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President William Ruto

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Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Marks Eight Years Of Operation

By: Xinhua/Yang Guang

Herein Are Some Pictorial Showcasing The Marking

The Chinese-built Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) celebrated its 8th anniversary of safe operation on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

In 2017, the SGR, built and operated by China Road and Bridge Corporation, was officially opened to traffic.

As the first railway built since Kenya's independence, it runs 480 km between the capital Nairobi and the port city of Mombasa, cutting the travel time between the two cities by five hours, it also reduces overall logistics costs by about 40 percent.



A conductor waits for passengers by a train to Mombasa at Nairobi Terminus Station of the China built Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) in Nairobi.

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Kenya Expands eTA Exemptions To Include Persons With Permanent Residence

By: Bruhan Makong
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Worth Noting:

- MINA said the move is expected to ease travel for thousands of individuals including regional citizens, foreign workers, diplomats, and development partners.
- The newly introduced Regulation 15G and the accompanying Seventeenth Schedule outline 34 categories of individuals who are now exempted from the requirement to obtain an eTA before travelling into Kenya.
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Kenya has expanded its list of travellers exempted from obtaining an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) before entering the country.

The Ministry of Interior and National Administration (MINA) announced the changes through Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 75, dated May 30, 2025.

In the notice, Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen issued Legal Notice No. 93, amending the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations under Section 59 of the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act (Cap. 170).

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Additionally, citizens of East African Community partner states—Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda—are permitted visa-free travel for up to 180 days.

Nationals from over 30 African countries, including Nigeria, Egypt, Morocco, Ghana, and Ethiopia, can now enter Kenya without an eTA for stays of up to 60 days

Nationals of select countries from

across the world—including Singapore, Jamaica, Malaysia, Barbados, and South Africa—can visit Kenya for up to 90 days without an eTA.

In the revised eTA, individuals holding diplomatic, official, special, or service passports from countries such as Iran, Turkey, Brazil, India, and China enjoy exemptions for specified durations ranging from 30 to 90 days.

International organizations

For international organizations exemptions extend to individuals holding Laissez-Passers from a wide range of regional and global institutions such as United Nations (UN), African Union (AU), African Development Bank (ADB), COMESA, IMF/World Bank, International Labour Organization (ILO), European Union (EU) IGAD, Afreximbank, among others.

Passengers in transit who remain within airport premises and crew members listed in official manifests are also exempt.

Serving members of the British military and owners of private aircraft stopping for refueling without leaving airport precincts are included in the exemption list.

Kenya rolled out the eTA system in 2024 as part of its efforts to digitize and streamline entry procedures.

However, there had been calls for clarification and the inclusion of categories such as work permit holders and permanent residents who had previously been required to undergo eTA procedures despite having long-term residency in the country.

The new regulations are effective as of May 30, 2025, following their publication in the Kenya Gazette.

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UHC Staff Strike, Ghost Worker Claims And Calls For Unity Dominate Governor Njuki's Madaraka Day Speech

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Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki has called for a nationwide headcount of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) medical staff, citing the presence of nearly 3,000 ghost workers in the system.

Speaking during the Maraka Day celebrations at Kibugua Stadium in Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency, the governor also expressed concerns over the ongoing strike by over 8,700 UHC workers, including 219 from Tharaka Nithi County.

Governor Njuki lamented the current arrangement where UHC workers serve under county governments but are paid by the national government, calling it unsustainable and chaotic.

"We must do a headcount for UHC workers because we have 3,000 ghost workers among them," he said, urging the national government to provide counties with the payroll to enable accurate auditing.

The governor emphasized that the health sector was suffering due to the delay in absorbing UHC staff into permanent and pensionable terms, a core demand in the ongoing strike that has paralyzed services in several counties.

On politics, Njuki reiterated Tharaka Nithi County's support for President William Ruto and his deputy, Prof. Kithure Kindiki, distancing his county from Mt Kenya region calls to support impeached former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua or joining the opposition.

"Those asking our people to join Wamunyoro are lost. We will remain in this government," he declared. "We cannot say the opposition is good because the former Prime Minister Raila Odinga is in government. Raila is a political genius, and no one should try to emulate him."

Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency MP Patrick Munene and Njuki's Deputy Nyaga Muisrael also vowed to continue supporting Ruto's government and urged locals to have confidence in its performance.

Turning to development, the governor took aim at the national Department of Public Works for delays in completing the Tharaka Nithi County headquarters in Kathwana.

However, he expressed optimism after President Ruto agreed to hand over the project to the county.

"In less than one year, the building at Kathwana will be completed and will accommodate all our workers," Njuki promised.

He also announced plans to upgrade local health facilities. Kibugua and Mbukoni Health Centres in Chuka/Igambang'ombe will be elevated to Level Four facilities to support the now Level Five Chuka County Refer-



Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki and County Commissioner David Gitonga inspecting a scout parade during Madaraka Day celebrations at Kibugua Stadium in Chuka Igambang'ombe Constituency. Photo/Alex Njeru

ral Hospital. Muthambi Health Centre in Maara Constituency and Gatunga Model Health Centre in Tharaka will also be upgraded.

In his address, Governor Njuki emphasized the importance of unity in Tharaka Nithi, warning against divisive politics ahead of the 2027 general elections.

"We are one people in a small county. Politicians dividing our people along sub-ethnic lines will not win. I will stand to champion unity."

He dismissed early campaign tactics, saying the electorate will choose leaders based on development track

records rather than tribal or regional affiliations.

Njuki also raised alarm over the growing menace of illicit alcohol, urging both levels of government to intensify the fight against the trade that has devastated families and youth.

Praising the national government for creating new sub-counties in Tharaka Nithi, he said the move would bring services closer to the people and create employment opportunities. He promised that the county would construct a new stadium at Kibugua within six months to serve the new

sub-county.

"Every sub-county deserves a stadium and other public facilities. Working with national leaders, we will make that a reality," he assured the crowd.

Members of County Assembly led by Magumoni ward representative Justin Kithinji also called for the unity of the county and promised to continue supporting Governor Njuki to his work.

The Maraka Day celebrations were also attended by county officials, national government representatives, and hundreds of residents.



Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki (right) and his deputy Nyaga Muisrael join traditional dancers during Madaraka Day celebrations at Kibugua Stadium in Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency yesterday.

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President Ruto Urges Kenyans To Be Patient As Government Implements Transformation Agenda

By: PCS

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He called on citizens to stop doubting Kenya's ability and potential, ignore the naysayers, and embrace change, emphasising that real transformation requires planning, persistence, grit and discipline.

He explained that Kenyans are imaginative and have bold visions, and that if fully implemented, the country will soar to great heights.

"Our biggest problem has always been one of implementation and execution: The faith to believe in our plans for change; the courage to execute, and the patience and focus to get it done," he said.

President Ruto was speaking yesterday during the 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations at Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay County, accompanied by the chief guest, President Nataša Pirc Musar of Slovenia.

Also present were Deputy President Kithure Kindiki, former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, Cabinet Secretaries, area Governor Gladys Wanga, MPs, and MCAs.

The President pointed out that 62 years after attaining self-rule, Kenya has made significant progress, defying the odds to emerge as a modern democracy with a vibrant economy.

However, he noted that the country has not yet reached where it ought to be.

To this end, he said the government has embarked on implementing the ambitious Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

He noted that these efforts have set the country on a firm path to stability and progress.

"We have weathered turbulent times, navigated serious challenges and, through courageous policy decisions pursued with resolve, we have not only stabilised our economy but also charted a clear course to long-term prosperity," he said.

Explaining the economic turnaround since August 2022, the President said Kenya has recorded an average annual growth rate of 5%, outperforming the global average of 3.3% and the regional average of 3.8%.

President Ruto recalled that last month, the International Monetary Fund projected Kenya's GDP at KSh17 trillion, making Kenya the largest economy in our region and



President William Ruto leading 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations at Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay County

the sixth-largest in Africa.

He said inflation had declined sharply from 9.6% in October 2022 to 3.8% in May 2025, well below the 5% target, bringing welcome relief to the majority of households and businesses.

"This reflects the strength of our economic fundamentals and the impact of our bold reforms," he said.

Additionally, President Ruto pointed out that the shilling had appreciated by nearly 20% against the US dollar, from KSh162 to KSh129, making it one of the best-performing currencies globally.

He also noted that the Central Bank Rate had decreased from 13% to 10%, reducing the cost of borrowing and spurring private sector activity.

"In addition, our foreign exchange reserves now stand at \$10 billion, extending our import cover from 2.5 to 4 months," he said.

On the Affordable Housing Programme, he said the government is on course to deliver 150,000 housing units, which have been under construction since September 2022, with 11,000 units already completed.

The President explained that, beyond providing dignified shelter, this transformative programme is driving job creation, having already generated more than 250,000 jobs.

In a special way, President Ruto thanked the millions of employees and workers whose housing levy contributions are restoring dignity to fellow citizens who may never have dreamt of owning a decent home.

On healthcare, he said since the

rollout of Taifa Care in October 2024, 23 million Kenyans have registered with the Social Health Authority (SHA).

In just eight months, he pointed out, SHA has paid claims worth KSh43 to hospitals that have offered treatment to 4.5 million Kenyans.

Additionally he said SHA is paying claims promptly, ensuring that no Kenyan is turned away due to lack of funds.

"Word is beginning to get out throughout the nation that 'SHA is working', by which citizens mean that the programme's transition challenges and teething problems are now behind us, and Universal Healthcare Coverage is serving Kenyans and leaving nobody behind," he said.

The President said the government is introducing an innovative payment solution called LIPA SHA POLE POLE to address persistent challenges, including irregular premium contributions among informal sector workers.

This initiative, he noted, will enable Kenyans to remit their annual SHA contributions through flexible instalments, whether monthly, weekly, or even daily, based on their financial ability.

"It ensures families maintain continuous health coverage without financial strain, while simultaneously promoting the sustainability of the health insurance fund," he said.

On agriculture, President Ruto said through strategic investments, the country has made significant progress in agricultural productivity and

farmers' earnings.

"Fertiliser subsidies have boosted food production by 50%, while reforms in the coffee and sugar sectors have revived local industries, enhanced farmer incomes, created jobs, and reinvigorated rural economies," he said.

The President said the government is working with the World Bank to roll out the KSh20 billion National Youth Opportunity Towards Advancement (NYOTA) project.

This initiative, he said, aims to empower more than 800,000 young people between 18 and 29 years, and up to 35 years for those with disabilities, by enhancing employability through skills training, on-the-job experience, recognition of prior learning, entrepreneurial development, and the promotion of a savings culture.

"The NYOTA project leverages the Hustler Fund platform and has already attracted over one million applicants for the business support component," he said.

He said KSh5 billion has been committed to granting each successful young person KSh50,000 in seed capital to start their entrepreneurial journey by August 2025.

In another initiative to help young people earn a livelihood, President Ruto said the government will, beginning this week, commence the nationwide rollout of Climate



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Politicians Warned Against Derailing Government Programmes

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Murang'a County Commissioner Joshua Nkanatha has warned politicians, among other individuals, against inciting residents to oppose government-led development projects and programmes, terming the behaviour as reckless and aimed at derailing progress.

Speaking during Madaraka Day celebrations at Ihura Grounds, Nkanatha, who also serves as the acting Central Region Commissioner, expressed concern over the growing trend of political leaders traversing parts of the Mt. Kenya region and allegedly misleading locals about State programmes such as the Social Health Authority (SHA).

"We will not allow politicians traversing this region to incite Kenyans and make them rebel against government development programmes meant to improve their lives. "These initiatives like SHA are for

the benefit of all Kenyans, and no one is allowed to deceive residents with the aim of gaining political mileage," he remarked.

Nkanatha noted projects like affordable housing, among others, are benefiting many people, especially in the creation of employment opportunities.

The commissioner urged the public to embrace the Social Health Authority, saying it will ease access to medical services for millions of Kenyans and warned those spreading falsehoods about it to stop immediately.

Nkanatha also addressed the issue of drug abuse, applauding local security officers for intensifying crackdowns on drug traffickers and users in the region.

He noted that drug abuse remains a major threat to the youth and called for continued vigilance and cooperation from the public in reporting suspects.

Additionally, He condemned the rising cases of defilement and femicides in the region, warning those perpetuating the crime that the government



would not relent in bringing perpetrators to justice.

"In the recent past, there has been an upsurge of defilement and femicide cases in this region. It is believed abuse of drugs and alcohol is greatly contributing to these heinous acts.

"Police have arrested suspects in connection with femicides and defilement as we appeal to the local community

to help security officers to fight these criminal activities," he said.

A community leader, Jane Kamwanga, echoed the commissioner's sentiments, urging fellow citizens to reject incitements and focus on development.

She also encouraged locals to remain calm during political meetings and avoid being drawn into confronta-

tions. "Go home and think for yourself. Don't be used for other people's agendas," she urged.

The Madaraka Day event was marked with patriotic performances from local groups, as leaders and citizens came together to reflect on Kenya's journey and future, with a strong call for unity and responsible leadership.



Gachagua Accuses Mt Kenya Mps Of Sabotage On Ruto's Orders

By: Vincent Afande
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Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua has launched a scathing attack on elected leaders from the Mt Kenya region, accusing them of being used by President William Ruto to interfere with his public engagements.

Speaking on Sunday at AIPCA Gatumbi Church in Lari, Kiambu County, Gachagua alleged that Members of Parliament allied to President Ruto are receiving money to fund youth-led disruptions during his church visits and public meetings.

He claimed that groups of young people are paid to hurl stones at his motorcade in what he termed as a deliberate attempt to undermine his influence.

"It is unfortunate that leaders from our region are being used so blatantly," Gachagua said. "They are paying our youths to cause chaos while

youths from other regions—including the President's own backyard—are being offered government jobs in the military, police, and agencies like KRA. Why can't our leaders see what is happening? How foolish can they be?"

The former deputy president also demanded that President Ruto issue an official apology to the families of victims who perished in the 2007/2008 Kiambaa Church tragedy. Gachagua urged the President to meet the bereaved parents, offer a formal apology, and initiate a compensation plan.

Additionally, Gachagua criticized what he described as a "casual" approach to justice for young people allegedly killed or abducted during the Gen Z protests. He called for Ruto to hold a one-on-one meeting with the affected families, acknowledge specific actions, and outline a clear plan for redress.

"How can a President offer such a casual apology for such serious crimes like the killing of Gen Z protestors?" Gachagua questioned.



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Mocking Kenya Kwanza allies who claim the opposition lacks a strategy, Gachagua declared that the opposition's main goal is to remove Ruto from office in 2027 in order to "root

out corruption and other vices" in the current administration.

He vowed to campaign aggressively to ensure that the Mt Kenya leaders he accuses of betrayal are not re-elected

in the 2027 General Election. "You will face the wrath of the people from Mt Kenya come 2027," he warned

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Worx, a bold and ambitious programme aimed at engaging more than 110,000 young people in all 47 counties in meaningful work that strengthens the nation's resilience, beginning with informal settlements.

On the blue economy, the theme of this Madaraka Day celebration, the President said the government is leveraging the sector to unlock vast potential in boosting the economy and job creation.

"We are making deliberate and strategic investments in sustainable fisheries across lakes, dams, and oceans," he said.

President Ruto said the government has completed seven modern fish landing sites on the Indian Ocean coast and three on the shores of Lake Victoria.

"Additionally, five more landing sites are under construction in the coastal counties of Kwale, Mombasa, Kilifi, Tana River, and Lamu due for completion by September," he

said.

He said nine new landing sites are also planned around Lake Victoria in Kisumu, Busia, Siaya, Migori, and Homa Bay, with a budget of KSh1.5 billion.

President Ruto said the development of the Liwatoni and Shimoni Fishing ports will further expand deep-sea fishing capacity to 24 vessels, fully unlocking our marine potential.

He said a flagship initiative is the Kabonyo Fisheries and Aquaculture Service and Training Centre of Excellence in Nyando, Kisumu County.

To meet rising fish demand and ease pressure on wild stocks, he said the government is promoting cage fish farming in Lake Victoria.

On infrastructure, the President said that, in the past two and a half years, the government has built 1,800km of new tarmac roads and maintained 134,800km, surpassing its targets, unlocking markets, empowering rural communities, and supporting key sectors such as agriculture and housing.

"Discussions are also at an advanced stage on the extension of



The 62nd Madaraka Day celebrations at Raila Odinga Stadium in Homa Bay County

the Standard Gauge Railway from Naivasha to Kisumu and onward to Malaba," he said.

The President announced that the construction of the dual Rironi-Mau Summit Road will begin in July 2025. The road will eventually be extended to Eldoret and Malaba.

On her part, President Musar called for selfless cooperation at the multi-lateral level, global unity, peaceful

co-existence, and effective dispute resolution.

"Only such a united community will be capable of confronting the world's most urgent challenges," she said.

On his part, Prof Kindiki said under the leadership of President Ruto, the government is creating a more inclusive Kenya.

He noted that, for a long time, in-

vestments in national resources, especially those supporting various value chains, have been forgotten.

Mr Odinga called for more government effort to reconcile aggrieved parties in the country. He said Kenyans were yearning to live in peace.

He also advocated more support for devolution as a means of bringing services closer to the people.

Rhino Charge 2025 Raises KSh269 Million As Jeremy Holley Wins

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The 2025 edition of the Rhino Charge off-road motorsport event concluded at the picturesque Saimo-Moi in Baringo North Constituency, raising a remarkable KSh269,520,463 for conservation efforts.

In a strong show of community inclusion, KSh8,887,610 from the entry donations will directly benefit the host community priority projects, underlining the event's ethos of giving back to local communities.

The vibrant prize-giving ceremony held yesterday was graced by several dignitaries who included Mr. Jean Todt, UN Special Envoy on Road Safety, Joseph Makilap, MP Baringo North, Felix Maiyo, Deputy Governor of Baringo, Ondrej Simek, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation, Peter Maddens, Ambassador of Belgium to Kenya; and Mr. Evans Omulo, representing the CEO of the Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board.

Others were Peter Ndegwa, CEO of Safaricom, and Mr. Paul Russo, CEO of KCB Group.

Ndegwa reaffirmed Safaricom's enduring partnership with Rhino Ark, noting that its support aligns with the company's three passion pillars: sports, environmental conservation, and connectivity/financial inclusion.

Rhino Ark Charitable Trust Executive Director Christian Lambrechts paid tribute to the 64 sponsors and the many volunteers who collectively saved the event KSh60 million in logistical and operational costs. He singled out Safaricom for its unwavering 15-year partnership and cumulative contribution of KSh253 million, highlighting the company as a cornerstone in Rhino Ark's conservation success.

"This event is about motorsport. It is also about fun. But more importantly, it is about fundraising for conservation. Conservation is truly what brings us all here today," Lambrechts noted.

"We do not build fences for the sake of it. Our 805 kilometres of electric fencing protect over half a million Kenyans from human-wildlife conflict and shield 570,000 hectares of vital mountain forest ecosystems. These forests are the lifeblood of our nation; catchment areas, carbon sinks, wildlife habitats and their protection translates to ecological services worth KSh348 billion annually to the Kenyan economy," he added.

He further announced the forthcoming launch of the Rhino Ark Endowment Fund, approved by the Board of Directors and revealed a new milestone: the Trust recently secured its largest-ever single grant of KSh330



million, aimed at revitalizing the 158,000-hectare Southern Mau Forest which is equivalent to three-quarters the size of Mt. Kenya.

"We owe this achievement to the support of many friends and partners, including Rob Olivier, Sean Avery, Peter Kinyua, and our friends at WWF-Kenya and WWFBussels. Together, we are shaping a new future for Kenya's forests," Lambrechts said.

In a show of national solidarity, Kenya Defence Forces Brigadier Joel M'Arimi, Commander of Operation Maliza Uhalifu, applauded the Rhino Charge organizers for hosting the event in a region under active security operations.

"This Charge has given us morale and motivation as security forces and is a big sign of togetherness," he remarked.

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) was also strongly represented by a senior team, including Mr. Gideon Kebati, Ms. Lucy Muita, Mr. Eric Aduda, and Ms. Maurine Musimbi, reflecting the strong partnership between Rhino Ark and government conservation agencies.

Prof. Erustus Kanga, the KWS Director General, described the Charge as a beacon of conservation and unity. "Kenya Wildlife Service, Rhino Ark, and the Rhino Charge are in many ways triplets. All three were born in 1989, bound by a shared vision to protect Kenya's nature," he said.

"From that first daring event that raised KSh250,000 for fencing the Aberdares, to the over KSh2.4 billion raised to date, this journey has been extraordinary. That success, I must say, has everything to do with you, the Chargers," Prof. Kanga added.

He lauded the impact of Rhino Ark's fencing efforts in reducing conflict and enhancing livelihoods, saying, "For the beekeepers, the farmers, the herders, and the schoolchildren living near these forests, these fences mean something deeply personal: fewer lost crops, fewer sleepless nights, and more opportunities to thrive."

Prof. Kanga also emphasized that KWS remains committed to supporting such initiatives through wildlife law enforcement, habitat restoration and community engagement, noting, "Conservation is no longer just about wildlife. It is about people, prosperity, and the planet, all moving forward together."

This year, the competition was fierce, with Jeremy Holley claiming the overall victory, dethroning last year's winner, Graham McKittrick.

In the fundraising category, Adil Khawaja's AK44 topped the charts once again with KSh139,007,995, marking a third consecutive win, followed by Peter Kinyua's Car 23 with KSh13,476,800 and Tim Carstens' Aussie Rules (Car 63) with KSh8,507,347.

A total of 64 out of 65 registered teams participated, a sharp increase from last year's 54 competitors and the previous year's 52 entrants, underscoring growing enthusiasm for the conservation cause.



Worth Noting:

- Ndegwa reaffirmed Safaricom's enduring partnership with Rhino Ark, noting that its support aligns with the company's three passion pillars: sports, environmental conservation, and connectivity/financial inclusion.

- Rhino Ark Charitable Trust Executive Director Christian Lambrechts paid tribute to the 64 sponsors and the many volunteers who collectively saved the event KSh60 million in logistical and operational costs. He singled out Safaricom for its unwavering 15-year partnership and cumulative contribution of KSh253 million, highlighting the company as a cornerstone in Rhino Ark's conservation success.

- "This event is about motorsport. It is also about fun. But more importantly, it is about fundraising for conservation. Conservation is truly what brings us all here today," Lambrechts noted.

Slum Dwellers Call On Kakuzi To Honour Settlement Deal

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Residents of Gachagi slums, located within the expansive Kakuzi Company Ltd land in Makuyu Ward in Murang'a South Sub county have called on the government to intervene and resolve a land settlement dispute that has dragged on for over a decade.

The dispute stems from a 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Kakuzi Company and a section of the slum residents where the company agreed to set aside 10 acres of land to resettle 35 families living as squatters on its land.

However, to date, only 10 families have been officially settled, while the remaining 25 continue to live in dire conditions.

Speaking during a community meeting held at the heart of the slums on Saturday, the residents, led by their Chairman Michael Mburi, expressed their deep frustration and sense of betrayal.

They called on both the local leadership and national government to intervene and push the horticultural company to fulfil the promise made to them.

"We are tired of empty promises and meetings that lead nowhere," said Mburi, adding, "We entered into an agreement with Kakuzi Company in good faith."

"Why then, over a decade later, are some of us still living in muddy, makeshift houses, putting our lives at risk of contracting all sorts of diseases?" posed the chairman.

The Gachagi slum is characterised by overcrowded structures made from iron sheets and timber, poor drainage systems and minimal access to clean water and sanitation services.

The residents decry that every time it rains, their houses are flooded, and many families are forced to sleep standing or seek shelter from neighbours.

"We have no clean water to drink or cook with, and no proper place to relieve ourselves," lamented Victoria Ndumi, an elderly woman who has lived in Gachagi for decades.

"When we fall sick, we can't access proper medical care, and the few nearby facilities are overwhelmed or too far to reach in time. And when someone dies, there's no land to bury the remains; we're forced to lay our loved ones to rest on county council land. It's heartbreaking. We are living like people who have been forgotten." Ndumi added.

The residents further alleged that Kakuzi Company has intensified surveillance in recent years, deploying drones over the area as they interpret this as an act of intimidation, suggesting the company is attempting to discourage further demands from the squatters.

They also criticised their area MP Mary Wamaua for what they perceive as silence and inaction on the matter.

They claimed she was part of earlier discussions, alongside the area Deputy County Commissioner (DCC) and other government officials, where they had been assured of a permanent solution.

In response to the growing public con-



Michael Mburi addressing journalists

cern, Kakuzi Company's Head of Corporate Affairs, Mr. Simon Odhiambo, issued a written statement acknowledging the 2010 MoU and confirming that 10 acres had indeed been earmarked to settle the squatters.

"Over the years, a mutually agreed-upon MoU has been in place between the residents of Gachagi village and Kakuzi. The MoU permits specific community members who are parties to the agreement to occupy a portion of our land, measuring 10 acres, in consider-

ation of an annual fee and adherence to outlined conditions." Stated Odhiambo.

He continued, "Recently, a section of Gachagi residents have challenged this MoU, and the matter is currently before both the National Land Commission (NLC) and the Courts, where we await determination."

Addressing the issue of surveillance, Kakuzi defended the use of drones and other technology-based systems, stating they are essential to curb rising cases of theft, attacks on workers, and vandalism

in their orchards.

When contacted for comment, MP Wamaua admitted she had participated in previous engagements between the company and the community. She pledged to revisit the matter.

As the calls for justice grow louder, Gachagi residents hope that this time, their plight will not be swept under the rug. They are demanding not just land, but respect, dignity, and accountability.



Some of makeshift houses residents of Gachagi slums dwell in.

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Alive Outside, Dead Indoors



I'm alive outside. Dead indoors.
I died when you betrayed my trust—but
I held on.
I died when you lied to my face, over and
over.
When you disrespected me.
When you stopped seeing my worth.
When you no longer called me your
peace.
When you found peace elsewhere.
That's when you began your own
destruction.
It started when you ignored my pain.
When you let it pile up inside me.
When my feelings no longer mattered.

When you stopped asking, "How are
you?"
When my smile became a mask, and you
never noticed.
When you celebrated alone, though I was
with you all along.
It started when you stopped listening.
When I was always the bigger person.
When I became invisible unless you
needed me.
When I lay there hurting, and you never
cared.
When you weren't there to wipe my
tears.
When I lost my mind, and you never saw
it.
When I lost my breath every single day.
And now...
I don't know what's left of me.
Just pieces I can't put back together.

By Cathren Gathoni

Solace



In the hush of a weary, wandering day,
When dreams seem lost and skies turn
grey,
There blooms a light, soft as a sigh
A whisper of peace from the bluest sky.
It comes not loud, but kind and near,
A hand to hold, a soul to hear.
In quiet corners where teardrops fall,
Solace answers with no voice at all.
She cradles hearts with velvet grace,
Filling the cracks time can't erase.
Like sunlight streaming through the
leaves,
She teaches the lonely heart to breathe.

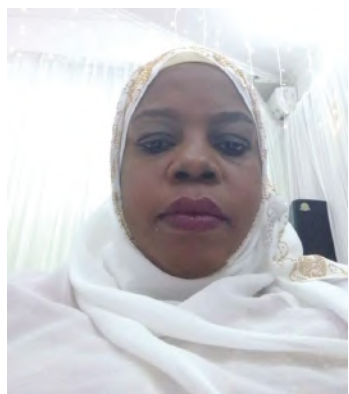
A mother's hum, a friend's warm gaze,
A memory that softly stays—
She dwells in laughter after pain,
In blooming flowers kissed by rain.
And when we feel we've lost our song,
She hums the tune and sings along.
Not to erase what came before,
But to remind: we can be more.
So here's to solace, gentle and true
A gift the stars wrapped just for you.
May you find her in your quiet space,
And wear her light upon your face.

Anjali Saxena... Prabal

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Wivu



Ikashuka yake siha, uso hukosa mng'ao
Vyema kuachana nao, utakukosesha raha

Wivu kwetu makhuluki, husababisha
mizozo
Huweza kuleta chuki, na msongo wa
mawazo
Ndo mana sivaFiki, una mengi matatizo
Hauachi mikwaruzo, hivyo si mwema
rafiki

Wivu ni kubwa husuda, si mwema kwa
mwanadamu
Tusiufanye ibada, kwetu sisi si muhimu
Wivu sio kawaida, kwa wengine kubwa
sumu
Wivu wa donge haramu, wacha sitafute
shida

Wivu huweza athiri, akili ya mwanadamu
Kwa uchungu na kiburi, cha kukosa
ufahamu
Kwamba wivu si nzuri, wengi
umewagarimu
Kuuwacha ni muhimu, kuwa nao ni hatari

Wivu huwa wavuruga, mahusiano ya
watu
Yakawa yalegalega, kwa vishindo na
papatu
Na urafiki huaga, kurudi usithubutu
Wivu kwetu sio utu, marufuku nauyiga

Ewe mja makinika, nakupasha tangu leo
Wivu wa chuki hakika, katu haupandi
cheo
Wivu tunaoutaka, ule wa maendeleo
Tuzitupe mbali ndweo, za wivu wenye
mashaka

Mtunzi: Fatma Ali Mohamed
Mahali: Pemba

Wivu huusha furaha, kwa mtu alionao
Moyo hujaa karaha, na chuki kila uchao

Umbali Huu



Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Kulikokuwa kisiki, pagumu tena pabovu,
Pa bahati kila wiki, ikiwa mwezi wokovu,
Napaona ni mswaki, angalau nina nguvu,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Sikuonja tunda bivu, bichi ndiyo niliweza,
Haya ndo yangu makovu, ambayo yaliumiza,
Ila afadhali mbovu, yangu kesho ya Muweza,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Ule usiku wa kiza, ambao sikuujua,
Mwenzenu ulinitweza, Mkawini anajua,
Wala haingenisaza, leo hii singekua,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Beti nane napumua, nawakumbuka wandani,
Tuliopiga hatua, na kuwepo saFarini,
Kabuti langu navua, daima nawathamini,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Ni siku njema kwa kweli, nimeamka salama,
Bila ya moyo kufeli, au hata kutotoma,
Kwa kani nijihimili, nikaweze kusimama,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Siyo kodi nimetuma, nisakini duniani,
Wala mlango wa nyuma, nakataa abadani,
Hii kwangu ni rehema, zitokazo kwa Manani,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Mosi wapo ikhiwani, wale watu wenye jina,
Wajapo barabarani, kandokando twabanana,
Wote ni sawa jueni, pia wasojulikana,
Lobawoi nashukuru, umbali huu ni Mungu.

Si usiku si mchana, uzima kuumiliki,
Kama mtoa dhamana, mwenyewe hatetereki,
Kwangu mimi ni amana, siku zote nasadiki,

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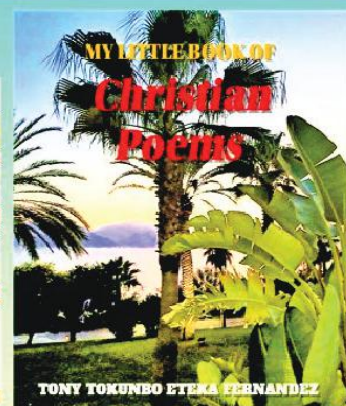
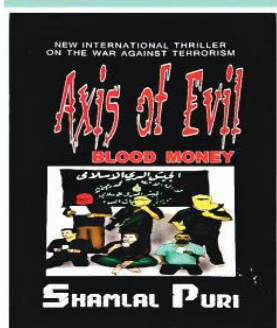
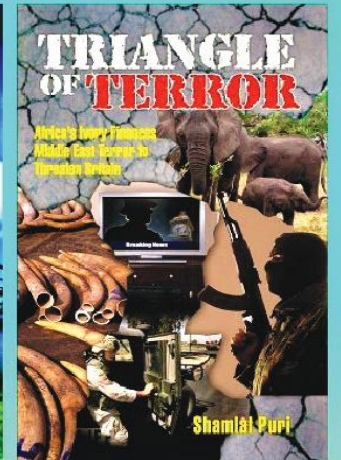
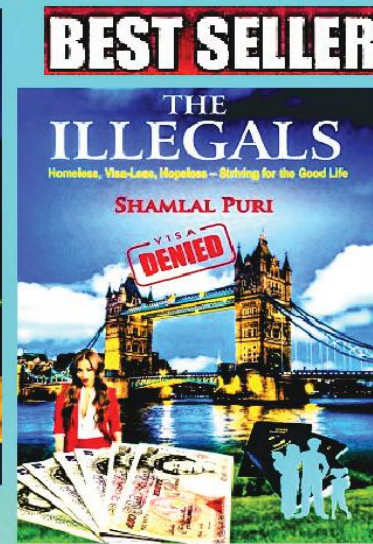
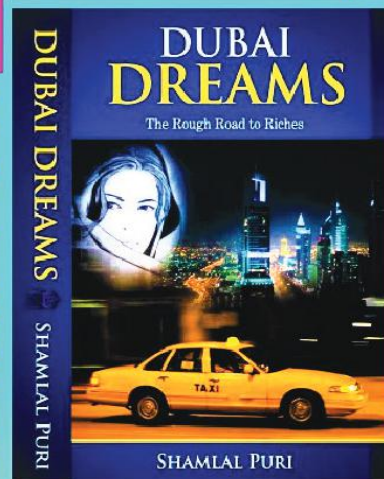
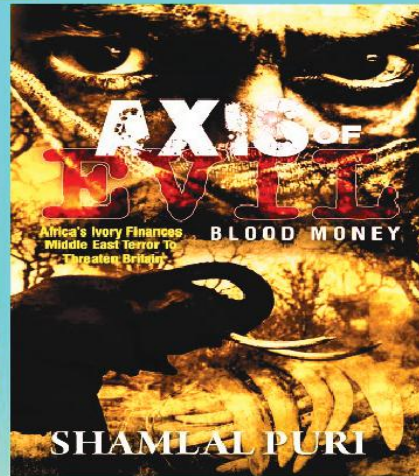
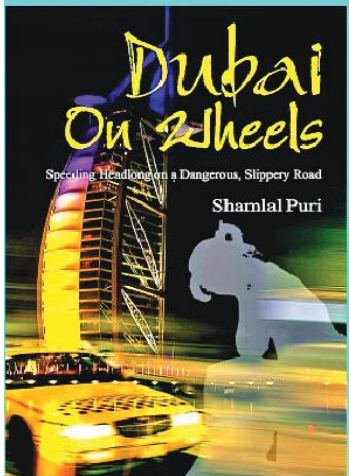
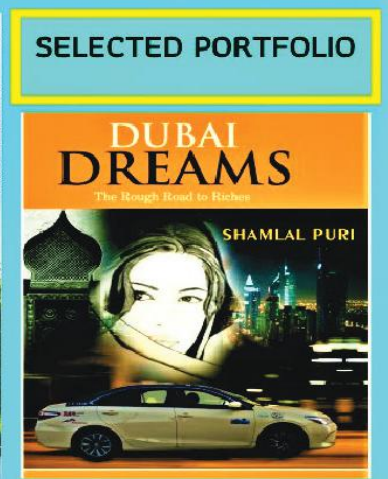
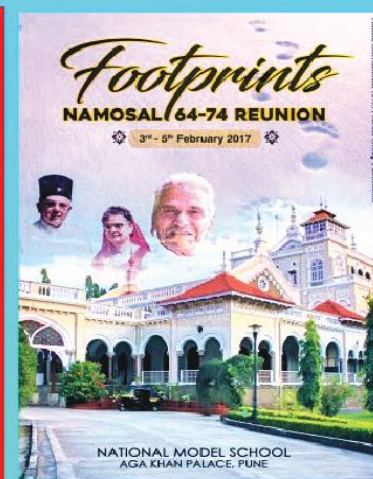
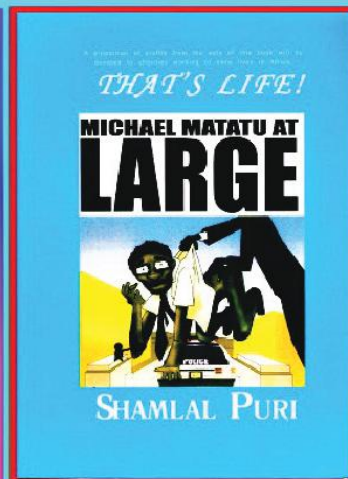
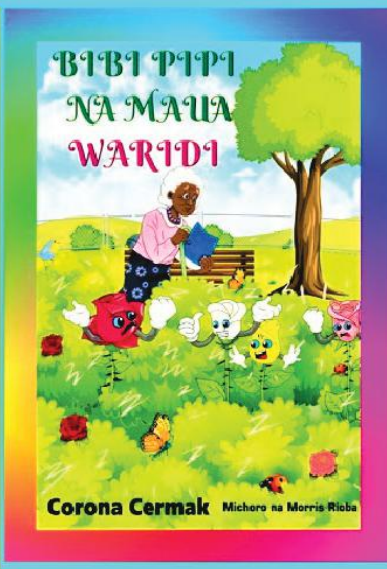
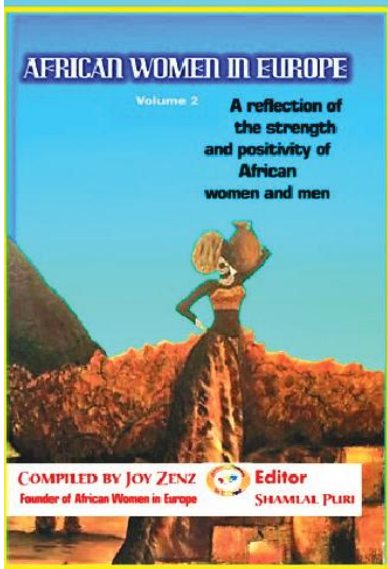
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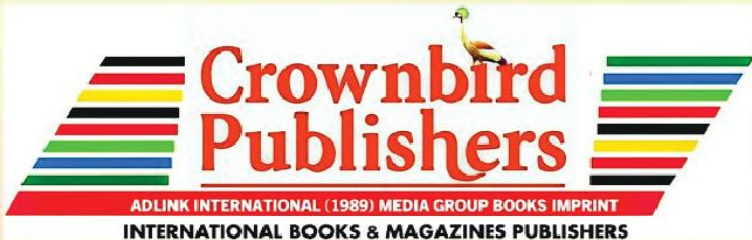
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Global Materialism Is A Disaster For Climate Change, Warns University Don

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To achieve the tenets of global ecological actions, the world must rethink the desires for accumulation, conquest, domination, material and power supremacy.

These ecological actions in the world today revolve around the Paris Climate Agreement 2015; the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); National and Regional Green Initiatives and Technological Innovation and Sustainability.

All these measures aim at reversing the run-away degradation, pollution, and climate change which are attributable to civilizations' advancements which supersede natural regeneration.

"Such vices trigger unparalleled inequality and exclusions within nations," says Dr Vincent Gaitho, chairman of Mount Kenya University (MKU) council, who is also the university's Pro-Chancellor.

Dr Gaitho was speaking in China during the Fourth Dialogue on Exchanges and Learning Among Civilizations organized by the Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU). The forum took place in Dunhuang City, and was hosted by the People's Government of Gansu Province in Northwest China.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the MKU team explored the path for mutual collaboration with Lanzhou University of China. The conference brought together politicians, heads of international organizations, scholars and experts to discuss the significance of exchanges and dialogues between different civilizations in a world facing many conflicts.

Held under the theme "Carrying forward the Silk Road Spirit to Gather Momentum for the Implementation of the Global Civilization Initiative," the dialogue included eight sessions to discuss related topics in different fields, such as the development of museums, law and technologies.

The Global Civilization Initiative (GCI) as a diplomatic call by one of the global economic leaders fits well as a strategy that will break the barriers of inequality and exclusion so apparent in the contemporary world order. "Indeed, the GCI philosophy that 'all countries in the world, regardless of their size' are equal is a

stark reminder of the importance of embracing exchanges and mutual learning because all civilizations have a role to play," said Dr Gaitho.

Dr Gaitho's presentation was on Global Civilization Initiative and Ecological Actions: the Dilemma.

He focused on shared values of mankind. 'The connectivity and linkages of the ancient Silk Road is today replicated and expanded through technology and innovations. Though that ancient declined with the fall of the Mongol Empire, the 'Contemporary technology driven Silk Road' may fall on its own weight of domination and competitiveness," he cautioned.

The Pro-Chancellor said contemporary civilizations are faced with evolving threats in the space of cyber security, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and a growing population with an ever-soaring demand for consumption.

"As the world seeks to reverse negativities, civilizations are with avalanche of dilemmas of rapid industrialization vs environmental degradations and climate change, geopolitical power play, conflicts, poverty and resource exploitation, among other factors, highly negates the GCI targets of equality and inclusiveness," he added.

Dr Gaitho said to make the academic world impactful in the implementation of the SDGs, the UN established an all-purpose vehicle dubbed United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), as a strategy to bring to the fore the relevance of academia. UNAI is a platform created to engage universities as change agents on SDGs support.

"Selected Universities were identified as drivers of hub of 17 SDGs with effect from 2018. MKU was identified on the basis of interventions that the university accomplished and reported since 2017 that were inclined towards reduced inequalities. Henceforth, MKU was selected and served as the UNAI SDG 10 hub on reduced inequalities from June, 2021 to end of 2024," he said.

However, effective January, 2025 UNAI changed the hubs design strategy from a single university player to a consortium of at least 4 universities which are competitively identified. Consequently, UNAI has come up with 17 positions of Hub Chairs each corresponding with the 17 SDGs.

This year, MKU was awarded the position of serving as UNAI SDG9 Hub Chair on Industry, Innovation

and Infrastructure for a three years period ending in 2027. The university was selected based on its diverse range of projects that enhance innovation among its students and improves the quality of life among the surrounding communities.

"The Global Civilization Initiative must be driven by conscious decisions that will address situations where we are faced with difficult choices between alternatives. At the top of decision making and actions should be the shared values of mankind. Decisions must exult peace and cooperation, respect for nature, equity and justice, and responsibility to the future generation," he said.

At the opening ceremony held on Friday morning last week, Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng said that exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations are important drivers for the advancement of human civilization and the peaceful development of the world, according to Chinese news agency, Xinhua.

Han urged nations to engage in sincere dialogue and pursue win-win cooperation, using conversation and communication to eliminate barriers and misunderstandings, enhance mutual understanding and friendly relations, promote harmonious coexistence among different civilizations, and foster closer ties among various countries.

Politicians attending the dialogue said that China has provided stability and certainty to the world through its own development when the world



Dr Vincent Gaitho exchanging gifts with Lanzhou University VCPro Shi Keqian.

faces various conflicts. They also noted that the three major global initiatives proposed by China, such as the Global Civilization Initiative, help different cultures understand and learn from each other. These initiatives also create a strong base for a new international order where countries live together peacefully and work together for mutual benefit. The dialogue was held in Dunhuang, a place where cultures and

arts from different countries and regions came together thousands of years ago. It stands as a testament to China's long-standing openness and inclusiveness toward different civilizations.

Around 400 participants attended the event, including political leaders, experts, scholars, and heads of international and non-governmental organizations from multiple countries.



Some of the delegates at the conference.



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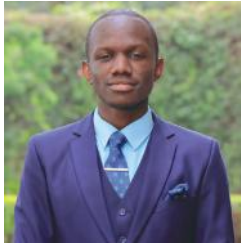
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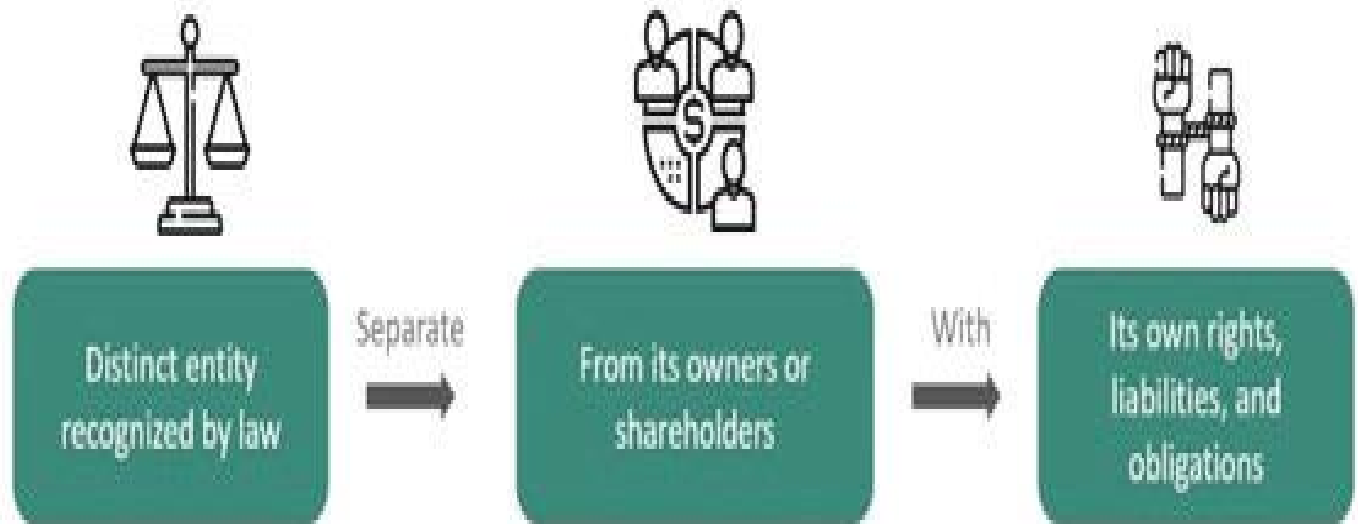
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Piercing The Corporate Veil In Kenya: Unveiling The Legal Personality



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What Is Separate Legal Entity?



The concept of a company as a separate legal personality, distinct from its shareholders and directors, is a cornerstone of corporate law, famously cemented in the English case of *Salomon v. Salomon & Co. Ltd.* [1897] AC 22. This landmark decision established that a company, once incorporated, exists as an independent entity, capable of owning assets, incurring liabilities, and entering contracts in its own name. The metaphorical “corporate veil” shields shareholders and directors from personal liability, ensuring that the company’s obligations remain its own. However, this veil is not impenetrable; courts in Kenya and beyond may lift it in exceptional circumstances to prevent abuse of the corporate form. In Kenya, the doctrine of lifting the corporate veil is applied judiciously, balancing the sanctity of corporate personality with the need for justice. This article explores the legal provisions, grounds, and extent of piercing the corporate veil in Kenya, enriched with case law insights.

Under Kenyan law, the principle of separate legal personality is codified in the Companies Act, 2015, particularly Section 19, which affirms that a company is a distinct legal entity from its members. The Act, however, provides specific statutory grounds for lifting the corporate veil to hold individuals accountable for misuse of the corporate structure. Section 1002 is a key provision, stipulating that any person knowingly participating in fraudulent business practices commits an offence, potentially incurring personal liability for the company’s debts. This provision targets actions carried out with intent to defraud

creditors or for other fraudulent purposes. Additionally, Section 323 of the Act allows courts to hold directors personally liable for fraudulent trading during winding-up proceedings. These statutory mechanisms ensure that the corporate veil does not become a shield for wrongdoing.

Beyond statutory provisions, Kenyan courts may lift the corporate veil through judicial discretion when the corporate form is used as a façade for improper conduct. The judiciary adopts a totality-of-circumstances approach, meticulously examining whether the company was used to perpetrate fraud, evade legal obligations, or achieve unjust ends. Courts are particularly vigilant when the corporate structure is a mere sham, designed to conceal the true actors behind illicit activities. The burden of proof lies with the claimant to demonstrate that the corporate form was abused, ensuring that the doctrine is not applied lightly. This judicial flexibility aligns with the interests of justice, fairness, and accountability, preventing the corporate veil from being a blanket immunity. Kenyan courts draw inspiration from English jurisprudence, adapting principles to local contexts.

The English case of *Salomon v. Salomon & Co. Ltd.* remains the bedrock of corporate personality but also set the stage for exceptions to the veil’s protection. In this case, Mr. Salomon incorporated a company, transferring his business to it while retaining control as a major shareholder and creditor. When the company went insolvent, creditors argued that Salomon should be personally liable, but the House of Lords upheld the com-

pany’s separate legal personality. This decision underscored the veil’s strength but left room for exceptions in cases of fraud or misuse. English courts later developed the doctrine further, as seen in *Gilford Motor Co. Ltd. v. Horne* [1933] Ch 935, where the veil was lifted because the company was used to evade a restrictive covenant. These principles guide Kenyan courts in determining when to pierce the veil.

In Kenya, the case of *Ultimate Laboratories v. Tasha Bioservice Limited* (Nairobi H.C.C.C No. 1287 of 2000) illustrates judicial willingness to lift the corporate veil. Justice Ringera (as he then was) emphasized that the veil may be pierced when the corporate personality is used as a mask for fraud or improper conduct. In this case, the court found evidence that the company was a façade to shield wrongful actions, justifying personal liability for those involved. The ruling reinforced that Kenyan courts will not hesitate to disregard corporate personality when it serves as a cloak for deceit. This case underscores the judiciary’s role in ensuring the corporate form is not abused. It aligns with the principle that justice prevails over rigid adherence to corporate separateness.

Another Kenyan case, *Civil Suit 7 of 2016* (Kenya Law Reports), further highlights the application of the corporate veil doctrine. The applicants sought to pierce the veil to hold directors personally liable for the company’s debts during liquidation. The court considered whether the directors’ actions warranted lifting the veil, emphasizing the need for evidence of fraudulent intent or

improper conduct. Ultimately, the application was dismissed due to insufficient proof, illustrating the high threshold for piercing the veil in Kenya. The case reaffirms that courts are cautious, requiring clear evidence of abuse before disregarding corporate personality. This judicial restraint protects the integrity of the corporate form while allowing intervention when necessary.

The grounds for lifting the corporate veil in Kenya include fraud, improper conduct, and evasion of legal obligations, but the extent of liability varies. When the veil is lifted, courts may hold shareholders, directors, or other officers personally accountable for the company’s debts or actions, as outlined in Section 1002 of the Companies Act, 2015. For instance, in fraudulent trading cases, individuals knowingly involved may face unlimited liability for the company’s obligations. However, the veil is not lifted arbitrarily; courts require compelling evidence of intent to defraud or misuse of the corporate structure. This targeted approach ensures that only those directly responsible face liability, preserving the broader principle of limited liability. The extent of liability is thus proportionate to the degree of misconduct established.

English case law, such as *Prest v. Petrodel Resources Ltd.* [2013] UKSC 34, has further refined the doctrine, influencing Kenyan jurisprudence. In *Prest*, the UK Supreme Court clarified that the veil may be pierced only when a person deliberately evades an existing legal obligation through the corporate form. The court emphasized that piercing is an exceptional remedy, applied

when the company is a mere façade concealing the true facts. This principle resonates in Kenya, where courts similarly require evidence of a deliberate attempt to frustrate legal obligations. The *Prest* decision underscores that piercing the veil is not about general injustice but specific abuse of corporate personality. Kenyan courts adopt this nuanced approach, ensuring consistency with global standards.

In conclusion, lifting the corporate veil in Kenya is a carefully calibrated mechanism to prevent abuse of the separate legal personality doctrine established in *Salomon v. Salomon & Co. Ltd.*. The Companies Act, 2015, through provisions like Sections 1002 and 323, provides statutory grounds for piercing the veil, particularly in cases of fraudulent trading. Judicial discretion, as seen in cases like *Ultimate Laboratories* and *Civil Suit 7 of 2016*, complements these provisions, ensuring flexibility to address fraud or improper conduct. English cases like *Gilford Motor* and *Prest* offer valuable precedents, guiding Kenyan courts to apply the doctrine sparingly but decisively. By balancing corporate autonomy with accountability, Kenya’s legal framework ensures that the corporate veil protects legitimate business while exposing those who hide behind it for illicit purposes. This doctrine remains a vital tool for justice in corporate law.

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Maraga Says Youth Have Nothing To Celebrate As He Declares ‘Solemn Month Of Reflection’ Over Protest Deaths

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Former Chief Justice David Maraga has said there is nothing for Kenyan youth to celebrate as the country commemorates its 62nd Madaraka Day, citing widespread disillusionment, police brutality, and deepening socio-economic inequalities.

In a strongly worded statement released Sunday, Maraga said the spirit of Madaraka — which symbolizes Kenya’s internal self-rule and the freedom to shape its own destiny — has been betrayed, particularly for the younger generation.

“Today, we begin a solemn month of reflection in memory of the lives of more than 60 young people killed in June 2024,” Maraga, who is eyeing the presidency in 2027, said referring to the deadly crackdown on youth-led protests last year.

“It is a month to stand in solidarity with those injured and abducted. It is a month to comfort the families of those who lost their loved ones to police brutality.”

Maraga criticized the government’s heavy-handed response to youthful dissent, saying the very freedoms the youth were fighting for — freedom of expression, accountability, and inclusive governance — are being violently suppressed.

“Madaraka Day is about internal self-governance and the freedom to run our country. These are the freedoms that young people were seeking. Instead, they were killed, abducted, and some have disappeared without a trace,” he said.

He cited the recent abduction of Rose Njeri — who had reportedly developed a digital platform allowing citizens to air their views on the controversial Finance Bill 2025 — as an example of state repression against innovation and civic engagement.

“This completely negates the spirit of Madaraka,” he said.

Increased marginalization According to Maraga, the country’s youth continue to suffer from high unemployment, limited livelihood opportunities, and increasing marginalization, while a small political elite continues to enjoy unchecked privilege.



Maraga criticized the government’s heavy-handed response to youthful dissent/Maraga Campaign

“There is, therefore, nothing for the young people of Kenya to celebrate. Youth unemployment is still soaring, livelihood opportunities keep shrinking, while a minority of the political elite live in opulence, straddling the young majority into servitude,” he said.

“This government has indeed lost the moral and legitimate basis of governing.”

Maraga declared his support for the Gen Z-led social movement, which

has branded June as “Gen Z Revolution Month,” calling for a national awakening to return to the ideals of the 2010 Constitution.

“We need to rejuvenate the true spirit of Madaraka. To this end, I will walk with Gen Z during this solemn Gen Z Revolution Month and beyond, in their activities and plans as they seek to reset, restore, and rebuild Kenya,” he said.

“Let us use this month to chart a path back to the aspirations of our

2010 Constitution.”

Madaraka Day, first celebrated on June 1, 1963, marks the day Kenya attained internal self-rule from British colonial rule.

This year’s celebrations come at a time of growing public frustration over governance, accountability, and the cost of living.

Is Your CV Costing You Opportunities? How Poor CV Structure And ATS Filters Lock Out Kenyan Job Seekers

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In today’s highly competitive job market, your CV isn’t just a document, it’s your first impression. Yet, many qualified Kenyan job seekers unknowingly lose out on interviews because of poorly structured CVs and lack of understanding of Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS).

The CV Problem in Kenya

Many applicants use generic templates, outdated formats, or include irrelevant details like full addresses or personal information that add no value. Others fail to highlight achievements, use vague job descriptions, or forget to tailor their CVs to specific roles. As a result, even well-qualified individuals are overlooked.

Understanding the ATS Barrier

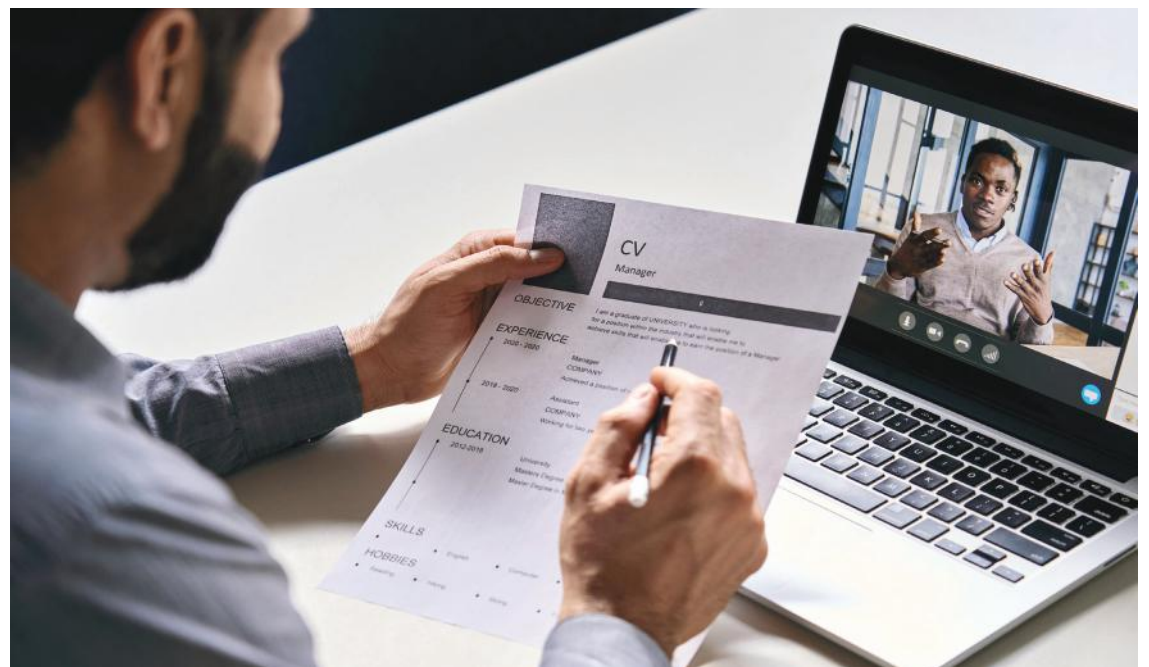
Most medium to large companies in Kenya now use ATS software to filter CVs before human eyes even see them. If your CV doesn’t include the right keywords, is poorly formatted, or uses complex designs that the system can’t read, it gets automatically rejected. This happens before you even get a chance to prove yourself.

Key CV Mistakes That Cost Jobs

- Using overly decorative templates that ATS can’t read
- Not aligning skills and experience with the job description
- Leaving out measurable achievements
- Using vague job titles or responsibilities
- Ignoring keywords relevant to the role

What Kenyan Job Seekers Can Do

1. Use clean, professional layouts.
2. Tailor each CV to the job using specific keywords from the job ad.



3. Focus on results and achievements, not just duties.
4. Use simple fonts and avoid tables or text boxes.
5. Keep it concise, 1–2 pages maximum.

Conclusion

In a job market where employers may receive hundreds of applications per role, a weak CV can cost you opportunities even if you’re qualified. Invest time in creat-

ing a strong, well-structured, and ATS-friendly CV. It could be the difference between getting the job or getting ignored.

The Economic Imperative Of Artificial Intelligence: Why Governments Must Invest In Ethical



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Worth Noting:

- **Productivity and Efficiency Gains:** AI automates routine tasks, allowing human workers to focus on higher-level cognitive functions. Industries that integrate AI-powered automation experience increased productivity, lower operational costs, and improved service delivery. For example, AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants have revolutionized customer service by handling inquiries efficiently and reducing response times.
- **Advancements in Manufacturing and Supply Chains:** AI-driven robotics are optimizing assembly lines, reducing defects, and increasing production speed. Predictive analytics powered by AI enables supply chain managers to forecast demand accurately, reducing waste and minimizing delays. Companies such as Tesla and Siemens have integrated AI to refine their production processes, driving economic growth through increased efficiency.

Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer just a futuristic concept - it is a revolutionary force transforming industries, economies, and governance across the world. Governments that harness the potential of AI stand to significantly enhance economic growth, streamline efficiency, and foster global competitiveness. However, as AI evolves, ethical concerns arise regarding transparency, biases, labor displacement, and security risks. This calls for a dedicated focus on Ethical Artificial Intelligence (EAI) - ensuring that AI development aligns with principles of fairness, accountability, and social welfare.

This article explores the multifaceted ways AI can boost a nation's economy, the risks associated with unregulated AI, and the importance of government investment in EAI as a foundation for sustainable development.

1. AI as a Catalyst for Economic Growth

Artificial Intelligence plays a transformative role in economic expansion, offering substantial benefits across sectors such as healthcare, finance, manufacturing, and logistics. The economic advantages of AI can be analyzed through the following key dimensions:

1.1. Productivity and Efficiency Gains

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1.3. AI in Healthcare: Economic and Societal Impact

The healthcare sector is experiencing groundbreaking innovations due to AI. Machine learning mod-



els assist in early diagnosis, robotic surgeries enhance precision, and AI-driven research accelerates drug discovery. Beyond saving lives, these advancements reduce healthcare costs and increase accessibility, which has direct economic implications.

1.4. Financial Sector Transformation

AI in finance has improved risk management, fraud detection, and personalized banking services. AI-driven algorithms analyze vast datasets to predict market trends, enabling investors and policymakers to make informed decisions. The automation of financial transactions reduces human errors and enhances economic stability.

2. The Risks of Unregulated AI Development

While AI presents immense economic opportunities, it also poses significant risks if left unchecked. The rise of AI without ethical considerations can lead to negative societal impacts, including:

2.1. Job Displacement and Workforce Disruptions

AI-driven automation is replacing certain jobs, particularly in industries reliant on manual labor. Without proper intervention, this could lead to mass unemployment and economic instability. Governments must implement retraining programs to help workers transition into AI-related industries.

2.2. Algorithmic Bias and Social Inequality

AI systems often reflect biases present in their training data, leading to discriminatory outcomes in hiring, law enforcement, and financial decision-making. Ethical AI frameworks must be established to ensure fairness and prevent discrimination.

2.3. Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Challenges

AI applications collect vast amounts of personal data, raising concerns about privacy and security breaches. Governments must regulate AI cybersecurity protocols to protect citizens from unauthorized surveillance and identity theft.

3. Why Governments Must Invest in Ethical Artificial Intelligence (EAI)

To ensure AI serves humanity without exacerbating inequalities, governments must proactively invest in Ethical AI. This includes the following essential measures:

3.1. Establishing AI Governance Frameworks

AI regulation must be implemented to ensure accountability, transparency, and fairness. Governments should collaborate with AI developers, businesses, and ethics researchers to formulate policies that uphold social justice.

3.2. AI Education and Workforce Adaptation

Investment in AI education is critical to equipping citizens with

the necessary skills to thrive in an AI-driven economy. Governments must fund AI research programs, integrate AI courses into academic curriculums, and support skill development initiatives.

3.3. Promoting AI for Public Good
AI should be leveraged to solve societal challenges such as poverty, climate change, and public health crises. Governments should incentivize AI innovations that prioritize human welfare over corporate profit motives.

4. Real-World Examples of AI impact

AI is making a significant impact across various industries. Here are some compelling real-world examples:

4.1. Healthcare Innovations – AI-powered diagnostics are revolutionizing medicine. Machine learning models assist in early disease detection, while AI-driven robotic surgeries enhance precision. AI also accelerates drug discovery, reducing research time and costs.

4.2. Autonomous Vehicles – AI is at the core of self-driving technology. Companies like Tesla and Waymo use AI to navigate roads, detect obstacles, and optimize driving efficiency, reducing accidents and im-

IQSK Launches New Handbooks To Standardize Quantity Surveying In Kenya

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The Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK) has marked a major milestone with the launch of two publications aimed at standardizing and strengthening the practice of quantity surveying across the country.

The Construction Cost Handbook 2025/2026 and the Standards, Procedures and Practices (SPP) Handbook were unveiled on Friday night in Nairobi during IQSK's 30th Annual General Meeting, which brought together quantity surveyors from across the country—both in person and virtually—to reflect on the Institute's growth and future direction.

In a statement read on his behalf, Principal Secretary for Public Works Mr. Joel Arumonyang said the handbooks will provide a uniform, regionally responsive framework that enhances accountability and fosters public trust in the built environment. "These books will help resolve cost-related disputes, streamline documentation, and improve the quality of infrastructure delivery," the state-

ment read.

He added that the publications would enhance cost management, transparency, and professional consistency within Kenya's construction sector.

The PS commended the IQSK leadership and its members for their unwavering dedication to professionalism and excellence. He emphasized the central role that quantity surveyors play in ensuring value, accountability, and sustainability in Kenya's dynamic construction industry—particularly in the efficient use of public funds and the timely, budget-conscious delivery of projects.

The Principal Secretary also pledged continued government support for the profession, citing plans to strengthen training and mentorship for young professionals, adopt digital technologies such as Building Information Modelling (BIM), and review policy frameworks to promote excellence in cost management.

"Together, we are not just building infrastructure," he concluded, "we are building confidence, competence, and a legacy of accountability."

IQSK President Qs. Mutinda Mutuku, in his address, highlighted the Institute's resilience and transforma-



Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya President, Mr. Mutinda Mutuku, leads guests and members during the launch of the Construction Cost Handbook 2025/2026 and the Standards, Procedures, and Practices (SPP) Handbook at the Panari Hotel, Nairobi, on Friday.

tion over the past year.

"From humble beginnings in 1994, we have grown into a formidable institution built on ethics, professionalism, and leadership," said Mutuku. "Over the past year, we have faced economic shifts, staffing transitions, and regulatory changes—but we have emerged stronger, more transparent, and better positioned for sustainable growth."

Among the key achievements shared

was a 10.4% increase in membership—from 2,422 in May 2024 to 2,674 by the end of April 2025—signaling growing interest and trust in the Institute's mission. The Membership and Training Committees were praised for organizing impactful activities that attracted and retained members.

The Construction Cost Handbook 2025/2026 is a comprehensive resource offering detailed, up-to-date

information on the variety and prices of construction materials across the country. The Standards, Procedures and Practices Handbook is a transformative publication designed to modernize and professionalize the quantity surveying field by integrating international best practices and emerging technologies.

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proving transportation systems.

4.3. Smart Home Automation – AI-driven smart home devices, such as Nest thermostats and Philips Hue lighting, learn user preferences to optimize energy consumption and enhance convenience.

4.4. Financial Fraud Detection – Banks and financial institutions use AI to detect fraudulent transactions in real time. AI algorithms analyze patterns and flag suspicious activities, improving security and reducing financial losses.

4.5. AI in Manufacturing – AI-driven predictive analytics optimize supply chains, reduce waste, and enhance production efficiency. Companies like Siemens and Tesla integrate AI to streamline operations.

4.6. AI in Education – AI-powered platforms like Coursera and Khan Academy personalize learning experiences, adapting content based on student performance to improve educational outcomes.

4.7. AI in Customer Service – AI chatbots and virtual assistants handle customer inquiries efficiently, reducing wait times and improving service quality. Businesses use AI to analyze consumer behavior and provide personalized recommendations.

4.8. AI in Agriculture – AI-driven precision farming techniques help optimize crop yields by analyzing soil conditions, weather patterns, and pest infestations, leading to more sustainable agricultural practices.

These examples illustrate how AI is transforming industries and improving efficiency, security, and accessibility and it is imperative for every state to invest in EAI for economic boost purposes as well as for a de-



velopmental agenda.

Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence is a powerful force capable of accelerating economic growth and transforming industries worldwide. However, its

unchecked expansion raises ethical concerns that demand urgent government intervention. By investing in Ethical Artificial Intelligence (EAI), nations can ensure AI serves humanity equitably, enhancing both

economic prosperity and social welfare.

Governments that embrace AI with ethical foresight will pave the way for a future of innovation, inclusivity, and sustainable development.

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The second-highest fundraising team was Car No. 23, led by Peter Kinyua, which raised KES 13.5 million, while Car No. 63, led by Tim Carstens, secured third place with KES 8.6 million. "I want to thank all our sponsors, from corporates like Safaricom to the many individuals who supported my team and me in raising funds for this noble cause of environmental protection. We couldn't have done it without your support," said Adil

Khawaja, Team Lead, AK44.

"While we didn't hit our mark, we're proud of what we achieved. We're even more motivated to reach our goal next year. Overall, this year's challenge was one of the best, featuring tough terrain and stunning landscapes."

This year's event was held in Saimo-Soi, Baringo County, and attracted 64 competing vehicles. Participants navigated rugged terrain in a unique motorsport challenge that raises funds for the conservation of Kenya's water towers. This year's edition raised a total of KES 269.5 million.

Team Huzi (Car No. 33), led by Jeremy Holley, won the tournament after completing all 13

checkpoints on the tough 27.3 km track.

Grey Cullen's Smiling Shenzi's (Car No. 22) finished second, while Mark Glen's 2023 champions Team 48 Glen (Car No. 48) took third.

"As a team, we're really proud to have won this year's title. It's our first time finishing at the top in the 15 years we've participated. Last year we came in third, and this year we were determined to do better. This event is very important to us, and we remain committed to supporting its purpose," said Jeremy Holley. Safaricom funded KES 25.8 million to the event through Car No. 44 and the EV Explorers, making this the first time an elec-

tric car competed.

In addition to financial assistance, Safaricom supplied 5G connection at the event and produced an immersive "Emerald Experience" for guests.

Fans and spectators were treated to an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment, including a rare opportunity to watch the UEFA Champions League Final live in the wilderness.

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PSG Thrash Inter Milan To Lift 1st UEFA Champions League Trophy



Paris Saint-Germain won the Champions League for the first time with a resounding 5-0, victory over Inter Milan in Munich on Saturday night.

Achraf Hakimi handed PSG an early lead against his former team, and Doue went from supplier to finisher in the 20th minute, with a deflected shot that doubled their lead.

Doue scored again soon after the hour mark, putting an end to any doubts about the outcome, before Khvicha Kvaratskhelia sprinted away with the fourth and replacement Senny Mayulu added a fifth.

The victory for the Parisians comes after more than a decade of massive investment from their Qatari owners, and five years after they were defeated by Bayern Munich in their only prior final appearance.

Already French league and cup double champions, they are remarkably only the second ever French winners of European football's most important prize after Marseille

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Grand Book Launch

On May 24, 2025, 113 writers released 150 books in a single day as a WORLD RECORD EVENT held at the Koliyanoor JOHN DEWEY CBSE INTERNATIONAL School, VILLUPURAM, TAMILNADU. From children to adults, people of all ages presented their works in the shape of a map of India, holding the national flag in one hand and the white flag in the other, as a gesture of respect and admiration for our Military, Navy and Air Forces and took the oath of non violence, reducing the Global Warming and to encourage the new budding writers atleast one from our family. This event has been included in the BOOKS OF IWR International World Record book said its founder Dr. M. SENTHIL ARASU.



The event was organized by Mrs. D. D.BRINDA, who established a whatsapp group called CREATIVE WRITERS and she let the people of all ages to submit their works.

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My first book in a large assembly of scholars! That too was in a world record event! Small children also participated in this event and released their works. I too, I have no words to express my feelings! Like a small child, my heart also overwhelmed with joy!

The event was attended by the Chairman of John Dewey Group of Companies Mr. Veeradas, and Mrs. Kavitha, the Principal of Chidambaram School, Creative Writers members and their family were attended this event in a great way and lit the lamp of 'SUCCESS'.



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