key milestone and this would not come up as a surprise.

They have all along been trying to derail and sabotage the mega projects initiated by President Ruto.

Reason? They were envious of seeing Dr Ruto building his legacy.

Some of them had employed similar tricks during the reigns of President Mwai Kibaki and his successor President Uhuru Kenyatta.

President Ruto have since stood his ground. He would not give them a hearing and that is why he has succeeded in rolling out a number of projects that will transform the life of current generation and the generations to come.

The enactment of SHA and SHIF opens a new page in our history.

No Kenyan will be denied medical attention.

The government will pay the monthly contributions of the poor and vulnerable members of the Kenyan society.

SHA and SHIF is looking forward to generate Sh148 billion annually.

The fund apart from catering for medical expenses of Kenyans will be used



Cabinet Secretary for Health Dr Debras Barasa

to modernize and equip the hospitals/ medical facilities to ensure they were at par with those in developed countries.

The story of raising fund to airlift those suffering from life threatening ailments such as cancer that could not be treated in Kenya to India or Europe will now become a thing of the past.

The cost will now be reduced drastically as Kenyans will access the treatment locally.

The critics wanted Kenyans to believe that they will dig deeper into their pockets to sustain the SHIF fund.

So far, they have not produced tangible evidence to support their claims.

Kenyans have no problem paying the monthly contributions.

The only assurance they want from the government is that they will get the quality service and SHIF will be shielded from being infiltrated by corruption cartels.

The new law to operationalize SHA and SHIF recommends punitive measures.

Whoever found guilty of stealing the fund-money set aside for patients- you will face the full force of law.

President Ruto has been reiterating that there will be no sacred cows.

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EALA MPs Convene To Forge Unified Wildlife Protection Policies

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Worth Noting:

- “The Committee on Agriculture, Tourism, and Natural Resources (ATNR), is conducting an oversight activity to evaluate wildlife conservation and management within Member States,” she said, adding, “We are examining how States are managing wildlife, as it is a key contributor to GDP in the region.”
- Uwumukiza stated that these efforts are essential for creating a unified approach to safeguarding the region’s rich biodiversity and promoting the sustainable use of wildlife resources.
- The chairperson said the Committee is in the process of developing a common report on wildlife conservation in the region with a view to tabling it in EALA for the establishment of a legislative framework for the management of cross-border tourism trade and wildlife conservation.

East Africa Community (EAC) member states have been urged to enhance collaboration in the conservation of its biodiversity for present and posterity.

Francoise Uwumukiza, Chairperson of the Agriculture, Tourism, and Natural Resources (ATNR) Committee of the East African Legislative Assembly, said proper management of flora and fauna in the region is vital in bolstering local economies and enhancing the living standards of communities.

Uwumukiza stressed that by prioritising sustainable practices and conservation efforts, the EAC can unlock significant economic potential, creating jobs and fostering resilience in the face of environmental challenges.

Speaking during a consultative meeting in Nairobi on wildlife management in EAC Partner States, Uwumukiza underscored the importance of cooperation in wildlife conservation, highlighting key areas for collaboration within EAC states, including the harmonisation of existing laws and policies as well as the implementation of legislative provisions aligned with the EALA treaty.

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“After we receive recommendations and observations from presentations by delegates from different countries, we will compile a comprehensive report, then table it before the EALA Assembly,” she stated, highlighting the importance of developing effective management mechanisms to protect transboundary ecosystems.

Uwumukiza expressed the EAC’s commitment to effectively managing and conserving wildlife, and promoting cross-border tourism, to enhance the regional economy, stressing that, “the integration agenda focuses on the harmonisation of policies; we are assessing existing laws and regulations to ensure they align with the treaty. There are several laws and policies that need to be reviewed to ensure compliance across member states.”

She called for enhanced efforts towards full regional integration, pointing out that trade tariff barriers

serve as significant obstacles to progress, urging member States to work together to eliminate these barriers and foster a more unified approach to conservation, intra-regional trade, and economic growth.

Uwumukiza stated, “We should eliminate non-tariff barriers in the domains of tourism, wildlife, and animal orphanages,” emphasising the need for streamlined policies that will facilitate greater collaboration and accessibility across member states, ultimately fostering a more vibrant tourism sector and supporting conservation efforts.

She urged partner states to fully comply with international treaties they have signed, particularly those focused on biodiversity protection, to ensure that conserved areas provide tangible benefits to local communities and the broader East African Community.

“I am appealing to the Council of Ministers to support ecosystems, to enable the region to advance in its commitments as outlined in international biodiversity agreements,” she stated, highlighting that all EAC countries are signatories to these crucial frameworks.

She underscored the importance of fast-tracking information sharing systems among member states and commended their collaborative efforts in combating poaching and addressing challenges like climate change that threaten the region’s biodiversity.

Uwumukiza noted that land use has been a great challenge in the region and has affected environment and conservation efforts, adding that consequently EALA has been at the forefront in championing conservation efforts, particularly through tree planting across member states.

Dr. Woda Jeremiah Odok Jago, EALA MP, and member of the ATNR, underscored the importance of managing wildlife in the EAC region, saying the wildlife and tourism sectors are the main income earners for member states and communities living within the ecosystem.

Dr. Woda emphasized the importance of wildlife conservation in East Africa, noting, “For partner states like Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, which are leading in the wildlife sector, we are pushing for wildlife conservation to ensure the sector grows and to enable other member states to benefit by making East Africa a premier tourism destination.”

She expressed concern that the contribution of wildlife and tourism to GDP remains low due to underutilisation of resources, highlighting ongoing interventions by EALA members, which are aimed at improving the situation.

Dr. Woda further advocated for a single tourism visa to facilitate travel within the region, saying, “We are pushing for a single tourism visa to help support member states.” She believes that such initiatives can



East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) MP from Rwanda who is also the Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources Francoise Uwumukiza addresses members of the press on Wednesday, during an oversight activity on Wildlife Management in East Africa African Community Partnership States. Photo/Boniface Malinda

enhance collaboration and increase tourism flow across borders, ultimately benefiting all countries involved.

In addition, she called upon member States to actively market their own tourism sites, encouraging citizens to explore and appreciate local resources. “We must challenge the stereotype of only expecting foreigners to visit our tourism sites,” she stated, adding, “By fostering a sense of pride and ownership among our citizens, we can boost domestic tourism and ensure our natural treasures are cherished by all.”

Dr. Woda pointed out that effective wildlife management not only supports economic growth but also promotes biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism. She urged stakeholders to prioritise collaborative efforts to protect wildlife resources, as they are integral to the cultural heritage and livelihoods of local communities.

Mary Mugenyi, EALA MP and member of the ATNR, echoing her colleague’s sentiments, emphasized the critical need to reduce human-wildlife conflict, highlighting interventions such as forest protection and tree planting to promote sustainable food sources. She cited Uganda’s proactive measures, including revenue sharing and safeguarding wildlife ecosystems, as exemplary approaches to addressing these chal-

lenges.

On the pressing issue of climate change, she urged member States to prioritise collaborative strategies that enhance resilience and protect the region’s natural resources.

In a decisive effort to enhance the protection of wildlife, Maina Karobia, EALA MP, is also advocating for the rapid implementation of an advanced information management system that employs tracking technology for 24/7 monitoring of animals in the ecosystem.

“This will help us track our animals, know how many we have, and safeguard them from natural calamities like drought while enabling us to allocate financial resources effectively,” he stated.

Karobia urged partner states to share best practices to develop a unified approach for wildlife protection, underscoring the critical need for data-driven strategies to combat poaching and ensure the health and sustainability of animal populations.

With the ongoing challenges posed by poaching, habitat loss, and climate change, the MPs called for enhanced policies and initiatives that will ensure sustainable use of wildlife resources. By safeguarding these natural assets, they said, EAC can bolster its economy and foster a healthier environment for future generations.



Some of the EALA MPs

Government Pledges One Million Affordable Housing Units In Central Region

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In a significant boost to the affordable housing initiative, Government spokesperson Isaac Mwaura announced that the government is on track to deliver one million affordable housing units within the next five years, with over 700,000 units already under construction. He highlighted that 14 of these projects are actively underway in Central Region's five counties, collectively comprising 7,628 housing units.

Speaking at a press briefing, Mwaura emphasized the socio-economic impact of the housing projects, which currently employ an average of 2,130 workers daily on site, while an additional 5,000 skilled and unskilled workers are engaged in related off-site activities.

"These initiatives are not just about housing; they are about creating jobs and transforming lives in our communities." He stated.

The State Department for Housing and Urban Development, along with the National Housing Corporation (NHC), has allocated KShs. 1.135 billion specifically for local businesses

and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the region. This funding is intended to support the production of essential construction materials, including steel and wooden doors, windows, and joinery, thereby fostering local economic growth.

The 14 ongoing affordable housing projects are distributed across the region as follows: Kirinyaga County: Two projects (100 units in Kirinyaga and 110 units in Gichugu), Nyeri County: Two projects (381 units at Nyeri Blue Valley and 478 units at Ruring'u), Nyandarua County: Three projects (220 units in Kinangop North, 100 units by NHC, and 420 units by the State Department) Murang'a County: One project (220 units at Makenji), Kiambu County: Six projects totaling 4,423 units, including notable developments in Ruiru, Thika, and Kikuyu.

Julia Wanjiru, a beneficiary of the program and resident of Ruiru, shared her personal story, saying that this project has kept them busy.

"No one is idle or going hungry, This project has kept us busy. The involvement has allowed me to support my family and educate my children while engaging in food sales alongside construction work." Wanjiru stated.

The government spokesperson also



The government spokesperson Dr. Isaac Mwaura during the media briefing in central Kenya.

reiterated the government's commitment to promoting cooperatives and MSMEs under the Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda (BETA Plan). This includes initiatives like the New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (N-KCC) and the New Kenya Planters Cooperative Union (N-KPCU), which are designed to enhance local production, provide credit, and improve overall agricultural output.

The government is also advancing water and sanitation projects, increasing national water coverage from 70% to 73% in two years. Key projects include the KShs. 23.6 billion Karimenu Water Dam in Kiambu, which serves over a million residents, and the Maragua Bulk Water Project in Murang'a, enhancing access to clean water for thousands.

In conclusion, he reaffirmed the

government's dedication to inclusive growth and the eradication of poverty, stating that the government is committed to leaving no one behind as strive for economic empowerment and improved living standards across all sectors of life.

Ahead Of The Mazingira Awards: Children Take Center Stage In Climate Action Discussion

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The First Lady Mazingira Award (FLAMA) hosted a Media Breakfast bringing together journalists and stakeholders to emphasize the crucial participation of children in climate action. The event, held in anticipation of the inaugural First Lady Mazingira Awards ceremony on October 10th.

The chief guest of the event Principal Secretary of the State Department of Environment and Climate Action, Dr. Festus Ng'eno highlighted the urgent need to amplify children's voices in the climate dialogue.

"We must listen to their voices, as they understand the challenges they face. They bring a unique perspective to environmental issues." Dr. Ng'eno stated,



PS Environment Dr. Festus Ng'eno during the First Lady's Mazingira Awards (FLAMA) media breakfast in Nairobi.

The discussions in the event also underscored the importance of raising awareness about the critical impact of climate change, particularly among children, who are among the most vulnerable populations, especially in Kenya's arid and semi-arid

regions. Despite their vulnerability, children have a remarkable understanding of these challenges, which adults often overlook.

The Organizers also called for a collective effort to foster children's engagement in climate advocacy,



The First Lady's Mazingira Awards (FLAMA) media breakfast in Nairobi. The awards ceremony will take place on 10th of October 2024.

stressing that empowering young voices is essential for sustainable environmental protection.

The upcoming awards ceremony aims to recognize outstanding contributions by children and youth in climate action, serving as a platform to inspire greater participation in environmental stewardship.

The First Lady Mazingira Awards promise to celebrate the innovative ideas and actions of young climate advocates, reinforcing the message that every individual can make a difference in the fight against climate change.

Broken But Not Crashed



In pieces I stand, but not to fall,
A fractured soul, yet standing tall.
The storm has come, the winds have
blown,
But in my heart, seeds still are sown.

The cracks may show, the scars may
gleam,
Yet I am more than what I seem.
For every break, a light slips through,
Reminding me of skies still blue.

I've bent, I've bowed, but I remain,
A quiet strength within the pain.
Broken, yes, but not laid low,
In every scar, there's room to grow.

So here I stand, though torn and frayed,
With pieces of me still unafraid.
Broken, but not crashed or lost,
Still moving forward, no matter the
cost.

Evans Asikoyo
Asikoyo the poet

Use Of Innovative Technologies In Preschool Educational Organizations



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Annotation: In this article, the real essence of modern pre-school education that meets the new requirements is the cooperative activity of the child and the teacher, the tools and methods of organizing educational activities, the problems arising in education and finding solutions to them are discussed.

Key words: preschool educational organization, modern approach, innovation, educator and educator, modern educational technologies, pedagogical technologies.

Creation of conditions for all-round intellectual, moral, aesthetic and physical development of pupils, improvement of the quality of preschool education, radical improvement of quality preparation of pupils for school in

preschool educational organizations, modern educational programs widely used in the world practice for the educational process and technology introduction, training of pedagogical personnel and ensuring the improvement of their skills was adopted. The globalization of education, the introduction of innovative technologies, and the flow of large-scale information require regular updating and improvement of the educational content.

One of the important tasks is to implement the state policy in the field of education, to improve the educational process based on the requirements of the unified state in personnel training, to provide educational literature, and to provide continuous methodical service to pedagogues. Today's rapidly changing economic, social and spiritual life requires the wide use of new pedagogical interactive methods to form the worldview of children and young people. The stronger the knowledge, the more the child's worldview and intellectual potential will develop and mature. Development of training methodical complexes, formation of knowledge and skills related to the field of modern management and pedagogical technologies among leaders and experts of pre-school education organizations

based on advanced foreign experience are included among the current issues. Preschool education is the main link of continuous education. Previously, this system served only to create conditions for the social activities of parents working in various sectors of the national economy, but now the requirements for the work content of kindergartens have also been changed. One of the main tasks is to prepare children to study at the school level. 12 new programs have been developed, tested and implemented, which are closer to the school curricula in the education of kindergarten students. Positive results were achieved by using these programs in the educational process in kindergartens. In accordance with the state requirements for preschool education, which is the first link of the continuous education system, preschool educational organizations should increase the efficiency of the educational process, and implement the latest achievements of science. to bring up a well-rounded child who is creative, socially active, highly spiritual, professional, loyal to the Motherland, who respects national and universal values, who can think creatively and independently, who feels his duty and responsibility before the state, society and family, the implementation of important tasks such as instilling the idea of national independence into their minds and hearts is envisaged. The 21st century is the century of techniques and technologies. In this age, without innovation, without research, without creativity, a person cannot have his place in life as an independent individual. The 21st century is the century of techniques and technologies. Today, in every family, technical devices – for example, mobile phones, television, computer, tablet, etc. are widely used in daily consumption. It is noteworthy that young children use these devices quickly and easily compared to adults. However, the level of goal orientation is very simple. In this sense, preschool education organizations are being provided with complete technologies.

This will expand the possibility of using visual aids in education based on modern technologies. In particular, it is advisable to use educational types of game programs for children in pre-school education institutions. In education, innovative technologies are used based on the use of certain approaches in teaching, i.e. principles that include the

requirements and goals that are the basis for the development of new technologies.

All innovations in the pedagogical field are based on strict compliance with the current stage of social and economic development of society. Currently, they should be focused on the development of students' independence, the formation of self-learning and self-development skills, and the conscious assimilation of educational programs, not mechanically. Almost all preschool education organizations in our country are equipped with modern computer and telecommunication technologies. This, in turn, requires educators to have a new approach to their work. The introduction of new technologies into the educational process does not suppress the educator by technical means, but changes his task and role through a new approach, turning the educational activity into a profession based on a more vibrant, creative and creative approach. This cooperation will serve a bright perspective only if we do not neglect to create programs based on continuity and coherence, which are aimed at correct and conscious use, raising our spirituality. Reforms in the system of pre-school education are developing rapidly with the development of society and the country. Therefore, there will be a need for pre-school education organizations in the future next to workshops and factories with a large number of permanent jobs. In this regard, organizing separate buses to bring children who live far away, thinking about the work procedures and programs of such institutions are considered to be special problems.

Summary. In short, by organizing innovative education in the preschool education system, we will achieve the following:

- educating children intellectually and morally based on the rich national, cultural and historical heritage of our people and universal values;
- formation of national pride and patriotism in children;
- forming the need for education in children of preschool age, the desire to study, preparing them regularly for the educational process;
- to develop the thinking of children, to form the skills of intelligent and free expression of one's opinion
- ensuring physical and mental health of children.



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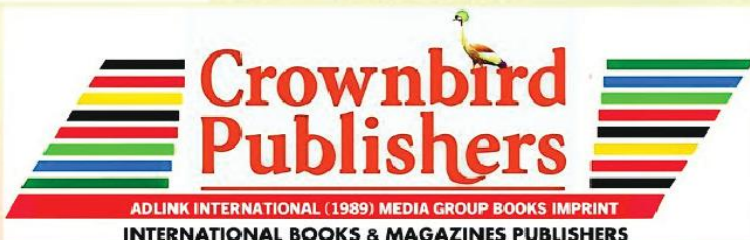
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Democratic Party Of Kenya Renounces Gachagua’s Impeachment Motion

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One of the oldest political party, Democratic Party of Kenya (DP), has dismissed the impeachment plans against Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua.

The party, which is country’s second oldest political party after the repeal of section 2A of the former constitution, yesterday distanced itself from its members who have joined the bandwagon baying for the DP’s blood.

In a press statement, party Secretary General Dr Jacob Haji, noted that the country had more pressing issues to attend to than impeachment and constitutional change.

The party whose first party leader Mwai Kibaki insisted that it stood by its motto of “Umoja na Haki”, that espouses unity and justices for

all citizens said those supporting the motion were doing so in their private capacity but had no party blessings.

“In our view, this isn’t the right time for impeachment as our country is facing hard social economic times coupled with strikes from various institutions universities, hospitals and teaching service,” stated the party.

“We urge our leaders to unite and find solutions towards making a better Kenyan fraternity for us all,” urged Haji.

Haji further called on citizens to attend today’s public participation forums across the country on the impeachment of Gachagua and reject it.

Further, he said, Kenyans must also say no to the projected constitutional change to extend presidential and other electable leaders tenure from 5 to 7 years.

“The unity of our country comes first and is paramount,” emphasised the party Secretary General.

The political entity that has one elected Senator, a Member of the National Assembly and a number of County Assembly members has been in existence since 1992 when it’s presidential candidate, Mwai Kibaki came out third with 1.1 million voted behind eventual winner and the then incumbent Daniel arap Moi and runner-up Kenneth Matiba.

Embu County’s Mbeere North constituency Member of Parliament Geoffrey Kiringa Ruku of DP is among the lawmakers who appended their signature in support of the impeachment motion against the former Mathira MP.

At the same time, three legislators from Gachagua’s backyard yesterday beat a retreat and said they would not be supporting the motion during the voting day on Tuesday next week.

The trio; Nyeri Woman Representative Rahab Mukami, Tetu MP Geoffrey Wandeto and his Kieni counter-



Democratic Party of Kenya Secretary General Dr Jacob Haji (left) with the party National chairman Essau Kioni during a past press briefing.

part Njoroge Wainaina said they had realised that the public was against what the National Assembly had embarked on.

CS Wahome Assesses The Ongoing Projects Under KISIP phase II In Eldoret

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The Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing, Public Works, and Urban Development, Alice Wahome, has officially launched and assessed the ongoing projects under the Kenya Informal Settlement Improvement Programme (KISIP) phase II in Eldoret.

During the launch CS Wahome urged the county government to support the initiative so that the residents of Uasin Gishu can access decent housing noting that the government is on course to ensure every Kenyan particularly those living in informal settlements benefit from the affordable housing project.

She noted that their tour included key sites in Eldoret 64 market, Pioneer, Kidiwa, and Railway City, where they observed significant progress, such as the construction of 2,260 low-cost housing units in Pioneer and 220 units in Kidiwi, and 2000 units in Railways.

“I expect that most of our housing units in this area we had start-

ed initially should be able to given to Kenyans by January 2025,” said Wahome.

“We have engaged with residents to review these developments, which are part of a broader effort to enhance infrastructure under the Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Program,” she said.

“We have evaluated the progress of Eldoret 64 market and I am happy with the progress. The starting has been slow since we had to change the design slightly as we needed to have more levels to capitalize on the land that we have and because we did not have sufficient parking for the traders, we agreed that we will do two level down instead of one,” stated the CS.

“We are about 20 per cent now and once we deal with the rocks on the lower part, we will move quickly. We will be doing six floors two down and four above the surface. This project will cost us Sh1.5 billion,” she revealed.

She appealed to traders to be patient and give them time as there will be no more challenges as the funding is available and the contractor is doing a fantastic job.



Cabinet Secretary Alice Wahome with Uasin Gishu County governor Jonathan Bii and other officials during the launching exercise

She confirmed that the market shall be delivered and it shall house around 3,000 traders noting that they want traders to stop selling their products along the roads as the market aims to create safer and more dignified working environments.

In his remarks, Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii expressed satisfaction that the advancement of

affordable housing projects aligned with the President William Ruto objectives will be a game changer.

“We are advancing access to affordable and decent housing in partnership with the national government as our fifth city of Eldoret continues to urbanize,” said Bii.

“These projects aim to improve housing availability and create job

opportunities for local youth, thus promoting regional growth,” she said.

Bii noted that improvements in road infrastructure, drainage systems, and green spaces under this initiative have benefited numerous settlements, enhancing economic and social livelihoods.

Bridge International Academies Foundation Committed To Ensuring Tutors Are Facilitated For Efficient Teaching

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As teachers around the globe celebrate this year's World Teachers day which is held annually on 5th October, Bridge International Academies Foundation has committed to ensure that teachers are supported, trained and empowered to enable them to teach effectively and offer material that is designed to help children learn.

The bridge Kenya principles of teaching has had a positive impact on teachers even in the most challenging places and now they can hone new classroom techniques and absorb a new teaching philosophy, known to improve learning.

According to the Bridge, principles of training they specialise teacher training by grade and by subject in order to ensure that all teachers have the most effective training to enable them to succeed in their classrooms.

They follow national and state curriculums. About ten percent of induction training is made up of training specially tailored to the grade level the teacher will be teaching—early childhood education, lower primary, or upper primary. Upper-primary teachers are often further split up according to the subject they will be teaching, so that they can learn the teaching techniques that will be most effective for their work.

During practice time, teachers practice teaching using real teacher guides from the grades and subjects they will be teaching.

According to Juliane Wambui, a teacher at Bridge International academy, Kenya said that before she joined the academy she had taught in other public schools but teaching at Bridge is a bit different as they use technology.

"When you go to the government's training institutions, I was taught what to teach. At Bridge I taught better class management, how to connect more with my kids, and that made me a better teacher," Wambui said.

In September 2022, global education leaders came together at the United Nations Transforming Education Summit to tackle the urgent challenge of reimagining education to meet Sustainable Development Goal 4 that included inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all.

The Summit highlighted a double crisis—equity and quality—and called for a bold transformation in how teachers educate.

Wambui said that with a teacher guide she has all her lessons how they have been planned and scheduled and is able to preview the lessons for each day.

"The teacher guide supports my creativity. I have that freedom to add whatever I think will help the pupil more. I have the support I need as a teacher to bring out the best in these children," she said.

She added that one of her greatest achievements is the results of the kids she has taught seeing the child able to achieve or go to high school and go



Teachers and pupils in an outdoor activity

to the school of their dreams means everything.

"These are kids who never stood a chance of joining high school or even pursuing their careers. Bridge transforms lives and transforms communities and brings hope to the families and the children are able to dream and achieve their goals," she said.

Teachers at Bridge can practice the topic learned in the form of group discussion, independent work or the active practice of a new skill. At other times, teachers will be practising delivering a lesson from the teacher guide before receiving feedback from their peers and trainers.

Throughout training, the trainer's model each of the big four teaching skills that teachers are expected to use in their classrooms by integrating them into their own training approach.

They follow a training guide, check

on the (teachers') work, circulate and respond with clear feedback. This training approach mirrors the way teachers are taught to respond to their pupils. Because of this modelling, teachers in training become familiar and comfortable with the big four teaching skills.

During training, trainers give immediate feedback to teachers. They circulate the room whenever teachers are having practice time in order to check on teachers' work. By immediately responding to their work and moving on, they are able to reach and give feedback to every teacher. Teachers are able to have an immediate and clear idea of how well they understand the content and what they need to work on.

Bridge provide teachers with technology to use in the classroom, not only for accessing and teaching their lessons, but also for keeping track

of pupil performance and attendance data. Teachers receive devices "teacher computers" on which to access teacher guides.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) reports that Sub-Saharan Africa needs 15 million more teachers, while higher-income countries face a retention crisis.

The report further states that globally, 44 million additional teachers are needed urgently to achieve the Universal Primary and Secondary Education target by 2030.

"The shortage of teachers stands as a major challenge as we approach 2030. This scarcity is not just a number: It is a crisis undermining educational systems globally," says the report.



A teacher using technology to teach pupils.

Kenya's Carbon Market Regulations: A Double-Edged Sword For Climate Action And Economic Development



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Worth Noting:

- The mandated community development agreements (CDAs) and profit-sharing mechanisms (40% for land-based projects and 25% for non-land-based projects) are laudable attempts to ensure local communities benefit from carbon projects. Yet, the effectiveness of these measures will largely depend on the capacity of communities to negotiate fair terms and the government's ability to enforce compliance. There's a risk that without proper support and oversight, these agreements could become perfunctory exercises that fail to deliver meaningful development outcomes.
- From a Global South perspective, Kenya's approach to carbon market regulation reflects a broader dilemma faced by developing nations: how to balance the urgent need for economic growth with environmental sustainability and climate resilience.



Kenya's recent foray into carbon market regulation through the Climate Change (Carbon Markets) Regulations, 2024, marks a significant milestone in the country's climate action journey. This move positions Kenya at the forefront of African nations actively engaging with global carbon markets, reflecting a growing trend among developing countries to leverage their natural resources for both environmental and economic gains. However, this step into the complex world of carbon trading comes with both promises and pitfalls that warrant careful consideration.

The regulatory framework established by Kenya represents a commendable effort to align with international climate commitments while potentially unlocking new revenue streams. By setting clear guidelines for project approval, community engagement, and profit sharing, Kenya aims to create a transparent and equitable system for carbon credit generation. This approach could serve as a model for other Global South nations grappling with the dual challenges of economic development and environmental conservation.

However, the implementation of these regulations raises critical questions about the capacity of local institutions and communities to navigate the intricate landscape of carbon markets. The requirement for project proponents to demonstrate financial capacity and expertise may inadvertently favor well-resourced interna-

tional entities over local enterprises. This dynamic risks perpetuating a form of "carbon colonialism," where Global North actors dominate the market, potentially exploiting Global South resources without adequate local benefit or control.

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From a Global South perspective, Kenya's approach to carbon market regulation reflects a broader dilemma faced by developing nations: how to balance the urgent need for economic growth with environmental sustainability and climate resilience. The attraction of foreign investment through carbon projects presents an opportunity to fund sustainable development initiatives. However, it also raises concerns about the commodification of nature and the potential for carbon offsetting to become a mechanism for Global North countries to outsource their emission reductions rather than addressing the root causes of climate

change.

The two-year grace period for existing projects to comply with the new regulations is a pragmatic measure that acknowledges the complexities of transitioning to a new system. However, this transition period also highlights the challenges of retrofitting existing projects to meet new standards, potentially leading to disparities between old and new initiatives. It underscores the importance of adaptive governance in the rapidly evolving field of climate finance.

Kenya's emphasis on environmental impact assessments and audits for carbon projects is crucial for maintaining ecological integrity. However, the effectiveness of these measures will depend on the robustness of Kenya's environmental governance structures and their ability to withstand potential pressures from both domestic and international actors seeking to fast-track project approvals. There's a risk that the allure of carbon finance could lead to compromises in environmental standards, particularly in a context where economic pressures are significant.

The global interest in Kenya's carbon market, evidenced by engagements from companies like Gucci and Netflix, underscores the country's potential as a key player in international carbon trading. While this attention could bring much-needed investment, it also raises questions about the long-term sustainability and additionality of carbon offset projects. There's a

danger that easily verifiable projects might be prioritized over more complex but potentially more impactful interventions, leading to a mismatch between market-driven solutions and genuine climate mitigation needs.

As Kenya embarks on this journey, the success of its carbon market regulations will largely depend on its ability to build local capacity, ensure genuine community benefits, and maintain environmental integrity in the face of market pressures. The country's experience will be closely watched by other Global South nations considering similar paths, potentially shaping the future trajectory of carbon markets in developing countries.

In conclusion, Kenya's carbon market regulations represent a bold step towards integrating climate action with economic development. While the potential benefits are significant, the challenges of implementation, equity, and long-term sustainability cannot be overlooked. As the global community grapples with the urgency of climate change, Kenya's experience will offer valuable lessons on the possibilities and pitfalls of market-based approaches to environmental conservation in the Global South context.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unity Amidst Division: The Challenge Facing Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua In Mt. Kenya Politics

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Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua’s call for unity among the Mt. Kenya people underscores a pivotal moment in Kenyan politics, particularly as the nation approaches the 2027 elections. His appeal emerges amidst growing factionalism within the region, which threatens to fracture the historically cohesive Mt. Kenya voting bloc. Gachagua’s message serves both as a warning against disunity and a rallying cry for collective action, emphasizing that internal discord could undermine their influence on the national stage. Gachagua positions himself as a champion of Mt. Kenya interests, arguing that unity is essential for enhancing their bargaining power within the national political landscape. His rhetoric resonates with many constituents who fear marginalization if their region remains divided. He contends that disunity could lead to diminished political clout, making it imperative for leaders to prioritize collaboration over competition. However, Gachagua faces significant challenges from within his ranks. Several leaders have openly criticized his approach, suggesting that his calls for unity may inadvertently foster division rather than cooperation. This internal

dissent highlights the complexities of consolidating support in a region characterized by diverse political interests and loyalties. The recent endorsement of Interior CS Kithure Kindiki by numerous MPs signals a shift in loyalty that poses a direct challenge to Gachagua’s leadership. This development raises questions about his ability to maintain influence in a political landscape where allegiance can be transient. The historical precedent of Mt. Kenya’s electoral success through unity serves as a backdrop to Gachagua’s appeals, reminding leaders of the power they wield when they come together under a common agenda. Gachagua argues that unity is not just a matter of political expediency; it is essential for securing resources and development projects for the region. He advocates for equitable resource distribution through mechanisms like the “one man, one vote, one shilling” formula, aimed at ensuring fair representation and funding for Mt. Kenya’s needs. He believes that only through collective action can they effectively negotiate their interests at the national level. The dangers of division are palpable, with Gachagua warning that internal conflicts could weaken Mt. Kenya’s

position in national politics. He emphasizes that disunity could result in missed opportunities for development and representation, urging leaders to prioritize regional solidarity over personal ambitions. In his speeches, Gachagua has called for forgiveness among leaders who may have had past disagreements, fostering an environment conducive to collaboration and mutual support. He insists that his call for unity should not be misconstrued as tribalism but rather as a strategic necessity for effective governance. Engaging younger voters is crucial for Gachagua’s strategy, as they represent a significant portion of the electorate eager for change and progress. His calls for unity resonate with youth who desire an inclusive political environment free from divisive tactics. To strengthen his position, Gachagua has sought alliances both within and outside Mt. Kenya, including reaching out to opposition leaders. This strategy aims to create a broader coalition capable of challenging existing power structures while reinforcing regional solidarity. The influence of former President Uhuru Kenyatta looms large over Mt. Kenya politics, with Gachagua attempting to align himself with Kenyat-

ta’s legacy while navigating the expectations of a new generation of leaders seeking fresh directions. Gachagua frames his call for regional unity as part of a larger vision for national cohesion, believing that when regions unite, they can collectively advocate for policies benefiting all Kenyans. His emphasis on unity reflects an understanding that fragmented political landscapes often lead to weakened negotiating positions on critical issues. As the 2027 elections draw closer, Gachagua faces mounting pressure to deliver on his promises of unity and development amid rising factionalism within his party and region. His ability to navigate internal dissent while maintaining focus on collective goals will be critical in determining his effectiveness as a leader. Moreover, recent statements from other regional leaders indicate growing resistance to Gachagua’s approach. Critics argue that his push for unity may serve more to consolidate his power rather than genuinely address the needs of the constituents he claims to represent. For instance, Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru warned against isolating Mt. Kenya from the rest of the country, advocating instead for an inclusive approach that transcends tribal lines.

Despite these challenges, Gachagua remains defiant in his mission and continues to emphasize the importance of unity at various public engagements across Mt. Kenya. He has called out those he perceives as “traitors” within the region who oppose his agenda and has urged constituents to hold their leaders accountable regarding their commitment to regional solidarity. In conclusion, Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua stands at a critical juncture in Mt. Kenya politics as he advocates fervently for unity amidst rising tensions and factionalism. His call reflects an urgent need for cohesion among leaders and constituents alike as they prepare for future electoral battles, underscoring the complexities inherent in balancing diverse interests while striving toward common objectives. As he continues this campaign for solidarity, it remains to be seen whether he can successfully unify the region or if divisions will deepen further as the elections approach.

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Navigating Political Tensions: The Rift Between Gachagua And Sudi

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The political landscape in Kenya is increasingly fraught with tensions, particularly within the ruling Kenya Kwanza administration, as evidenced by the recent exchange between Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and Kapsaret MP Oscar Sudi. Gachagua’s call for unity among leaders from the Rift Valley has been met with resistance from Sudi, who has firmly asserted his right to engage with constituents across the country, emphasizing that political engagement is crucial for government success. Gachagua’s remarks, made during a church function, criticized certain leaders for what he termed “political tourism,” urging them to focus on their constituencies instead. He questioned the motives of those who travel extensively to support various ini-

tiatives, suggesting that such actions divert attention from local issues. In response, Sudi defiantly stated, “You cannot control where I go,” highlighting the necessity for politicians to connect with voters nationwide to build support. This exchange underscores a fundamental disagreement about the role of political engagement in a rapidly evolving electoral environment. Sudi’s insistence on crisscrossing the country to support vulnerable groups and churches reflects a broader strategy aimed at maintaining visibility and relevance in a competitive political arena. His defense of his funding sources further emphasizes his commitment to transparency and accountability, countering accusations of impropriety that have arisen amid Gachagua’s criticisms. By asserting that he learned the impor-

tance of supporting churches from President William Ruto, Sudi positions himself as a leader grounded in community service rather than mere political maneuvering. This back-and-forth highlights the growing factionalism within the Kenya Kwanza coalition. Gachagua’s push for unity among Mt. Kenya leaders is not merely a call for collaboration; it is also a strategic maneuver aimed at consolidating power and influence in light of rising challenges from within the party. The Deputy President’s emphasis on regional solidarity is rooted in the belief that unity will enhance their bargaining power at the national level, especially as they prepare for upcoming electoral battles. However, Sudi’s refusal to be intimidated by Gachagua’s calls for solidarity suggests an emerging rift

that could have significant implications for the coalition’s cohesion. His comments indicate a commitment to maintaining political independence while still supporting President Ruto, reflecting a desire to balance personal agency with collective goals. As these dynamics unfold, both leaders must navigate their respective positions carefully to avoid further division within their ranks. The stakes are high; with elections looming on the horizon, maintaining a united front will be essential for both Gachagua and Sudi if they hope to secure their political futures and that of their party. Ultimately, this exchange serves as a microcosm of the broader challenges facing Kenyan politics today. As leaders grapple with issues of loyalty, representation, and political strategy, it remains crucial for them to find

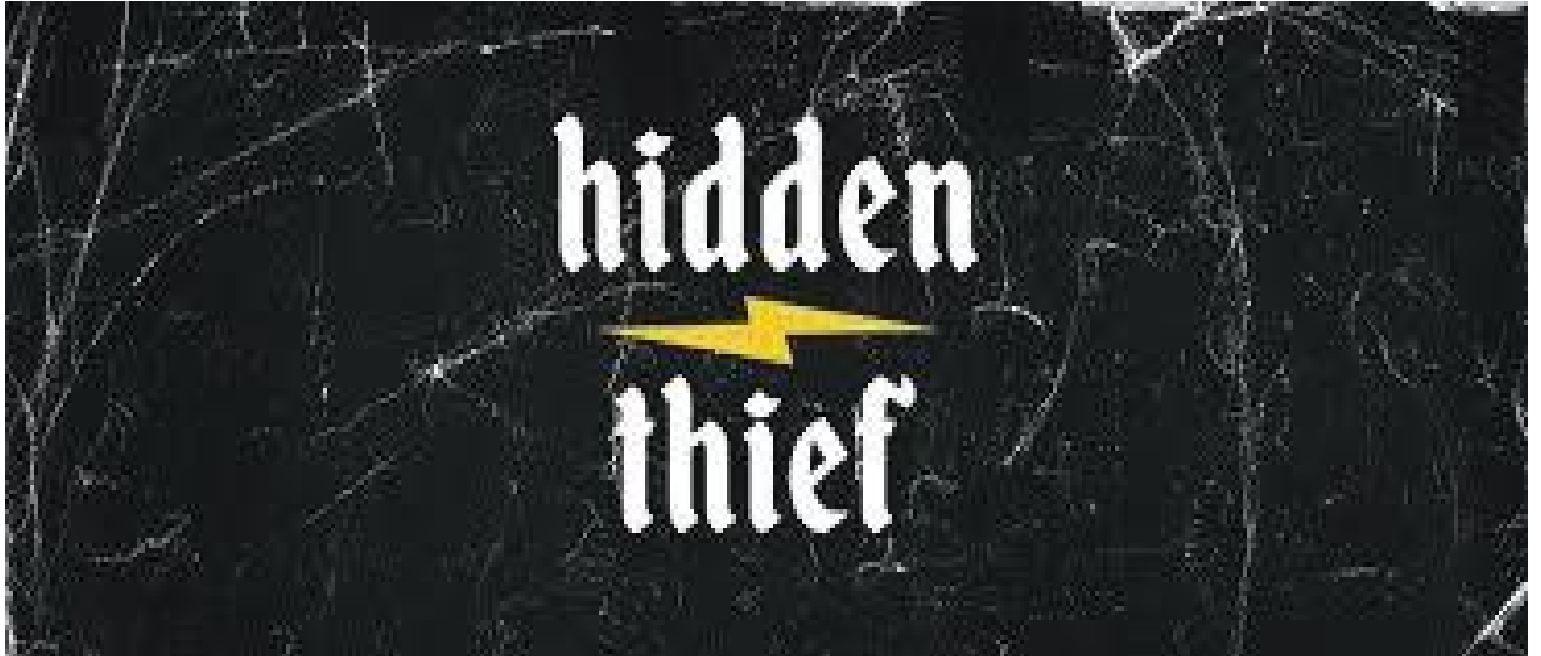
common ground while respecting individual ambitions. The path forward will require not only dialogue but also a genuine commitment to addressing the concerns of constituents across all regions, ensuring that no voice goes unheard in the pursuit of national unity and development.

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What If We Had The Chance? A Reflection On The Hidden Thief Within



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Worth Noting:

- The well-known saying, “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely,” wasn’t coined without reason. Time and time again, people who once lived humbly and modestly find themselves tangled in webs of corruption the moment they ascend to positions of authority. It’s easy to declare them as morally bankrupt, but the reality is far more complicated.
- What if they started out just like you, vowing to never let greed take control? Yet, when the temptation presented itself, they, too, fell prey to the allure of easy wealth. In Kenya, corruption has become so ingrained in the system that it feels like a never-ending cycle.

We often sit in judgment, glaring at the headlines of yet another scandal involving public figures, politicians, and leaders. We shake our heads in disgust as we see corruption running rampant, with billions disappearing into the pockets of the few, while the majority are left struggling to survive. We are quick to condemn, labelling them all as thieves, looters of the public coffers, and corrupt beyond measure. But a deeper question lurks beneath the surface: What if the tables were turned? What if it was you or I in that position of power? Could we confidently say we wouldn’t do the same? The allure of power and wealth is one that many of us haven’t truly faced. It’s easy to sit on the outside and claim moral superiority when the opportunity to steal hasn’t presented itself to us. However, human nature is complex, and the line between right and wrong often blurs when faced with the temptations that accompany power. The truth is, we can never fully understand the weight of that temptation until we’re the ones standing at the crossroads.

Take a moment and ask yourself: If I were in charge of a government office, managing large budgets, overseeing huge contracts, and surrounded by people who continually offer bribes and backhand deals, could I resist? If you found yourself in a position where millions could be funneled into your account with little chance of getting caught, would you turn away from that? Most of us would like to think we’d uphold our values and stick to the straight and narrow. But history has shown that power has a way of changing people.

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rupts absolutely,” wasn’t coined without reason. Time and time again, people who once lived humbly and modestly find themselves tangled in webs of corruption the moment they ascend to positions of authority. It’s easy to declare them as morally bankrupt, but the reality is far more complicated. What if they started out just like you, vowing to never let greed take control? Yet, when the temptation presented itself, they, too, fell prey to the allure of easy wealth. In Kenya, corruption has become so ingrained in the system that it feels like a never-ending cycle. Leaders rise to power with promises of reform and clean governance, only to fall into the same traps as their predecessors. But it’s not just about those in political offices. Corruption is everywhere — in businesses, schools, hospitals, and even homes. From bribing traffic police officers to paying off government officials for favors, the corruption cycle continues. Can we really claim to be any better than the ones we criticize when we participate in these smaller acts of dishonesty? The truth is, many of us are corrupt in our own ways. We may not have access to the large sums of money that politicians have, but how often do we cut corners? How often do we lie, cheat, or manipulate situations to our benefit? In the workplace, how many of us take credit for someone else’s work or misuse office resources for personal gain? In schools, how many students cheat on exams or buy their way through to pass? The truth is, if we were to strip away the levels of power and wealth, we’d see that the same spirit of dishonesty runs through society from top to bottom.

There’s a common phrase you’ll

hear people say in jest: “I’m not corrupt, I just haven’t gotten the chance to be.” But underneath the humor lies a painful truth. Many of us might not be engaging in large-scale corruption because we haven’t been placed in a position where we could. Given the right circumstances, it’s frightening to consider how easily we could fall into the same trap.

It’s easy to criticize and point fingers at those at the top, but when we participate in acts of corruption on a smaller scale, we are part of the same problem. The society we live in has normalized dishonesty and corruption to the point where it’s almost expected. You bribe to get things done faster. You pay off the right person to get a better position. You forge documents because everyone else is doing it. This is the reality we live in, and unless we acknowledge it, we’re doomed to repeat the cycle. But the conversation shouldn’t stop at blame. The question should then follow: How do we break out of this cycle? How do we rebuild a culture where honesty and integrity are prized above personal gain? The first step is acknowledging our own role in perpetuating corruption. Whether big or small, every dishonest act contributes to the larger culture of corruption. We need to stop seeing integrity as something for “other people” and begin holding ourselves accountable. Would we behave differently if we were in positions of power? Would we be the ones to break the mold? It’s easy to say yes from where we’re standing, but the true test of character comes when we’re faced with the real temptation. Many politicians entered the arena with good intentions, promising change. Yet, the corrupt system swallowed them whole. The

pressure to conform is immense, and without a strong foundation of personal values, it’s nearly impossible to resist. Perhaps the real issue is the system itself — a system that’s designed to reward corruption and punish those who try to stay clean. We often wonder why whistleblowers are few and far between, but the answer is simple: they’re isolated, ostracized, and punished for speaking out. The system is rigged in favor of those who participate in its corruption. Until we dismantle this system, we will continue to breed thieves, no matter who is in power.

We need to reimagine a society where values like integrity, accountability, and transparency are held in high regard. This requires a collective effort, from the leaders at the top to the citizens on the ground. It’s about changing mindsets and re-educating ourselves on what it means to live an honest life. It’s about creating systems that make it harder to steal and easier to do the right thing. The question isn’t whether or not we could steal if given the chance — the real question is, what kind of society do we want to build? If we continue down the path we’re on, where corruption is the norm, the future looks bleak. But if we begin to shift our values, if we stop participating in the small acts of dishonesty in our daily lives, we might just have a chance at building a better future. The next time we’re quick to judge those at the top, let’s pause and reflect: what would we do if we were in their shoes? The answer might not be as clear as we’d like to believe.

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Boda Boda Riders In Kiambu Celebrate The Lives Of Fallen Riders

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Boda boda riders in Ruiru town gathered at the local stadium for a prayer and thanksgiving event to celebrate the lives of fallen boda boda riders in the county and show support to the families left behind.

Chairperson of the Bodaboda association of Kiambu Lawrence Kariuki said that the event was conceived as a way to thank the riders for their service and to remember the ones who lost their lives during the course of the year.

“We have had a number of deaths reported this year and it is unfortunately a part of what happens when you are in this line of work but we continue to work and support the riders and their families through these tough times,” he said

Kariuki said that they also put an emphasis on community participation during the ceremony by riding through the streets of Ruiru as a unit, as this is a spectacle used to draw the

public’s eye to the event and the issues of the riders.

“We want people to also participate as it is a community event, it is important to join together and celebrate as we are one community looking to support one another,” he added

He also stated that one of the main goals of the event is to support the families through buying household goods in bulk for the families of the riders who pass away. The association has a digital registry that makes it easy to identify riders who have lost their lives.

Kariuki observed that most of the boda riders in Ruiru are young men with very young families which corresponds to the national data with 97.4% of riders being male and 68.2% representing ages 18-33 years old.

“As an association we make sure that our fallen riders’ families are taken care of. We buy flour, sugar and other common household amenities to keep them going for as long as they can as well as providing social support. We understand that having a loss in such circumstances leads to dire situations for the widows and



Some of the Bodaboda operators during the event

their children,” he said

Daniel Mumbi is a local rider who participated in the event and expressed his excitement as this was his first thanksgiving event as a boda rider since joining the field one year ago.

Mumbi is only 25 years old and has a young child and a wife and under-

stands the importance of having such events, even as a reminder to the riders as safety is very key in their line of work.

“This is an important event to me and my family, coming together to support one another as well as praying for us and thanking God for where he has taken us riders during the whole

year. I hope to continue being a rider to keep saving money so I can build a house for my family and I,” he said.

The Kiambu Riders Association continues to be a leader in community promotion from health advocates and beacons for change in the county.

Don’t Mix Conventional Medicine And Herbs In Epilepsy Treatment

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The Elgeyo Marakwet county medical director of health Dr. Isaac Kipyego has cautioned epilepsy patients against using traditional herbs alongside conventional medicine in the management of the condition.

Dr. Kipyego who was speaking during a 3-day free epilepsy medical camp at Cheptebo rural development centre said some patients, out of misguided traditional belief that having epilepsy means they are bewitched sometimes use conventional prescribed drugs and also traditional medicine in the hope they will get better.

The medic said the condition is not associated in anyway with witchcraft saying it was a medical condition which is caused by an infection to the brain due to either a fall or deprava-

tion of oxygen and blood caused by delay during birth.

The medic therefore called on patients to visit health facilities for proper diagnosis to know the cause and get the relevant medicine noting that for those with mild attacks, they can get healed if they seek treatment early.

He called on patients to strictly adhere to taking the drugs by the dosage as prescribed as they regulate the brain function adding that some patients stop taking drugs once the seizures stop. He warned this could be counterproductive and asked them to stop only on a doctor’s advice.

Cheptebo director Joseph Kimeli called on the government to train the Community Health Volunteers on epilepsy management so that they can advise residents saying most people lock the patients in instead of seeking treatment.

He said the centre has partnered with the county government who have provided medics and drugs for the



medical camp since 2015.

Kimeli said to date over 1,500 patients have been treated with the number increasing every year observing they receive patients from all over the country.

One of the patients Frederick Kandagor from Baringo county said he has suffered from the disease since 2001 which has led him to losing his teeth, jobs and even relationships. He reported that he had heard about the

camp from other patients who had gotten reprieve and decided to seek treatment.

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Messi Scores Twice As Inter Miami Win MLS Shield



Lionel Messi celebrates with his teammates after winning the MLS Shield. PHOTO/Inter Miami/X

Inter Miami forward Lionel Messi scored twice in a 3-2 win against Columbus Crew to help the club to win the MLS Supporters' Shield for the first time.

The Argentina playmaker opened the scoring with a close-range finish and doubled the away side's lead in first-half stoppage time with a sublime free-kick.

Crew winger Diego Rossi halved the deficit in Ohio before former Liverpool striker Luis Suarez restored Inter Miami's two-goal lead and they held on after

Cucho Hernandez's penalty.

Miami's victory means the club will finish top of the table and have won the Supporters' Shield – which is given to the MLS club with the best regular season record – for the first time since they debuted in 2020.

The trophy is Messi's 46th piece of silverware in his glittering career for club and country.

By finishing top of the standings, Miami have secured home advantage during the post-season play-offs.

"The first objective has been

achieved and now we have to think about what's next," said Messi.

"The first round is three games but then it's one game and anything can happen. But we have the great advantage of playing all the games at home, which is what we were looking for. We are very strong at home."

Miami need two wins from their final two league matches to beat the MLS record for most points in a regular season, which currently stands as the 73 amassed by the New England Revolution

in 2021.

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Sports >> *Tottenham striker Dominic Solanke has been named in Lee Carsley’s England squad for this month’s Nations League fixtures against Greece and Finland.

Solanke Gets First England Call-Up In Seven Years; Maguire, Maddison Dropped



Dominic Solanke has been called up to the England squad.

Tottenham striker Dominic Solanke has been named in Lee Carsley’s England squad for this month’s Nations League fixtures against Greece and Finland. It is the striker’s first call-up since he earned his only cap, a substitute appearance against Brazil in 2017 during his time at Liverpool. Aston Villa midfielder Morgan Rogers is absent despite his fine start to the season, while Manchester United defender Harry Maguire, Tottenham playmaker James Maddison and Crystal Palace winger Eberechi Eze also miss out. Kyle Walker, who was left out of Carsley’s first squad, has earned a recall while Jude Bellingham has been selected after missing September’s fixtures through injury. Carsley made a strong start to his time as England interim manager with victories against Finland and

the Republic of Ireland in September in the Nations League. The Three Lions host Greece on 10 October before playing Finland in Helsinki on 13 October. Solanke has scored three goals in six games for Tottenham since joining Ange Postecoglou’s side in a £65m deal from Bournemouth in the summer. The 27-year-old was overlooked for England’s Euro 2024 squad, despite netting 21 goals in 42 appearances for the Cherries last term. Maguire, 31, was a regular under former manager Gareth Southgate but the defender has been dropped for October’s fixtures after making Carsley’s first squad in September. The centre-back missed United’s 3-0 defeat against Tottenham on Sunday with a calf injury but has returned to the squad for

Thursday’s Europa League match against Porto. Rogers, 22, had been tipped for a call-up after a brilliant start to the season. The midfielder has started all eight of Villa’s Premier League and Champions League matches this term, scoring twice. Maddison, who has scored once in seven matches for Spurs this season, has not been included in an England squad since being cut from Southgate’s preliminary Euro 2024 squad. England squad Goalkeepers: Dean Henderson (Crystal Palace), Jordan Pickford (Everton), Nick Pope (Newcastle United) Defenders: Marc Guehi (Crystal Palace), Ezri Konsa (Aston Villa), John Stones (Manchester City), Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liver-

pool), Levi Colwill (Chelsea), Rico Lewis (Manchester City), Kyle Walker (Manchester City) Midfielders: Conor Gallagher (Atletico Madrid), Kobbie Mainoo (Manchester United), Declan Rice (Arsenal), Cole Palmer (Chelsea), Morgan Gibbs-White (Nottingham Forest), Angel Gomes (Lille), Phil Foden (Manchester City), Jude Bellingham (Real Madrid) Forwards: Jack Grealish (Manchester City), Anthony Gordon (Newcastle United), Harry Kane (Bayern Munich), Noni Madueke (Chelsea), Bukayo Saka (Arsenal), Ollie Watkins (Aston Villa), Dominic Solanke (Tottenham)

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Media Sensitized On Childcare Reforms And Children's Rights

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Worth Noting:

- Director of Children Services, Hoyd Isadia, emphasized that the National Care Reform Strategy is a crucial initiative aimed at ensuring that every child in Kenya grows up in a safe and supportive family environment.
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Journalists and other stakeholders who took part in the training

Media practitioners from Kiambu, Murang'a and Meru Counties have undertaken a training on childcare reforms.

The National Care Reform Strategy for Children in Kenya training comes against the backdrop of, and a response to, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which reaffirms the significance and the leading role of the family in the care, nurturing, growth and development of children.

The two-day training organized by the Legacy for Children (L4C), in partnership with the National Council for Children's Services (NCCS), the Nairobi Directorate of Children's Services (DCS), and program implementing partners, focused on enhancing media understanding of the care reform strategy and reporting on matters children.

The reform, which was signed and implemented in 2022, seeks to transition from institutional care to family and community-based care, ensuring better protection and support for vulnerable children.

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Children officer at the NCCS Madam Janet Muema, stated that the training was part of their ongoing efforts to ensure all stakeholders, including the media, are well-informed about the care reform strategy.

"The media holds a unique position in shaping the narrative around children's welfare. By understanding the intricacies of the National Care Re-

form Strategy, journalists can help amplify the message that every child deserves to grow up in a family environment," said Muema

Journalists were also educated on children's rights and the ethical considerations involved in reporting on issues affecting children.

"As journalists, we have a duty to protect the dignity and privacy of children in our reporting. Ethical considerations must guide every story involving children to ensure that their rights are upheld," Stated Jacob Nyongesa, from the Media Council of Kenya.

Emphasis was placed on responsible journalism, particularly in safeguarding children's dignity and privacy in news coverage.

"Our role is not only to inform but also to safeguard the vulnerable, especially when telling stories that touch on sensitive issues affecting children," Nyongesa said.

The care reform strategy is part of a global movement which aligns with international standards, like the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), to address the

harmful effects of institutionalizing children.

It is anchored on three pillars which include: Prevention of family separation, Alternative care and Reintegration to Family and Community-Based Care.

The training program was implemented by, Stahili Foundation, Diocese of Murang'a, Diocese of Meru, Weza Foundation, GEEP Kenya, and Child in Family Focus Kenya (CFFK)

The partners highlighted the critical role of the media in advocating for children's welfare and fostering a deeper public understanding of childcare reforms in Kenya.

The Constitution of Kenya recognizes the family as a fundamental unit of society and the necessary basis for social order and bestows the responsibility of childcare on the child's biological family. It is therefore anchored in law that children should, as much as possible, live with and be cared for by their families of birth.