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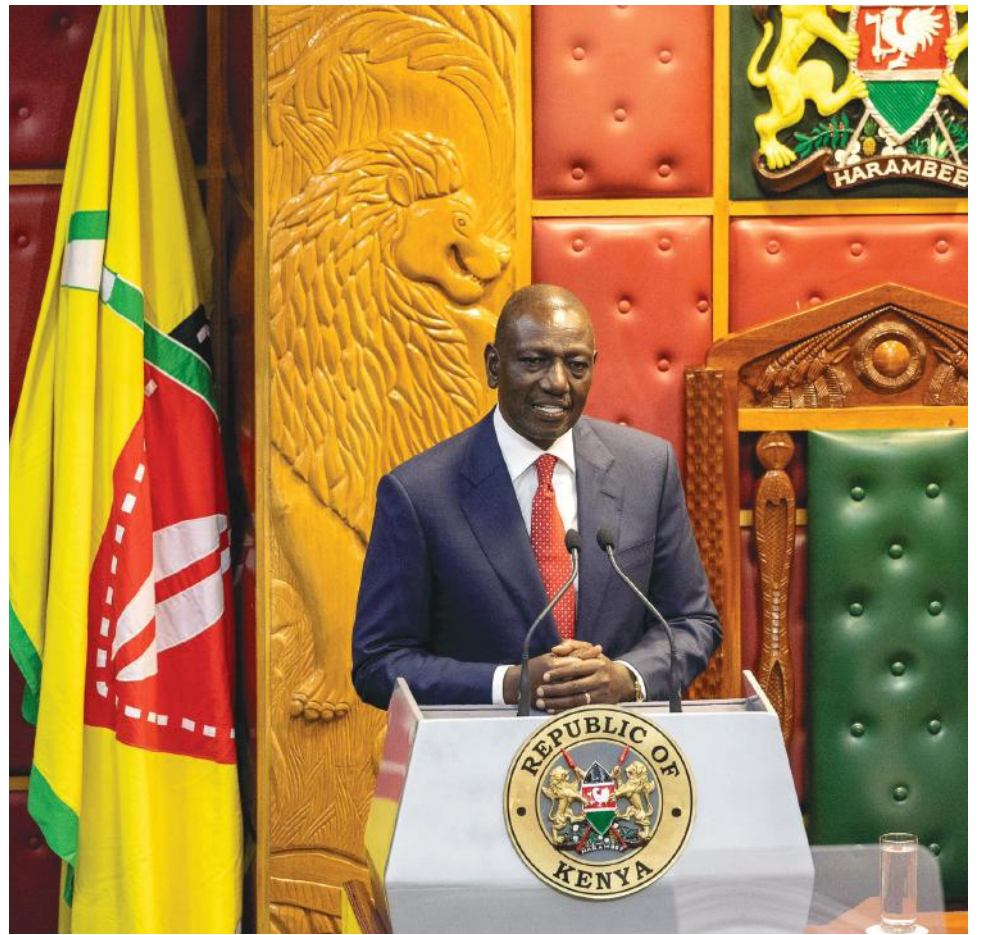


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# Catholic Priest Awarded PhD In Christian And Islamic Studies

By: Rev. Richard Ooko Airo  
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In a heartbreaking achievement that bridges two of the world's largest faiths, a Catholic Church Priest has earned a PhD in Christian and Islamic Studies, showcasing the power of dialogue and understanding of both religions, setting a stage for conversations about unity, respect, and common ground in the increasingly polarized world.

Reverend Richard Ooko Airo, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese of Mombasa, currently in charge of St. Joseph Tudor Parish who is also the Director of Interreligious Dialogue yesterday graduated and earned himself a PhD in Christian and Islamic studies.

Speaking during an exclusive interview, Rev. Airo said that his deep understanding of both Islam and Christianity opens the door to more meaningful and nuanced interfaith dialogue.

He believes that being well-versed in the core teachings of each religion not only fosters mutual respect but also lays the groundwork for building bridges between communities.

He noted that he studied Christian Theology of other religions, Islamic history, and civilizations, fundamentals for Interreligious dialogue, Islamic Sharia Law and the Arabic Language, and the history of Christian and Muslim Relations, "Studying these courses opened my scope of understanding much more about Islam and I grew to love the religion," he said.

Drawing from his PhD research thesis, "Interreligious Dialogue and Social Cohesion: The Pastoral Approach of the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Mombasa (1983-2023)," Rev. Airo cited Mombasa as a leading example of interfaith harmony in Kenya.

He noted that the city's rich religious diversity has fostered a unique "Dialogue of Life," where people from various faiths coexist and collaborate in their daily lives.

According to Rev. Airo, this inclusive environment positions Mombasa as a model for interreligious dialogue and social cohesion, not just in Kenya but



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across the region.

However, he noted that the many stereotypes created against religions are what create conflicts among the people. He highlighted that working closely with Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics (CICC) has brought about so much love that is breaking the barriers of suspicion, stereotyping, and hatred and teaching the importance of living together in harmony.

When asked about how he maneuvers



his teachings from both religions especially that there are notable differences, Rev Airo emphasized that Islam and Christianity are both Abrahamic religions meaning that they both emanate from Abraham.

He noted that there are no major differences as both religions have the same teachings, citing that the differences are mainly brought about by stereotypes and people who do not have a deep understanding of the two religions.

Airo stressed that fostering knowledge and dialogue can help dismantle misconceptions and highlight the shared values that unite the two religions.

"We need to dialogue, sit down and see what separates us and fight for what unites us and we shall find harmony in our coexistence," he emphasized.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



The Kenya Delegation on Cooperation, Collaboration, and Partnership in the fight against drugs, led by Mr. Mohamed Amin, the Director of Criminal Investigations, convened a consultative meeting on Wednesday with Mr. George Papadopoulos, the Principal Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States. The discussions focused on a range of pressing issues surrounding the sale, distribution, and consumption

of narcotic drugs, with both parties reaffirming their unwavering commitment to combat these challenges. Emphasizing the critical nature of this collaboration, the U.S. reiterated its role as a reliable partner, pledging to provide comprehensive support, training, and resources to Kenya as it navigates the complex landscape of drug trafficking. During their engagement, the delegation expressed deep gratitude for the ongoing partnership with U.S. authorities, highlighting the importance of enhanced joint initiatives. These initiatives are designed to bolster law enforcement capabilities, improve intelligence-sharing protocols, and promote community awareness programs that aim to prevent drug abuse at the grassroots level. Among the specific areas of collaboration discussed were improvements in forensic capabilities, training for local law enforcement officials, and the implementation of educational outreach programs targeting youth and vulnerable populations.



As the school holiday continues and the festive season approaches, Nakuru County is urging parents and guardians to be extra vigilant about their children's safety. With concerns over the risks of defilement, abduction, and other dangers, authorities are emphasising the importance of creating a secure environment for children during this time. Gladys Kamuren, the Chief Officer for Gender, Social Services, and Inclusivity, has called on parents to remain alert. "It's crucial to ensure that our children are safe, especially during the holidays. We urge parents to be vigilant and monitor their children's activities," Kamuren said.



The Principal Secretary State Department for Water and Sanitation Julius Korir yesterday led an adjudication committee to fast track the Mandera Water Supply Infrastructure Project that aims to improve water supply services to Mandera town from the current 2000 cubic meters per day to 16,700 cubic meters per day. The current water demand for the town is about 5,462.67 cubic meters per day that translates to 36.6% of water demand through the current water production. The Mandera Water Supply Infrastructure Project is implemented by Tana Water Works Development Agency (TWWDA) while Northern Water Works Development Agency (NWWDA) is the Project Engineer whereas Runji Consulting Group is the Engineer's representative. Present during the meeting were Water Secretary Eng. SAO Alima, CEO of TWWDA Eng. Philip Gichuki, Eng. Samwel Muraguri, Eng. Collins Owiti (Project Eng. NWWDA), Erastus Waweru, Stephen Ndege, Jeremiah Muturi and Arthur Mamo.



The lifting of the ban on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and their derived products will reduce the cost of animal feeds in the country and consequently reduce the cost of milk production, the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) has said. The report on milk production 2024 by the Kenya Dairy Board which was released by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Dr. Andrew Karanja wants the government to enhance monitoring and enforcement of the quality feed and raw materials in the market. Meanwhile, the National Biosafety Authority, which is established under Section 5 of the Biosafety Act No. 2 of 2009, has the mandate to exercise general supervision and control over the transfer, handling, and use of GMOs with a view to ensuring the safety of human and animal health and the provision of adequate level of protection of the environment. Speaking in Nairobi during the launch of the cost milk production report 2024, NBA acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Nehemiah Ngetich stated that the Authority is ready to receive and process applications for environmental release and placing on the market of GMO commodities in collaboration with other regulatory agencies.

Australian mining firm base Titanium is focusing on environmental management practices to minimize the impacts of mining on the environment and protect biodiversity. The company is expediting the restoration of mined-out areas following the depletion of mining reserves, with plans to cease operations by next month. The company has been mining rutile, ilmenite, and zircon, all precious minerals, since 2013, accounting for approximately 65 percent of Kenya's mining industry by mineral output value. The rehabilitation of mined-out areas begins by shaping the area into dunes similar to those that existed before mining, followed by shaping and topsoil spreading, manuring, and mulching to enhance soil organic matter for vegetation cover.

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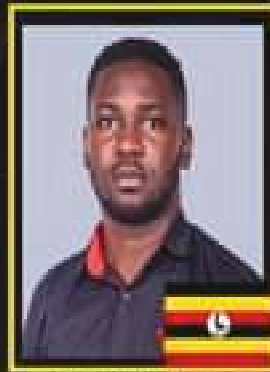
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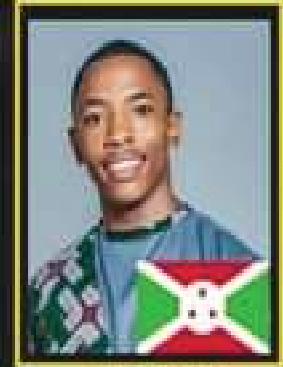
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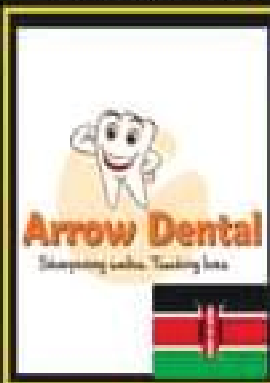
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# ICT PS Outlines The Ministry's Past Achievements And Future Plans To The Public

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## Worth Noting:

- In the digital economy subsector, the PS added that the Ministry has provided 7,066 public institutions including hospitals with internet connectivity and noted that they have installed 1,491 public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country.
- "We have also laid 13,129 kilometers of fiber network and managed to onboard 17,668 government services to the E-citizen portal," added Eng. Tanui.



The National Treasury has engaged the public in the unveiling of the next two financial years Medium-Term Budget with an aim of sensitizing the people on the milestones achieved and future projections of the government.

Speaking during the second day of the National Treasury and Economic Planning Public Sector Hearings for the FY 2025/26 and the Medium-Term Budget held in Nairobi, the Principal Secretary for ICT and the Digital Economy Eng. John Tanui announced that the government, through the Ministry, has managed to complete the construction of the Konza National Data Centre during the last financial year.

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He also announced that they have managed to recruit and train 1,200 ICT interns under the Presidential Digital Talent Program (PDTP).

On the Broadcasting and Telecommunication subsector, the PS stated that the Ministry has produced, printed and disseminated the Kenya Yearbook publications, Agenda Kenya Publications, and the Cabinet Series publications.

"In the Big Four Agenda publications, we have standardized and published public sector advertisements in the weekly MyGov publications," Eng. Tanui emphasized.

He highlighted that the institutions under the Ministry have established two additional Studio Mashinani to create employment opportunities to the youth and added that they have increased the National TV coverage from 86 percent to 98 percent.

"The government has trained 2,385

media practitioners in information and cinematic arts at Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC) and through the institutions under the Ministry, we have accredited 27,552 journalists and media practitioners," disclosed the PS.

He highlighted the emerging issues in the ICT sector like the rapid growth of the digital economy as well as the adoption of artificial intelligence for enhanced economic competitiveness and service delivery.

The PS at the same time revealed that in the next financial year, the government is committed to fully onboarding 13,800 government services on the E-citizen platform.

"We will provide internet connectivity to 44,575 public institutions, complete the construction of Horizontal Phase 1 at Konza Technopolis and lay 38,871 km of backbone fiber network," affirmed Eng. Tanui.

On the Broadcasting and Telecommunication sector, he detailed that the government would operationalize

the National Communications Center (NCC), train 3,000 media practitioners and establish four more Studio Mashinani in Kisii, Eldoret, Kakamega and Garissa Counties.

"We will also install solar power in 42 Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) Stations and accredit 27,000 journalists out of which 9,800 journalists will undertake on-job training," pledged the PS.

Meanwhile, he encouraged the public to adopt artificial intelligence and diversification of investments due to rapid technological advancements.

"We should also explore alternative funding sources for various projects and have a strengthened strategic communication on programs and projects," he stressed.

The PS noted that the ICT sector is an enabler for the realization of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and called for continuous investment to build a more resilient economy.

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# Kenya Women Teachers Association Vows To Support The Fight Gender Based Violence

*President's Advisor On Women Rights Ms Harriette Chiggai Rallied Thousands Of The Women Teaching Fraternity Organization To Support A Call To End Femicide As She Lauded The Head Of State's Initiative Of Financially Supporting The 16 Days Activism That Starts On Monday*

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A welfare association that enhances the living standards of women in the teaching profession has resolved to be at the forefront of supporting the upcoming activism against Femicide and Gender Based Violence (GBV).

The Kenya Women Teacher Association (KEWOTA) members made the declaration yesterday during their ongoing two day 5th Annual Conference and Exhibition at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development headquarters in Ngara area, Nairobi.

The association officials who included chairperson Modesta Akaki, Treasurer Jacinta Ndegwa and Chief Executive Officer Benta Opande led hundreds of the members in declaring an all-out war against any form of vice that can prejudice their lives and activities of women.

President Ruto's advisor of Women Rights Ms Harriette Chiggai gave a keynote address where she, among other things, outlined various methodologies that women and other stakeholders should apply in order to positively advance the course for women.

To start with, Ms Chiggai noted that women are mostly disadvantaged and face a myriad of challenges in their different professions that they pursue. She said one of them was gender-based discrimination which manifests in various forms such as unequal pay, limited opportunities for women's professional advancement to leadership roles as well as in some instances, sexual harassment at work place.

She called on KEWOTA leadership to promote gender equality through curriculum and extracurricular activities that should target all school staff and students.

Another challenge that Ms Chiggai cited was lack of mentorship and leadership opportunities like sponsorship programmes, an issue she noted hinders career growth and advancement.

Further, she said, lack of adequate infrastructure and resources, particularly in most rural areas was a stumbling block in efficient teaching as well as learning.

Ms Chiggai urged them to develop and support initiatives that address gender-based violence by among other things, create a safe learning spaces for all as she lauded the Head of State for his commitment in support of women and children in the



President's Advisor On Women Rights Ms Harriette Chiggai addressing KEWOTA forum yesterday.

fight against GBV where he pledged a KSh100 million to the "Safe Home, Safe Space" initiative.

"The President's declaration that all arms of government must collaborate to end this vice is a clear indication that we can reverse these femicide cases by working together," she said. She called on the teaching fraternity "to close ranks and help the government create safe spaces for the children in schools" as she urged them to enlighten students to always be cautious of their surroundings at all times and avoid situations that they feel unsafe.

Ms Chiggai said her office would work with the association members as change agents in dealing with most challenges since teachers spend many hours with children at school.

All schools and institutions should develop and implement clear policies and procedures that address and prevent sexual harassment like providing counselling and legal support to victims, she said.

"By teaching empathy resilience and problem-solving, you will greatly impact students to navigate challenges and build relationships which are key in fight against GBV," she observed.

She further called on the association to prioritize the mental health and well-being of women educators through continuous counselling and other support services.

While welcoming the resolution by the association to aggressively take part in the 16 days of activism, Ms Chiggai noted that the move will help



From left to right; KEWOTA Treasurer Jacinta Ndegwa, President's Advisor On Women Rights Harriette Chiggai, KEWOTA CEO Benta Opande and association chairperson Modesta Akaki.

create awareness on the need for each to play their role in changing the tide to reverse GBV of any form.

The two-day Conference and Exhibition is being attended by hundreds of stakeholders from all the country.

These include women teachers, a section of male teachers and teachers from sectors such as, Early Childhood Development Education, Special Needs, Informal Sector, Tertiary Level, Retired, Junior Secondary and Secondary schools. Other stakeholders include Policy Makers, Parents Association officials as well as Corporate and Non-Governmental Organizations.

This year's theme is; "Transformative Empowerment: Breaking Bar-

riers and Bridging Gaps for Women Educators in the 21st Century" which the association noted was timely and relevant as it focuses on equipping women educators to lead in a rapidly evolving world, emphasizing empowerment as a cornerstone in building a more inclusive and equitable future for education in the country.



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The Head of State further urged Kenyans with information about Extrajudicial killings, abductions and Femicides cases to forward the information to DCI and IPOA for action.

Other issues that President Ruto highlighted included revelations that his government has successfully facilitated employment of 105,367 Kenyans in foreign countries since July last year.

He announced that KSh7 billion would be disbursed today for the purpose of settling debts owed to public, private and faith-based medical facilities by the now defunct National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

To show case that the country was progressing on well, economical-

ly, Kenyans were informed that the country's forex reserves has surged high in 10 years to hit a new record \$ 9.4B, providing a 4.8-month import cover. To farmers, the President noted that his government has procured and distributed 7 million bags of fertilizer to boost food production across the country and thus improve food security.

To further demonstrate how the country is fairing well in terms of economy, he alerted citizens the fact that the shilling has stabilized significantly, appreciating from KSh162 in Feb 2024 to the current rate of KSh129. This means that the inflation has gone down from 9.6% in September 2022 to 2.7% as of last month, the lowest rate in 17 years.

Moreover, he noted, Tax revenues have grown by 11.5% in the year to June 2024, reflecting the success of our tax base expansion measures. He averred that it was projected to grow by 5 per cent and by a further 5.6 per cent next year.

He revealed that all the 17 sugar factories across Kenya are now operational, producing at impressive levels and dealing away with the need to import the commodity.

On health matters, he noted that the ministry concerned has established SHA and SHIF to ensure health challenges facing Kenyans are addressed,



President William Ruto's State Of The Nation Address.

saying that NHIF used to serve a few small section of Kenyans who could afford to pay but the new system catered for all citizens.

Under the teaching fraternity sector, he noted that his administration has hired 56,000 teachers and is in the process of recruiting 20,000 more before schools open next year.

He said the government has ensured the seamless transition of learners

from Primary to Junior Secondary and domiciled Grade 7, 8 and 9 in primary school, optimizing the use of existing infrastructure.

He explained how his administration has introduced a new students centered higher education funding model that gives priority to the most venerable students, offering them up to 95% government support.

Eventually, the President directed

the Treasury to roll out the e-procurement system and ensure only procurement undertaken through the system is sanctioned and paid for.

Leaders gave mixed reaction to the President's third State of the Nation addressing with some praising and others saying it has no consequence to common citizens.

# Deputy President In Consultative Meetings With MPs

By: MTK Correspondents  
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Deputy President Prof Kithure Kindiki yesterday held a series of meetings with Members of Parliament from different parts of the country. "Our country requires consensus building by all leaders, stakeholders and members of the public on the most effective way of accelerating the national vision of fostering national unity and inclusive prosperity for all the people of Kenya," the DP noted, adding, "The Government is committed to ensuring that the input and voice of all role players forms part of a national consensus towards a better country for us and future generations".

The meetings, held at Harambee House Annex, gave the DP an opportunity to hear views on how best the government can partner with elected

representatives of the people to hasten implementation of the country's development agenda. In the photo, the DP is seen with the MPs in one of groups that paid him a visit. They included; Elisha Odhiambo (Gem), Charles Gimose (Hamisi), Elijah Njoroge (Gatundu North), Abdi Ali Abdi (Ijara), Atieno Bensouda (Woman Representative, Homabay), Julius Taitumu (Igembe North), Bernard Shinali (Ikolomani), Mumina Bonaya (Woman Representative, Isiolo), Joseph Makilap (Baringo North), Jane Kagiri (Woman Representative, Laikipia), Bady Twalib (Jomvu), Githua Wamacukuru (Kabete), Eve Obara (Kabondo Kasipul), Memusi Kanchory (Kajiado Central), Gideon Kimaiyo (Keiyo South), Micheal Wambugu Wainaina (Othaya), Christopher Wangaya (Khwisero), Paul Katana (Kaloleni) and John Njuguna Kawanjiku (Kiambaa).



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## Personal Genuine Love With God Pt 2



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Christ Jesus says in John 14:21, 23, 24 :

“[21] Whoever has \*MY commands and keeps them\* is the one who loves ME. The one who loves ME will be loved by MY FATHER , and I too will love them and show Myself to them.”

[23] Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves Me will obey my teaching. My FATHER will love them, and \*WE WILL COME\* to them and make \*OUR HOME\* with them. [24] Anyone who does not love ME will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not MY own; they belong to the FATHER WHO sent ME.” Selah! “Tusaidie Mungu Mwenye enzi, Mwenye nguvu zote□□”

To me, this Scripture is an inspiration through out life, that when you Love God; Christ Jesus, you OBEY

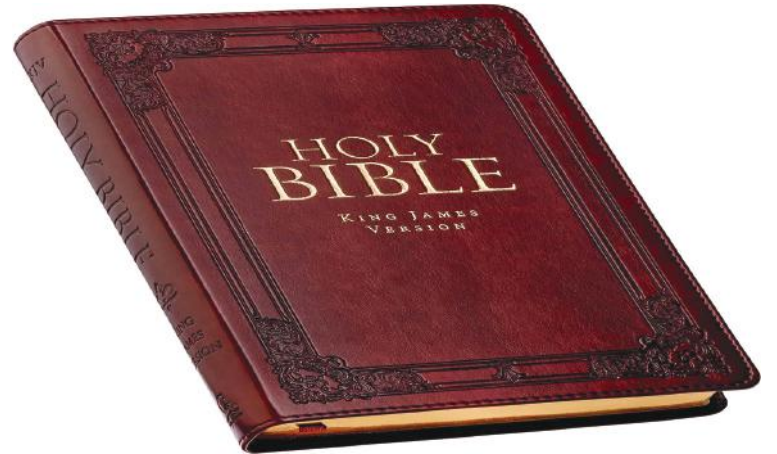
HIM. And because of that, you are going to be loved by the Father, and Jesus too, and He will show Himself to you. Thus, REVELATION comes through relationship that is BASED ON LOVE. This means that when you walk in Love, you won't struggle to get revelation in your life. Once you love the Lord, and your love is not based on things, and God is a searcher of hearts, and He can know that this person is my servant, yes, I have called him, but what is his need of me? Does he want an ANOINTING, to use Me, to live a good life, to be rich; or is he TRULY SEEKING ME, loves Me, and desires to have a deep relationship with Me?

That is why the Scripture says in Jeremiah 17: 9, 10“ The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?, I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

I know the benevolence of God is based on His Love, His good will; favour is based on His Love. For it is written, “ For God so Loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,...” Every time you are IN

LOVE WITH GOD,you are going to experience His benevolence in your life. If you have genuine love, “ You can give without loving, but you can NOT LOVE without giving.” It becomes automatic. We witness a high level of relationship between Abraham and God, that when God wanted to destroy sodom, He felt obliged to consult Abraham! Wow, may we desire and experience such.

Our Love for God MUST be stronger than the desire for anything else. Note, relationships are maintained with a price. You have a price tag for every relationships, for example, there are people who have a need, you stop everything and avail yourself, while others it is not the same level. So, even, our relationship with God has a price tag. The Apostles died painful death, they could not deny Him, in life or in death. When the relationship is strong, it has a VERY HIGH PRICE; that you have to pay for that relationship. Temptations will surely come all through out life, but the decisions you make is based on the price of that relationship. Some of the price of our relationship is time, you avail time because you value that relationship, as they must



be maintained. If you do not have time for God, it means the relationship is not that strong. There is also the price of resources; sometimes the way we give to God, it is determined by the relationship you've with God, so that when you give, you are giving to your friend, the one you love; such we see in Abraham who was willing to give his son, because he love God. “Oh, God help us, we know we are human and weak, and sometimes we are corrupted, help us to Love You with a genuine deep love for You, in the Mighty Name of Christ Jesus: AMEN.”

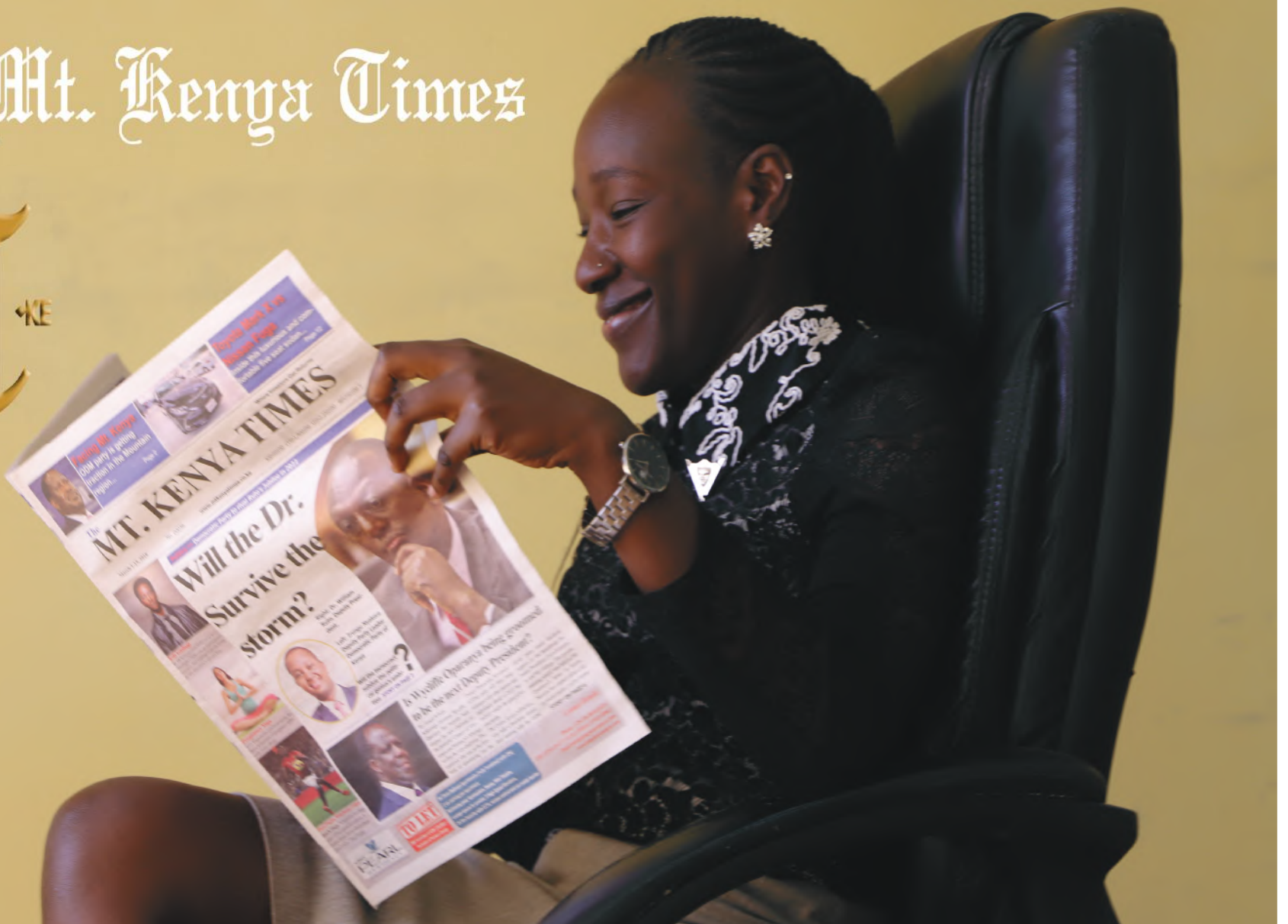
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# Government Operationalizes The Sugar Act

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The government is implementing the Sugar Act 2024, assented by President William Ruto at the first day of this month.

The act commenced operation yesterday.

Agriculture and Livestock Development Cabinet Secretary Dr. Andrew Karanja said that the Act provides for the development, regulation, and promotion of the sugar industry.

“The Act establishes the Kenya Sugar Board and the Kenya Sugar Research and Training Institute and I have appointed Acting Chief Executive Officers (CEO’s) for both institutions,” explained the CS.

Dr. Karanja said that the Kenya Sugar Board will now regulate and manage the sugar industry. Previously, these functions were being handled by the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA).

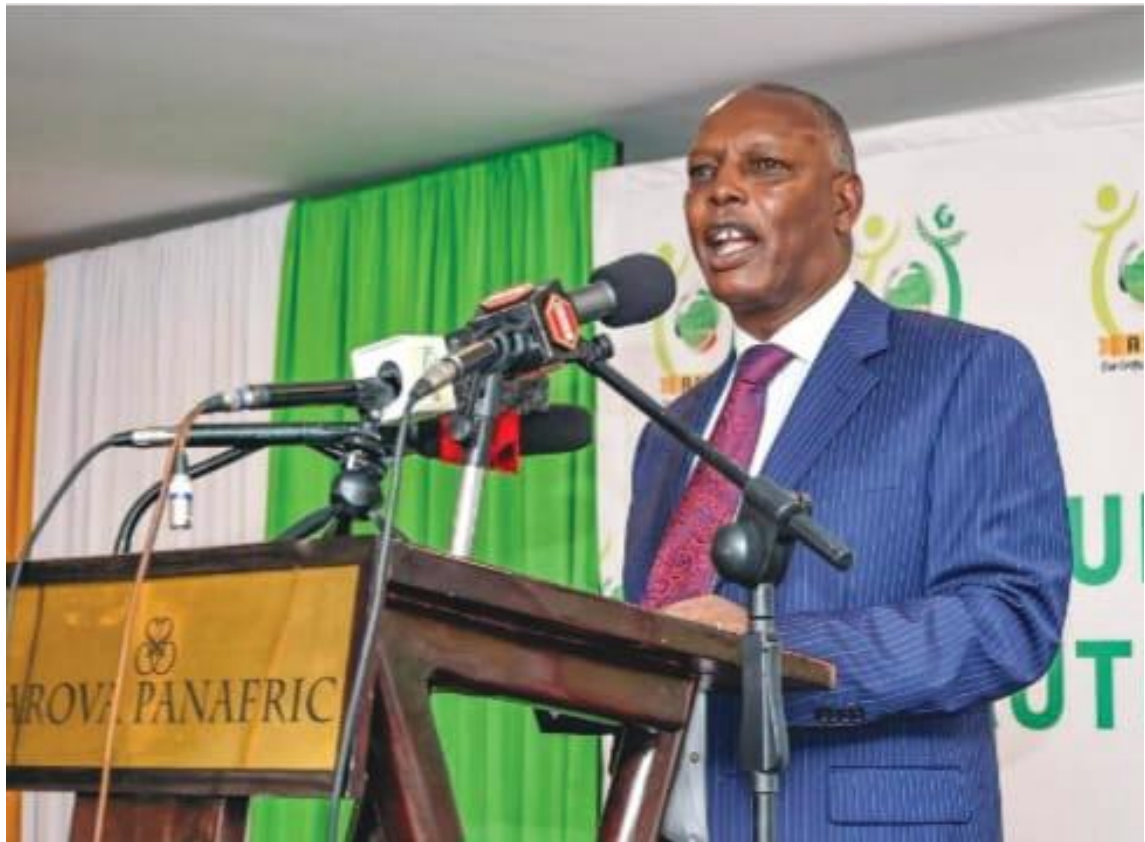
He highlighted that the Kenya Sugar

Research and Training Institute will take over the sugar research functions previously managed by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KARLO).

“The Act provides that persons who were members of staff of the former Kenya Sugar Board before the commencement of the AFA Act 2013, currently serving the Authority and those in the AFA Sugar Directorate shall transition to become staff members of the Board,” said Dr. Karanja.

He added that the Act also provides for representation of growers, private and public owned sugar mills in the Kenya Sugar Board.

Meanwhile, the Ministry in consultation with the County Governments and other stakeholders will develop procedures for election of these representatives. I have constituted a Transition Committee to ensure smooth operationalization of the Act,” said Dr. Karanja.



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Andrew Karanja.

# Residents Urged To Attend Free Medical Camp

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Tharaka Nithi County government in collaboration with the office of the county’s First Lady Mrs Margaret Muthomi and Mpesa Foundation will hold a free medical camp tomorrow at Rubate Teachers College in Chuka Sub- County.

Speaking to the media at Chuka County referral Hospital yesterday, the county’s Director Medical Services Dr Elijah Kameti said the exercise will start at 9am and end at 5pm.

He said a range of medical services will be offered including breast cancer screening, dental care, maternal health and eye care.

“Those who will require further health care attention will be referred to hospitals,” said Dr Kameti.

The official urged the residents to turn in large numbers for the advan-

tage of the free services noting that such medical camps are very important in taking services closer to the people.

The First Lady’s office has been organizing free medical camps in collaboration with health stakeholders and the county government that have been very instrumental in the health sector.

Last month, Mrs Muthomi went around the county donating dignity kits to vulnerable students, especially those in day secondary schools.



Tharaka Nithi County First Lady Margaret Muthomi (in maroon) during a past event.

# Continuous Professional Development Of Nurses And Midwives Key In SHA Success

By: Joseph Ng'ang'a  
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The Ministry of Health is committed to investing in the professional development of Nurses and Midwives, with plans to deploy a Nurse to every county as a champion to steer the success of the Social Health Authority (SHA).

Health Cabinet Secretary Dr. Deborah Barasa said that they have realized that when Nurses head programs, they ensure success and that is why they are working on their continuous professional development for not only clinical skills, but also leadership skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities.

Speaking in Nairobi during the County Chief Nursing Officers' Workshop, Dr. Barasa said that the Ministry is committed to supporting programs that will enhance capacity of the Nursing and Midwifery workforce.

"As Nurses and Midwives, we need

to engage actively with policy makers, county leadership, and other stakeholders to ensure that the voices of Nurses and Midwives are represented at all levels," she said.

The CS said that in today's ever-changing healthcare environment, there is need to embrace innovative approaches to healthcare delivery adding that from leveraging digital health solutions to adapting to new treatment protocols, Nurses and Midwives must be at the forefront of change.

"I have been told that you want to improve your data collection through an AI technological system for Nurses and Midwives and you will be adopting this technological system in this workshop. This gives me great honor for the Nurses and Midwives. It also gives me great hope of success in the roll out of SHA," said the CS.

Dr. Barasa said that Nurses and Midwives are often the first point of contact for patients and communities providing not only medical care but also compassion, support, and a sense of security to those in need.

"You are the face of health services



across our diverse communities, and your role is central to the achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Kenya," she said.

The CS said that as leaders in this field, Nurses and Midwives have the potential to transform healthcare delivery by ensuring that every Kenyan, regardless of background or geography, has access to quality healthcare

services.

"As your Cabinet Secretary, I want to assure you of the Ministry of Health's unwavering support. We recognize the challenges that you face, including resource limitations, infrastructure gaps, and workload pressures. Together, we are committed to addressing these challenges and to creating an environment where

Nursing and Midwifery thrive," said Dr. Barasa.

The CS thanked all the partners that have been working with the Nurses and Midwives to realize their visions including the World Health Organization (WHO) who supported the workshop, Johnson & Johnson, Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), JHPIEGO, among others.

# Breaking The Cycle As The Fight Against Gender-Based Violence In Kenya

By: John Waithaka  
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The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) has taken center stage in Kenya, with the State Department for Gender launching an ambitious campaign to address this persistent issue.

Led by Principal Secretary Ann Wangombe, the initiative underscores the urgent need to end violence against women and girls.

In her opening remarks, Wangombe delivered a powerful message: "This violence must end. The killings must come to an end. We oppose any form of violence against women, and we will not relent in our efforts to create a society free from fear, intimidation, and harm."

The campaign goes beyond raising awareness—it aims to inspire action. By engaging community leaders, civil society organizations, and policy-

makers, the initiative strives to tackle the root causes of GBV. Preventive strategies, stronger legal frameworks, and empowering women are central to its approach.

Throughout the 16-day campaign, various activities—including workshops, public discussions, and art displays—will shed light on the devastating impact of GBV.

Survivor stories will play a pivotal role in breaking the silence and fostering a culture of resilience and empathy.

The PS called on Kenyans to unite in this effort. "This is not just a government effort; it is a call to every Kenyan to stand against violence in all its forms," she said.

As the campaign unfolds, the State Department for Gender is urging citizens to remain vigilant, report incidents of violence, and support survivors.

The goal is not just to end GBV but to build a society where gender equality and human dignity are upheld.



# Grade 10 Senior School Students Will Be Placed In Their Preferred Pathways

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The Ministry of Education is putting in place proper guidelines that will ensure grade 10 students who are transitioned in senior schools in the year 2026 are placed in their preferred pathways.

Basic Education Principal Secretary Dr. Belio Kipsang said the grade nine students who are currently in grade eight in Junior Schools will be required to select their areas of specialization when they reach grade nine from the three pathways, namely, Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), the Arts and Sports Discipline courses.

“The ministry will from next year run several simulations before the new placement method is adopted in 2026,” he stated.

The PS who was speaking in Dagoretti South Sub-County yesterday after opening the Kenya Certificate of

Secondary Examination (KCSE) examination container for distribution to schools, noted that all senior schools will offer STEM Courses.

He commended the multi-agency team who have been overseeing the on-going National Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination exercise for four weeks, noting that their good work has greatly contributed to the successful administration of this year’s examination.

“We have had a good run, and the country is satisfied that we have done a wonderful race, we are satisfied” said the PS.

Dr. Kipsang confirmed that this year’s examination malpractices were few compared with the previous years.

The PS who announced that the marking of the examination will commence after the completion of the last paper which ends today also called upon all the examination markers to do their part efficiently.



Education Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang handing over examination papers in Dagoretti yesterday..

# Sorghum The Golden Crop Transforming Mwea’s Semi-Arid Lands

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In the heart of the Mwea region, where 77% of the land lies in semi-arid conditions, a quiet agricultural revolution is underway. Farmers in this challenging environment are finding hope and prosperity through the cultivation of sorghum—a crop that is not only resilient to the harsh climate but also economically rewarding.

This transformation has been driven by strategic initiatives, including the recent distribution of sorghum seeds to farmers across the region. With the ongoing rains offering much-needed nourishment, optimism runs high that this season will be as fruitful as the previous ones.

Over the years, Mwea farmers have embraced sorghum farming not just as a subsistence crop but as a reliable

source of income. Thanks to partnerships with Kenya Breweries Limited (KBL), farmers are guaranteed a ready market for their harvests, ensuring their hard work translates into tangible benefits. The direct purchases by KBL not only provide financial stability but also motivate farmers to scale their operations, contributing to the region’s overall economic growth.

For many, sorghum has become synonymous with resilience and opportunity. It is a crop that defies the odds of semi-arid farming, offering a lifeline to communities that once grappled with the uncertainties of food insecurity and economic instability.

As this season unfolds, the optimism in Mwea is palpable. Farmers are hopeful for another bountiful harvest, one that will not only put pesa mfukoni (money in their pockets) but also reinforce the transformative power of agriculture in ad-



Sorghum

dressing the challenges of climate change and rural poverty. The story of Mwea’s farmers and

their journey with sorghum is a testament to what strategic partnerships, innovation, and sheer determination

can achieve. It is proof that even in the most unforgiving environments, growth and prosperity are possible.

## Teacher – A Guide in Life



A teacher is one of the most important and respected figures in a person's life. They help us gain knowledge, grow, and find our place in the future. The role of a teacher is invaluable because they not only teach academic subjects but also provide life lessons.

A teacher is not just an educator but also a mentor. They teach us to distinguish between right and wrong and inspire us to strive for our goals. My teacher, Ismatova Latofat, is one such ideal mentor. She not only makes her subject interesting but also shows us the importance of applying knowledge to real life. Every lesson she conducts inspires us to learn more.

Latofat teacher's classes are filled with a unique blend of care and patience. She strives to uncover the potential of every student, understanding and supporting them. Sometimes, a single piece of advice or a word from a teacher can change our lives.

Teaching is not just a profession but a tremendous responsibility. Ismatova Latofat's dedication and passion for her work serve as an example for us all. Her manners, humaneness, and passion for knowledge motivate every student to succeed in their field. Therefore, it is our duty to respect our teachers and appreciate their efforts. Teachers like Ismatova Latofat pave the way for our future and are a source of inspiration.

In conclusion, teachers are guiding stars in our lives. We should value them and strive to learn as much as possible from them.

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## The Semantic Structure Of Phraseologies In English And Uzbek



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Annotation: In the article, you can learn about synonymous, antonymic, patronymic phenomena used in the use of phraseology in English and Uzbek, as well as the changes that occur between them.

Key words: phraseology, synonymy, antonymy, paronymy, meaning differences.

Phraseology is a branch of linguistics that deals with phrases used to convey meaning in a language. A phrasal verb is a movable and immutable construct. In the current period, even the most common languages around the world use phraseology in their linguistics. In particular, if we learn English, he uses phrases effectively in English. Basically, if a person creates a context by himself, such as writing, speaking, then using phraseology is one of the best methods. It polishes our speech and ensures the artistry of our written text. Phraseological homonymy, synonymy, paronymy arise based on the relation of form. And the meaning of one word is represented by a whole phraseological unit.

Phraseological homonymy: the meaning expressed by phrases is equal in terms. Phraseological equivalence means that the used phrase has its own meaning in addition to the figurative meaning. Phraseological homonymy is formed on the basis of one phraseological unit, which, in addition to its meaning, is portable and has meanings.

1. Ustidan chiqmoq – ma'nosi: "Biror narsa qilayotganda tepasiga borib qolmoq"  
Qaynanangiz rosa sevar ekan, rais, – dedi Ro'zi polvon hazil aralash, – ovqatning ustidan chiqdingiz. (Sh. Rahmatullayev)

2. Ustidan chiqmoq – ma'nosi: "bajarmoq"  
Demak, Hakimov telefonda bergan so'zining ustidan chiqibdi. ( P. Qodirov )

Frazema(o'zgarimas birlikma) hamda so'z(erkin birlikma) o'rtasidagi tenglikni hodisasini biz omonimiya emas, aksincha frazeologik omonimlik deb ataymiz. Bundan ko'rinadiki, "omonimiya" va "omonimlik" bir-biridan farqlanadi. Bunga misol qilib:

1. Ko'z yummoq(turg'un birlikma, frazema)– ma'nosi: " ko'ra-bila turib e'tiborsiz qoldirmoq.

2. Ko'z yummoq(erkin birlikma)– ma'nosi: "Ko'zini yumib olmoq".

3. Ko'z yummoq(turg'un birlikma, frazema)– ma'nosi: "vafot etmoq".

Phraseological paronymy – phrases that differ by

one or two lexical units in the structure of the used sentence. In this case, the lexical unit should be basically similar to each other. For example:

1. Yetti uxlab tushiga kirmaslik – ma'nosi: " mutloqo u haqida o'ylamaslik".

2. Yetti uxlab tushida ham ko'rmaslik – ma'nosi " hech qachon ko'rmaslik, bilmaslik". Bu ikki frazemalar ma'nosida ham, "kirmaslik", " ko'rmaslik" so'zlari bilan ham bir- biriga paronimiya bo'lib kelgan.

Phraseological synonymy is the phenomenon of combining several phrases around one phrase. For example:

1. Pixini yorgan odam – ma'nosi: " ayyor odam".

2. Ilonning yo'g'ini yalagan odam ekan – ma'nosi: " ayyor odam".

3. Yer bilan osmoncha – ma'nosi: " Juda katta farq".

4. Ot bilan tuyacha – ma'nosi: " Juda katta farq".

As there is synonymy in lexical units, the phenomenon of synonymy also occurs between phrases. We can see this in the above examples.

Synonymy is common among lexical units and phrases. The great phraseological linguist A. B. Kunin defined phraseological synonyms as follows: "Phraseological synonyms are co-referent phraseological units that belong to the same grammatical class, have common and differential semantic components, are stylistically similar and dissimilar. are units".

If the terms we call synonyms do not mean the same thing, they are not synonymous terms. If the same word does not appear in the lexicon, it does not mean that we cannot call them synonyms, on the contrary, if they have the same meaning, then they are phraseological synonyms. For example:

1. Like a bat out of hell-go – ma'nosi: "bir zumda"

2. like a bomb-in a crack –ma'nosi: "tezda" that the phrases are synonymous

no doubt. But it should not be forgotten that a component in the lexical structure of synonymous phrases can be expressed by the same word.

However, the components expressed by different words in the phrases should not be mutually synonymous. Otherwise, it is equal to the variants of one phrase. For example:

1. on one's own- under one's

2. own power of one's own hat

(independently) in a synonymous line Despite the repetition of the word "own", they are not variants, but synonymous units.

In addition to the general meaning patterns typical for synonymy, it embodies specific meaning aspects. For example, if the synonyms "an eager beaver" and "ball off fire" have the common meaning of "restlessness", the first unit is used more for diligent, active workers. Our second phrase is used for fire, flying, agile people. That is why it is necessary to use them in a methodical manner.

In conclusion, it should be mentioned that the study of the phenomena of antonymy, synonymy, and paronymy in Uzbek and English will help to better understand phraseology and to promote their semantic meaning relations on a wider level. It is precisely because of these that the meaning gives an opportunity to express the peculiarities of the spiritual and lexical structure of phraseological units.

## The Impact Of The Teacher's Psychological Approach On Student Success



The teacher is an integral part of the education system, not only as a provider of knowledge, but also plays an important role in the spiritual and emotional development of students. The teacher's psychological approach directly affects the motivation and success of students. In this article, we will talk about the teacher's psychological approach and how this approach affects student success.

Teachers are not limited to teaching; their tasks are very wide.

Educator: The teacher plays a key role in conveying new knowledge.

Motivator: Teachers guide students towards new goals and inspire them.

Mentor: They help students with their own experiences and help them develop as individuals.

Psychologist: The teacher should understand the feelings of students and provide them with appropriate support.

Psychological approach.

The psychological approach of a teacher is the ability to be self-aware, show empathy and support each student individually. This approach includes the following aspects:

Empathy. The teacher must understand the feelings and needs of his students. This helps to

increase their success.

Creating a positive environment. By creating a positive attitude and environment in the learning process, students can express their opinions without fear.

Individualization. Helping each student develop their strengths and strengthen their weaknesses through an individual approach.

Impact on student success.

The psychological approach of a teacher affects not only academic results, but also personal development.

Motivation.

The positive attitude and supportive environment provided by the teacher encourage students to be more kind and active.

Reducing stress levels: A positive psychological environment reduces stress levels, which improves students' concentration.

Personal development: Through good psychological relationships, students not only gain knowledge, but also develop as individuals.

In conclusion, the role of a teacher is not only in imparting knowledge, but also in nurturing the personality. His psychological approach directly affects the success of students. If a teacher can show empathy and create a positive

environment, then his students can not only get high grades, but also acquire the skills necessary for success in life.

Therefore, the task of every teacher is to establish good relationships with his students and try to understand their inner world. Only in this way can we raise future generations as truly successful people.

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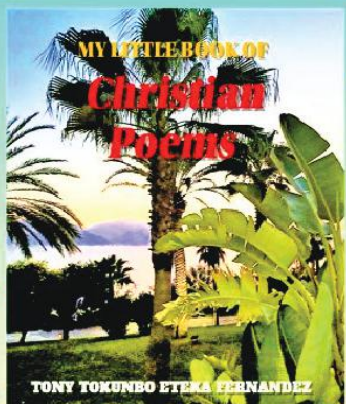
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# THE STATE OF NATION

## Navigating Change: President Ruto's Vision For A Resilient Kenya

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In his State of the Nation Address on November 21, 2024, President William Ruto outlined a series of significant initiatives aimed at addressing pressing national issues in Kenya. One of the most notable announcements was the cancellation of the contentious Adani deal, where Ruto directed the Energy and Transport ministries to halt ongoing procurement processes related to the expansion of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and the KETRACO contract. This move is seen as a step towards enhancing transparency and accountability in governance, responding to public concerns about corruption and mismanagement in major infrastructure projects. By taking this bold action, Ruto signals a commitment to prioritizing the interests of Kenyans over foreign investments that may not align with national priorities.

Ruto also addressed the critical issue of extrajudicial killings, urging citizens to report any information regarding such cases, as well as abductions and femicides, to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA). This call for public involvement highlights the government's commitment to ensuring accountability within law enforcement agencies and addressing human rights abuses. By fostering a culture of reporting and engagement, Ruto aims to restore public trust in security institutions, which have faced scrutiny over their handling of human rights issues. This initiative is crucial in a country where many citizens feel marginalized by law enforcement practices.

On employment initiatives, Ruto announced that over 105,000 Kenyans have been facilitated to secure jobs abroad since July 2023. This effort is part of a broader strategy to combat local unemployment, particularly among the youth, who represent a significant portion of the population. The government is also set to disburse Sh3.7 billion to settle historical debts owed to public, private, and faith-based medical facilities. This financial allocation aims to enhance healthcare service delivery, addressing long-standing issues within the sector. Furthermore, Ruto's administration has pledged to ensure that Kenyans seeking work abroad will receive their passports within a week and that their travel expenses will be



President William Ruto .

covered by the government. This proactive approach not only alleviates domestic unemployment but also empowers Kenyans to seek better opportunities internationally.

Economic indicators presented during the address were promising; Kenya's foreign exchange reserves reached a record \$9.4 billion, providing a robust import cover of 4.8 months—the highest in a decade. Additionally, the Kenyan shilling has appreciated significantly from Ksh 162 in February 2024 to Ksh 129 today, while inflation has dropped to a remarkable 2.7%, marking the lowest rate in 17 years. These indicators reflect positive economic trends that could bolster investor confidence and stabilize the economy. However, despite these figures, many ordinary Kenyans continue to struggle with high living costs; thus, translating these economic gains into tangible benefits for citizens remains an ongoing challenge.

In terms of agricultural support, Ruto highlighted that the government has distributed 7 million bags of fertilizer to enhance food production. Furthermore, all sugar factories across Kenya are now operational for the first time in recent history, successfully meeting local demand. This agricultural push is crucial for food security and rural development, particularly as Kenya grapples with climate change challenges that threaten crop

yields. The emphasis on agriculture not only addresses food security but also supports rural economies that are vital for national stability.

Education reforms were also a focal point of Ruto's address. The administration has hired 56,000 teachers and plans to recruit an additional 20,000 by January 2025. A new funding model for higher education prioritizes vulnerable students, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder access to education for those in need. This initiative is particularly significant given that education remains a cornerstone for economic mobility and national development. Additionally, Ruto's commitment to improving digital literacy through fiber optic connectivity rollout across the country aims to equip young people with skills necessary for remote work opportunities—an essential strategy in today's digital economy.

Ruto's administration has also committed to improving digital infrastructure by rolling out fiber optic connectivity across the country and establishing digital hubs in every ward. This initiative aims not only to enhance internet access but also to foster innovation among young people by providing them with tools necessary for entrepreneurship and remote work opportunities. In an era where digital skills are paramount for job creation and economic growth, this focus on technology could po-

sition Kenya as a leader in Africa's digital transformation.

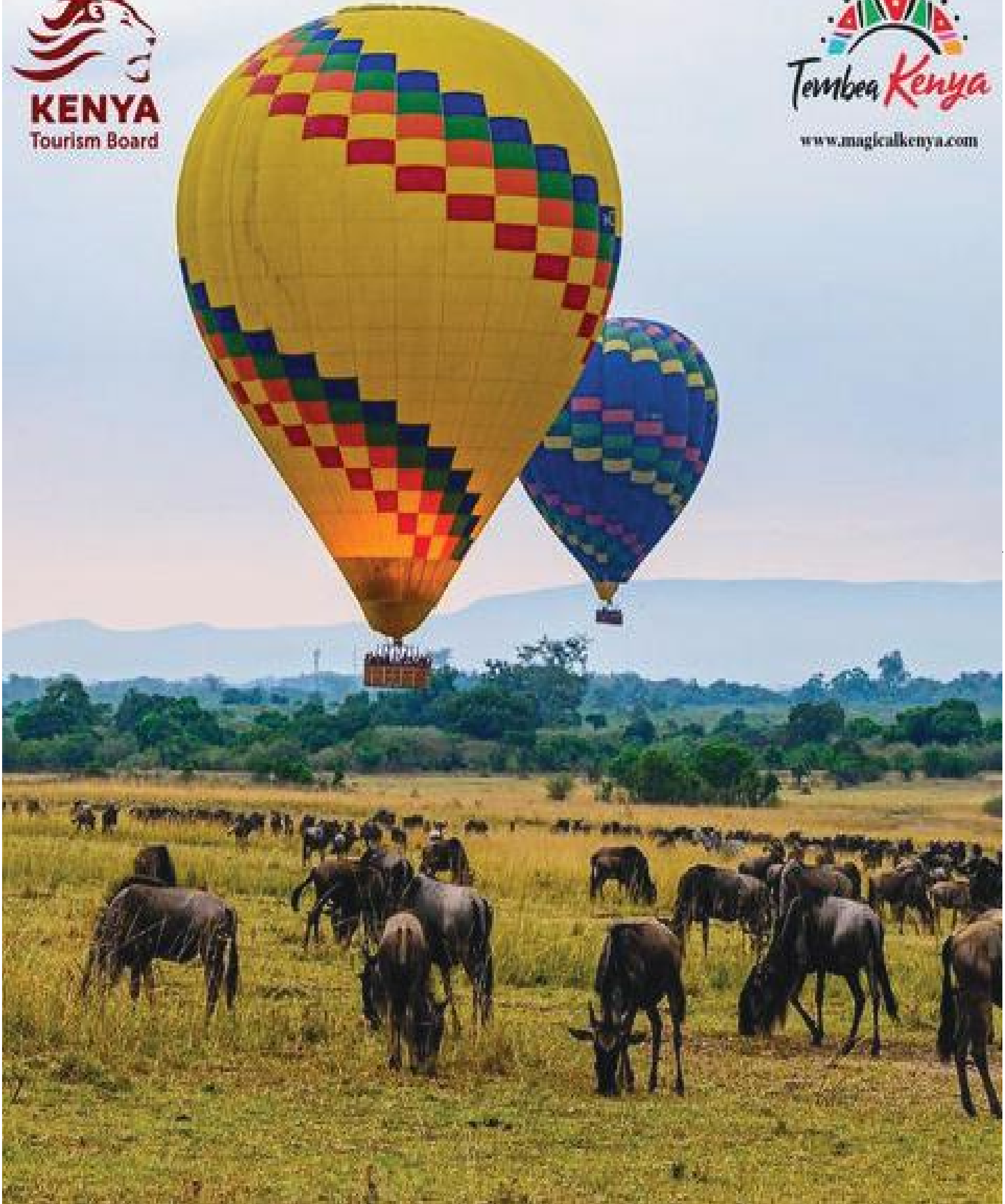
Overall, these initiatives reflect President Ruto's commitment to tackling economic challenges while enhancing governance and public service delivery in Kenya. However, the effectiveness of these measures will ultimately depend on their implementation and the government's ability to maintain transparency and accountability moving forward. The success of these initiatives will be closely monitored by both citizens and analysts as they assess whether they translate into tangible improvements in the lives of ordinary Kenyans.

As Kenya stands at this crossroads of potential transformation under Ruto's leadership, it is imperative that citizens remain engaged and hold their leaders accountable. The journey towards a resilient economy requires collective effort from both the government and its citizens—an endeavor that will define Kenya's future trajectory. By fostering an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued, Kenya can navigate its challenges effectively while building a sustainable future for all its people.

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### Worth Noting:

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# The Architecture Of Constitutional Democracy: A Critical Analysis Of Judicial Review's Essential Function In Modern Governance Systems. Part 1



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## Worth Noting:

- The argument against judicial review often masquerades as democratic purism but fundamentally misapprehends the nature of constitutional democracy. The suggestion that elected bodies should be immune from judicial scrutiny represents a dangerous oversimplification of democratic principles.
- Constitutional democracy is predicated on the understanding that majority rule must operate within constitutional constraints. The judiciary's review power serves not to undermine democratic governance but to ensure its proper functioning within constitutional boundaries.
- The legitimacy of legislative and executive actions derives not merely from electoral mandate but from compliance with constitutional principles. The courts' role in reviewing governmental actions reinforces rather than diminishes democratic legitimacy.

The foundational premise of constitutional democracy rests upon the delicate equilibrium between majoritarian governance and the protection of fundamental rights through institutional checks and balances. The judiciary's power to review legislative and executive actions for constitutional compliance emerges not merely as a legal construct but as an inherent necessity within the democratic framework. The notion of judicial review, first formally articulated in *Marbury v. Madison*, represents the crystallization of natural law principles into positive constitutional doctrine. The evolution of constitutional jurisprudence across democratic nations consistently affirms this essential oversight function. The legitimacy of democratic governance itself is inextricably linked to the presence of meaningful judicial review. Constitutional courts serve as the ultimate guardians of the social contract between citizens and their government. The principle of constitutional supremacy would be rendered meaningless without an independent institution empowered to enforce it. The judiciary's review function operates as a crucial counterbalance to potential majoritarian excesses. The historical record abundantly demonstrates the perils of unchecked legislative or executive power.

The argument against judicial review often masquerades as democratic purism but fundamentally misapprehends the nature of constitutional democracy. The suggestion that elected bodies should be immune from judicial scrutiny represents a dangerous oversimplification of democratic principles. Constitutional democracy is predicated on the understanding that majority rule must operate within constitutional constraints. The judiciary's review power serves not to undermine democratic governance but to ensure its proper functioning within constitutional boundaries. The legitimacy of legislative and executive actions derives not merely from electoral mandate but from compliance with constitutional principles. The courts' role in reviewing governmental actions reinforces rather than diminishes democratic legitimacy. The concept of checks and balances necessarily implies mutual oversight among branches of government. The judiciary's unique position as interpreter of constitutional norms makes it indispensable to this oversight function. The alternative would effectively render constitutional provisions



visions advisory rather than binding.

The philosophical underpinnings of judicial review extend beyond mere positive law into the realm of natural justice and fundamental rights theory. The judiciary's role as constitutional arbiter reflects a sophisticated understanding of the limitations inherent in majoritarian democracy. The protection of minority rights and fundamental freedoms necessitates an independent institution capable of checking majoritarian excesses. Historical examples from various jurisdictions demonstrate the crucial role of judicial review in preventing constitutional violations and rights infringements. The courts' interpretative function serves to give practical effect to constitutional principles that might otherwise remain purely theoretical. The evolution of constitutional jurisprudence across different legal systems consistently affirms the essential nature of judicial oversight. The argument for judicial immunity from constitutional review paradoxically undermines the very democratic principles it purports to protect. The judiciary's review power operates as a fundamental guarantor of constitutional democracy rather than an impediment to it. The sophisticated interplay between judicial review and democratic governance reflects the complex nature of modern constitutional systems.

From a pragmatic perspective, the absence of judicial review would create an untenable situation where constitutional violations could proceed unchecked. The structure of modern constitutional democracy presupposes the existence of an independent arbiter to resolve disputes about constitutional interpretation. The

development of constitutional judiciary's unique institutional competence in legal interpretation makes it the most appropriate body for this critical function. The historical development of constitutional systems demonstrates the practical necessity of judicial review as a check on governmental power. The courts' role in constitutional interpretation provides essential clarity and consistency in the application of constitutional principles. The complex nature of modern governance requires sophisticated mechanisms for ensuring constitutional compliance. The judiciary's review function serves as a crucial safeguard against the potential abuse of governmental power. The practical implementation of constitutional principles necessitates an independent institution capable of meaningful review. The alternative would effectively render constitutional guarantees meaningless in practical terms.

Contemporary constitutional scholarship increasingly recognizes the integral relationship between judicial review and democratic legitimacy. The courts' role in constitutional interpretation serves to enhance rather than diminish democratic governance through ensuring compliance with fundamental principles. The sophisticated interplay between judicial oversight and democratic processes reflects the evolution of modern constitutional theory. The emergence of strong-form judicial review in many democratic systems demonstrates its compatibility with democratic principles. The courts' interpretative function provides essential guidance for legislative and executive action within constitutional boundaries. The development of constitutional

jurisprudence through judicial review helps articulate and refine democratic values. The practical experience of established democracies confirms the importance of meaningful judicial oversight. The courts' role in protecting fundamental rights serves to strengthen rather than weaken democratic institutions. The sophisticated balance between judicial review and democratic governance reflects the complexity of modern constitutional systems.

The conceptual framework of constitutional supremacy necessarily implies the existence of institutional mechanisms for its enforcement. The judiciary's review power emerges as a logical necessity within any system claiming constitutional governance. The sophisticated interplay between constitutional principles and institutional enforcement mechanisms demonstrates the essential nature of judicial review. The courts' role in constitutional interpretation provides the practical means through which constitutional supremacy is maintained. The historical development of constitutional systems consistently reveals the inadequacy of purely political enforcement mechanisms. The judiciary's unique institutional position enables it to provide objective evaluation of constitutional compliance. The complex nature of modern constitutional interpretation requires sophisticated judicial analysis. The practical implementation of constitutional principles necessitates independent judicial oversight. The alternative would effectively reduce constitutional provisions to mere aspirational statements lacking practical force.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The Changing Morals In Campus Students, Grow Concern To Parents /Gurdians

The moral values of university students have undergone significant changes. This has raised more concern to Parents/Gurdians which has created more disillusionment with the higher learning institutions. As students navigate the complexities of modern life with the advancement of technology has impacted their behaviors and values has become the key topic of interest in the society.

On the advancement of technology and rise of the social media platforms like Instagram and more so the dating apps have created a space of social interaction, often prioritizing instant gratification and superficial connections over deeper, more meaningful relationships. This way has led to culture where casual encounters and fleeting interactions are

more common, impacting students approach to relationships and social norms.

One of the most pressing issues is their declinity in academic integrity. For instance the plagiarism, cheating in exams and other forms of academic misconducts and dishonesty. Students do this because they're driven with the pressure of the information load accessed on the online platforms. This kind of erosion of ethical standards in academic undermines the value of education and the moral compass of the younger generations.

On the other hand, peer pressure, the desire to fit and be accepted, also bring about the adoption of risky behaviours and erosion of Morals. Peer pressure gives students desire to engage in abuse of substance and

drugs and do activities that might be undermine their safety and well-being. Besides that, their mental health also is affected. The mental health crisis among students has exacerbated these issues, with many struggling to cope with the demands of academic life and social expectations.

Many parents and guardians have highly raised their concerns on the environment of which their children are learning. The continuity of their decline of ethical standards and prevalence of negative behaviors has led to questioning of the value of university and college education by the whole society. This has further fueled by the rise reports of campus violence and crimes, sexual assaults and drug abuse.

In response to this challenges, the

administration University and college should implement the following, in order to address parents concern and creating moral and ethical environment to the students.

Revise their academic integrity policies to curb plagiarism and dishonesty in exams that's cheating. Expand mental health services, offering counseling, workshops, and support groups to help students manage stress and mental health issues. Enhanced security measures, including increased surveillance, better streets lighting, and more robust reporting systems, to ensure the safety of students. Lastly the implementation of program basing on ethical standards and moral value practices.

In all means their should be an open communication between the

educators, students and parents, so that there is supportive and ethical environment for studies. Also parents should play their role very well. Providing guidance, reinforcing the importance of integrity, ethical standards and good moral behaviors. By working together, students, parents, and educational institutions can navigate these challenges and build a future where education is not only about academic achievement but also about fostering strong moral values and ethical behavior.

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## President William Ruto Cancels Adani's Deal

President William Ruto has directed the cancellation of the Adani Public Private Partnership (PPP) for the expansion of the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) citing controversies surrounding the deal.

During the State of the Nation Address, the President stated that in the face of undisputed evidence or credible information on corruption, he will not hesitate to take decisive action accordingly.

"I now direct in furtherance of the principles enshrined in article 10 of the Constitution on transparent accountability and based on new information provided by investigative agencies and partner nations," he stated. "That the procuring agencies within the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Energy Petroleum to immediately cancels the ongoing procurement process for the JKIA expansion," he said.

The President urged the relevant ministries and agencies to commence

finding alternative firms that can undertake the JKIA expansion and the KETRACO transmission deal terming them as important projects which require foreign investors.

"They should begin the process of onboarding alternative partners because these are important projects. We value the contribution of all whether it comes in form of support, criticism or protest. The most important component of leadership is listening and learning," President Ruto noted.

This coming hours after Energy and Petroleum Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandayi has revealed that Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited (KETRACO) deal with Adani Energies solutions will go on despite fraud charges in the United States as he emphasised that a comprehensive due diligence was conducted by the government.

Appearing before the Parliamentary Energy Committee over the controversial Ketraco-Adani deal CS Wandayi noted that the government

conducted two phases of due diligence exercise on Adani including a documentary review process where the company demonstrated technical, legal and financial capacity for the construction of electricity transmission lines and substations.

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## Ruto's State Of The Nation Address Sparks Anticipation Amid Protests And Economic Woes

Kenya is abuzz as President William Ruto prepares to deliver his State of the Nation Address yesterday. The speech, expected to cover critical economic and governance reforms, has been overshadowed by planned demonstrations and growing public discontent.

Ruto's address is anticipated to focus on the government's ambitious development agenda, including investments

in infrastructure, education, and climate resilience. Recent efforts, such as the construction of 16,000 classrooms to accommodate Grade 9 learners and discussions on the contentious 2024 Tax Amendment Bill, are likely to feature prominently. These initiatives are part of broader reforms aimed at addressing Kenya's budget deficits and stimulating economic growth.

However, the government's reform efforts have not been universally welcomed. Many citizens are grappling with the rising cost of living, and the Tax Amendment Bill has drawn criticism for imposing heavier financial burdens on households. These grievances have fueled calls for nationwide protests, organized by activists and opposition groups, who claim the reforms

lack transparency and inclusivity.

The planned demonstrations have prompted police warnings, citing potential disruptions to public order. Authorities have urged protest organizers to follow legal procedures, while opposition leaders maintain that the demonstrations are a constitutional right.

The address comes at a pivotal moment for Ruto's administration, as it

seeks to rebuild trust amid growing scrutiny over governance and economic policies. Public reactions to the speech and its aftermath could significantly influence Kenya's political and economic trajectory.

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# Billions For The Bourgeoisie Raila Campaign While Children Sleep Hungry And Hospitals Rot

*When political loyalty costs billions, who will count the cost of the broken roads and starving children?*



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## Worth Noting:

- In education, the scenario is no less tragic. Classrooms, especially in marginalized counties like Garissa, look like relics from a dystopian past. Desks are replaced by stones, textbooks by torn exercise books, and hope by despair. Yet here we are, cheerfully diverting billions. By comparison, the \$10 billion could have constructed over 2,500 new classrooms, equipped each one, and paid teachers for decades. But who needs education when you have political theatrics to fund?

- And roads—ah, the roads! Symbolic of our government's broken promises, they twist and crack like the lies told to the public. The Nairobi-Nakuru highway alone claims more lives yearly than diseases. Repair it? No, let's send money to Raila instead.

As Karl Marx said, “Unless we unite to eliminate the owners (bourgeoisie), we workers (proletariat) will always be demeaned.” Today, Kenya echoes this very sentiment, not in whispers but in thunderous cries of despair. Imagine a nation where hospitals run on empty promises, schools crumble under the weight of neglect, and roads become the graves of ambition—yet somewhere, \$10 billion is wired to finance Raila Odinga’s continental politicking at the African Union. Are we building leaders or digging graves for the future?

Ten billion shillings. Let that sink in. Not a million, not even a billion, but ten billion—money that could transform our crumbling healthcare system, repair dilapidated classrooms, or fill empty bellies. Instead, it dances away like a kite in a storm, with no clear destination but a political campaign for one man who, like Icarus, might just burn his wings. This obscene amount isn’t a myth but a tragic truth. Sources have tied the funding to questionable governmental decisions, with major whispers implicating Treasury insiders and certain unnamed statehouse influencers. Was it President William Ruto himself? Or a cabal of shadowy figures fattening their pockets while ordinary Kenyans die of hunger?

The irony couldn’t be more biting. Kenya’s hospitals are cemeteries in disguise—mortuaries overflowing with the sick, desperate souls left untreated because doctors lack equipment and patients can’t afford even a simple paracetamol. Kenyatta National Hospital, the supposed beacon of healthcare, is riddled with scandals, like a festering wound on the nation’s face. A father in Turkana walks 50 kilometers for medical aid only to be told, “The doctor isn’t available.” Does that father care about Raila’s African Union ambitions? The paradox stabs deeper: we fund campaigns, but we can’t fund life.

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Raila Odinga unveils vision for AUC chairmanship at Addis event

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And roads—ah, the roads! Symbolic of our government’s broken promises, they twist and crack like the lies told to the public. The Nairobi-Nakuru highway alone claims more lives yearly than diseases. Repair it? No, let’s send money to Raila instead. Hunger ravages counties like Turkana and Samburu. Women forage for wild fruits, children feed on air, and emaciated men dig graves instead of farms. Ten billion could feed millions, irrigate arid lands, and provide seeds to farmers. But, alas, our priorities are skewed.

The African Union’s agenda might be noble, but Kenya’s reality is dystopian. Raila Odinga, once a symbol of hope, risks becoming an emblem of misplaced priorities. His supporters will argue this funding solidifies Kenya’s role in African leadership. But at what cost? When a child in Kibera gnaws on a piece of plastic for lack of food, does it matter if their representative sits in Addis Ababa? Let us not pretend this is merely Raila’s fault. The rot runs deep—decades of plunder, institutional decay, and elite conspiracies. Ruto’s government promised a “bottom-up” approach, yet this transaction reeks of top-down mischief. MPs, governors, and other leaders are complicit too. How often do we hear fiery speeches in Parliament, yet the budget is still rubber-stamped?

The hypocrisy stinks to high heavens. Here, government officials drive luxury cars—fuel guzzlers

worth millions—on pothole-ridden roads. They wear suits that cost more than what 50 families earn in a year. Their children study abroad while ours share classrooms with termites. The sycophants, meanwhile, sing praises like hired choirs: “Raila deserves it; Kenya deserves to lead Africa.”

But what does Africa deserve? Surely not leaders whose only distinction is their ability to squander resources. If Raila is a lion fighting for African dignity, why not fund his campaign from his own millions? Why should the Kenyan taxpayer, already drowning in taxes and inflation, shoulder this burden?

Consider this: Kenya’s public debt hit an alarming KSh 10.2 trillion by October 2024. With repayments consuming 60% of revenue, every shilling matters. Ten billion isn’t loose change; it’s betrayal on a grand scale. It’s the sound of betrayal echoing from State House to the poorest slum.

In politics, betrayal is packaged as strategy. Raila, a veteran, knows this too well. But this isn’t 2007 or 2017; Kenyans are wiser. We are tired of leaders speaking from both sides of their mouths. Raila’s silence on this matter is deafening. Does he believe we’ll forget as we always do? That anger will fade with the next empty promise?

No. This time, we must shout louder. We must remind our leaders that power belongs to the people. Remember the 2010 Constitution—it promised devolution, equity, and dignity. Today, it feels like a distant

dream. But dreams can be revived, and nightmares can end.

As Kenyans, we must resist being pawns. The proverb says, “A goat that bleats cries for its butcher.” Let’s refuse to be goats. Let’s demand accountability. Let’s ask hard questions: Where exactly did the KSh 10 billion come from? Who approved it? Was Parliament consulted? If not, heads must roll.

And Raila, a man of history, must make history again—by rejecting this funding and insisting it be redirected to our dying hospitals, starving children, and broken schools. Leadership isn’t about titles or positions but service. If Raila truly believes in Africa’s future, he’ll lead by example, not by extravagance. Our cries are not for sympathy but action. Our demand is simple: let every shilling count. Let this government know we are watching. Let this betrayal remind us that freedom isn’t given but fought for daily. If our leaders won’t listen, let’s remind them in the ballot box, in the streets, and in every forum we can find. Because Kenya is more than Raila or Ruto; it’s the mother clutching her hungry child, the teacher writing on a chalkboard held together by hope, and the farmer praying for rain that never comes. It’s us—the people. And we will not be silenced.

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# Tshepang Yolandah Motlhankana

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## Worth Noting:

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- The books are on an order and delivery by far. You contact her business contacts +267 72694313 or yolandah.motlhankana@gmail.com to arrange delivery within Gaborone. For orders outside Gaborone, courier arrangements are made.
- Not yet, although she has been shortlisted in the 2023 iReason Publishers Debut Authors' Prize

## 1. Who is Tshepang?

Tshepang Yolandah Motlhankana is a middle aged mother and an author. She writes fiction novels as well as writes for Resurrect Magazine. The founder of Writers Forum Botswana, a platform for writers to come together and share experiences, challenges, to create relationships and collaborations as well as celebrate milestones. Apart from being a writer, she is an independent event coordinator i.e she conceptualized and plans events that are education and fun, she has by fair hosted the Parenting Seminar, Mother's Day brunch and Writers' Meet & Greet. She has published two books so far, a cocktail recipe book called Cocktail Details, the first of its kind locally and a young adult novel called Best Friends Never. The sequel for the novel will be released on the 1st December 2024.

## 2. Where are you from?

She is from Itsoseng, a quite ward in Moshupa, both parents hail from Moshupa, with her mother originally from Phuting, and her father from Kgosing.

## 3. Where did you publish?

Yolandah is self published. Her passion for writing drove her to involve a self publishing agent in the publication of her first book, but due to financial disadvantage, the journey ended quickly. That's when she learnt from scratch how to publish books. She asked the relevant bodies involved such as Botswana Library and took graphic design lessons until she could do it on her own. The only process she outsourced was editing and proof reading. She has up to today assisted other authors with interest or financial difficulty learn how to acquire things like the ISBN, and other things associated with self publishing.

## 4. What do you do to promote your work?

She uses mainly social media to make post and share information related to the novels. To mix her passions for events and writing, she usually host book reading sessions, where she invited the public to join her in reading and discussing her novels. This helps with sales as usually readers buy the book. She also have merchandize along side the book such as key holders and scrunchies that are doing well (sometimes even better in sales than the actual book).

## 5. Who is your sponsor?

Yolandah has sponsored the publica-

tion of her books. With this upcoming novel, Happily Never After, she is selling them through pre-order so as to accumulate the funds to print a larger batch of books. Her printers, have been generous throughout their relationship.

## 5. How did you get your ISBN? Locally or international?

Locally, and it took a really short time. She had to submit a few documents such as certified ID as the author, the book covers, acknowledgement pages etc and given an ISBN, in which she had to submit 2 copies of the novel (authors debt), within 30 days after receiving the ISBN. The process is quite quick.

## 7. What is your book about?

Modern YA novel series are a series of novels about modern young adults navigating everyday life, about the challenges they face and how they overcome them. The first novel is called Best Friends Never and is about Mikayla, a young adult surviving in a new school, experiencing the complexities of friendships, handling age appropriate relationship and dealing with changing family dynamics.

Its sequel Happily Never After continues her journey of her and her friends/family. It tackles more young adult issues such as bullying, abandonment, future planning etc.

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## 8. Where can one get it?

The books are on an order and delivery by far. You contact her business contacts +267 72694313 or yolandah.motlhankana@gmail.com to arrange delivery within Gaborone. For orders outside Gaborone, courier arrangements are made.

## 9. Have you won any award before?

Not yet, although she has been shortlisted in the 2023 iReason Publishers Debut Authors' Prize.

## 10. What are the perks of being an author?

Self expression. Yolandah explain how she loves the freedom of expression that comes with writing, the ability to start conceptualizing an idea until it is a beautiful piece of art ready



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for consumption. Also she loved the freedom of being her own boss as an author, she literally reaps what she sows, if she puts in little effort, she makes less, but when she puts in her maximum effort, she believes literature can be a fulltime job even.

## 11. What can you change about book industry locally?

We should take the book industry as a business and not just a hobby to express ourselves and tackle issues. Publishing a book is just the beginning of it, authors should keep proper records of costs and revenue, be disciplined with the money and grow just as any business grows. We must focus on the quality of our books and not just celebrate the number of books we have published. Also, au-

thor supporting bodies are too many, I think we should come together and become one large body, that way we can actually carry power in decisions concerning ua.

## 12. Your word to the aspiring authors?

Do not let financial difficulties stop you, the internet is everything, you can learn almost any skill with the Orange night surfers worth P10, and help is available, just ask. Also volunteer your services even when you are not asked, I joined Resurrect Magazine as a volunteer in admin work because I wanted learn all I could about writing in a magazine, now I have written a couple of articles for the magazine. Like Nike said, “Just Do It”.



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**Sports >>** \*Triple Olympic 1,500m champion Faith Kipyegon has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Education by the University of Eldoret, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to athletics and her inspiring journey

## Dr. Faith Kipyegon Honored By University Of Eldoret

Triple Olympic 1,500m champion Faith Kipyegon has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Education by the University of Eldoret, recognizing her extraordinary contributions to athletics and her inspiring journey as a world-class track runner.

The honorary degree was conferred during the university's 13th graduation ceremony held on November 21, 2024.

The institution praised Kipyegon's exceptional achievements, which include her dominance in middle-distance running and her remarkable ability to inspire people both locally and globally.

"Kipyegon is an accomplished middle- and long-distance runner and the reigning 1,500m and mile world record holder. Her most notable feat is becoming the first athlete to win three consecutive Olympic gold medals in the 1,500m women's race," the University said in a notice previously issued.

Kipyegon's accomplishments in 2024 were historic. She claimed an unprecedented third Olympic gold medal in the 1,500m, cementing her legacy as one of the greatest athletes of all time.

In addition, her 2023 season was nothing short of extraordinary, setting world records in both the 1,500m and the mile within an astonishing 49-day period.

Beyond the track, Kipyegon's influence has continued to grow. In September, she was awarded the Golden Plate by the Academy of Achievers of the United States, a recognition of her exceptional Olympic success.

She also glittered at the inaugural Athlos New York City meet, Kipyegon, was also a nominee for the 2024 World Athlete of the Year Award.

Honorary degrees are awarded to celebrate the achievements of individuals who have excelled in areas such as public service, academic and cultural contributions, athletic achievement and professional excellence



*Faith Kipyegon walks to receive an honorary degree at the University of Eldoret on November 21, 2024.*

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**Sports >>>** \*The AFC Leopards versus Gor Mahia Premier League match that was set for Sunday has been postponed to an unknown date, the Football Kenya Federation Leagues and Competitions Committee has confirmed.

# Mashemeji Derby Postponed Indefinitely



The AFC Leopards versus Gor Mahia Premier League match that was set for Sunday has been postponed to an unknown date, the Football Kenya Federation Leagues and Competitions Committee has confirmed.

This is due to lack of a venue safe for hosting a high-risk match, as both Nyayo National Stadium and Kasarani are closed for renovations ahead of CHAN 2025.

The biggest football derby in Kenya, christened Mashemeji der-

by, is viewed as high-risk due to the longstanding rivalry between the teams, sustained by their huge fanatical following since the 60s.

“We regret to inform you that the much anticipated FKF PL match - AFC Leopards SC vs Gor Mahia FC - #MashemejiDerby earlier scheduled to be played on Sunday, 24th November 2024, 1600 Hrs at Nyayo Stadium, Nairobi has been postponed to a later date.

“This is due to the unavailability of the match venue, which is un-

dergoing renovations in preparation for the upcoming CHAN 2024 Competition. We shall communicate the rescheduled dates in due course,” posted Leopards on their official Twitter handle.

The derby was highly anticipated, albeit the poor form by the two sides, which has forced Gor to recently terminate coach Leo Neiva’s contract while Leopards’ Thomas Trucha is under immense pressure.

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# Meet Felix Gatumo, A Journalist, Swahili Philomath With Passion In Poetry



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## 1. Briefly tell us who you are and more about you

My name is Felix Gatumo, an alumnus of Maseno University. I am a journalist, poet, and passionate Kiswahili enthusiast, deeply committed to championing the language and culture. Born and bred in Meru County, Kenya. I am inspired by the richness of my heritage, which influences much of my creative work. I love literature and I enjoy the timeless rhythms of Rhumba music.

## 2. What motivated you to become who you are now?

My journey was inspired by an unforgettable experience in Grade 7. My Kiswahili teacher, Mr. Kinoti Mwobobia, gave us an assignment to write a Kiswahili composition, emphasizing the importance of following instructions. He warned that anyone who failed to meet the requirements would face punishment. Determined to excel, I thoroughly researched, followed his instructions, and crafted a story that met his expectations. To my surprise, I emerged as the best in the class, and everyone else was punished except me. From that day on, I was unbeatable in Kiswahili, and it became my favorite subject.

In high school, my passion for Kiswahili and storytelling deepened. Alongside fellow students and under the guidance of our teacher, Kelvin Kinoti, alias Ustadh Bruno, we founded the journalism club Mugambone Press Unit. Our principal, Mr. Samuel Muthomi, greatly acknowledged our efforts, supported the club, and constantly challenged us to do better. He even funded the club, enabling us to stage memorable performances during school assemblies that left a lasting impact. I also had the privilege of

serving as the YCS Chairperson and the school president, roles that strengthened my leadership skills. It was during this time that I wrote and performed my first poem and achieved success in music and drama festivals at the county level. At Maseno University, my love for Kiswahili flourished. I joined Chama cha Kiswahili Maseno (CHAKIMA), where I was elected into various leadership positions. I served as the Chief Editor, publishing the second and third editions of Jicho la Ikweta Magazine, and later as the Vice Chairperson and Chairperson. I was also an active member of Chama cha Wanafunzi wa Kiswahili Afrika Mashariki (CHAWAKAMA-KENYA). During my time at Maseno, I participated in their conferences, where I delivered presentations and performed my poems. These experiences shaped my identity as a journalist, poet, and Kiswahili enthusiast.

## 3. What does your ideal day look like?

My ideal day is a blend of productivity and relaxation. Mornings are usually slow for me; I use the time to prepare for work and organize myself.

In the evenings, I thrive creatively. If I have a video editing gig, I dedicate my time to delivering quality work. On other days, I write poetry whenever inspiration strikes, letting my thoughts and ideas flow freely.

Some evenings, I unwind by watching documentaries or movies with compelling stories that inspire me. Currently, I'm enjoying Shaka Ilembe, a series I find fascinating. On certain days, I dive into literature. My latest read is Makovu ya Uhai by Shisia Wasilwa, a powerful story that showcases incredible creativity and depth.

## 4. What is the favorite aspect of your work?

My favorite aspect of my work is the ability to tell stories. Whether it's through poetry or documentaries, I find joy in crafting narratives that evoke emotions, and inspire change. Each medium offers a unique way to express creativity

and connect with audiences, making storytelling a deeply fulfilling experience for me.

## 5. What is the hardest part of what you do?

The hardest part of what I do is managing the time and effort required for video editing and poetry writing. Both are highly demanding and require focus and creativity. When I have a gig, balancing multiple tasks to ensure timely delivery can be challenging, especially since both processes are time-consuming and often mentally draining.

## 6. Have you ever incurred challenges in your work. Please tell us about it.

Yes, I've faced challenges, especially with creating clean YouTube content. It often struggles to gain traction as audiences tend to prefer drama, gossip, and sensational headlines. However, I stay committed to my values and continually adapt my approach to reach and engage the right audience. Another challenge I face is the inability to access certain AI tools that could help me create unique content. Although I would love to use them to enhance my work, the cost of these tools is often prohibitive, which limits my ability to explore their full potential.

## 7. How do you foster yourself to keep moving?

My mantra is Mambo Mpango, which means taking small steps and actions, with the belief that eventually, I will achieve greatness. This mindset keeps me focused and motivated, as I understand that progress is made one step at a time, and persistence leads to success. Kila hatua kwa dua

## 8. Do you advertise your work? If yes, tell us how it has helped you

Yes, I do advertise my work, although not extensively. I mainly promote my work on platforms like YouTube and during competitions. Recently, my debut short film, Mkata Msonge, was voted as the 1st runner-up in the People's Choice category at the Smartphone Film Competition Awards at Alliance



Felix Gatumo

Française, Nairobi.

## 9. What advice would you like to give someone that wants to be you?

Don't try to be someone else, be yourself and stay true to who you are. Authenticity is key to success, and embracing your unique qualities will lead you to your own greatness.

10. Given a chance what impact would you bring to the world, nation and to yourself

I have a deep passion for storytelling. Given the chance to work as a news reporter, a role I love and know I am good at, I would share memorable and impactful stories that resonate with people. My goal is to inspire, inform, and spark change through the stories I tell.

One day, I believe I'll get that opportunity, Inshallah.

## 11. If someone wants to check your work and what you do, where can they find you? Your handles?

You can find me as Felix Gatumo on all social media platforms. My work is featured on YouTube, particularly on The Whispers KE, run by Dennis Savatia, an amazing orator and writer I enjoy collaborating with. I also contribute to Ndimi za Wahenga, a platform led by Shisia Wasilwa, a consummate journalist, editor, and Swahili author whose work I greatly admire and learn from.

Soon, I'll be launching another channel which will feature inspiring content, stay tuned for that.