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Matiang'i: No Scores To Settle, I Just Want To Fix My Country

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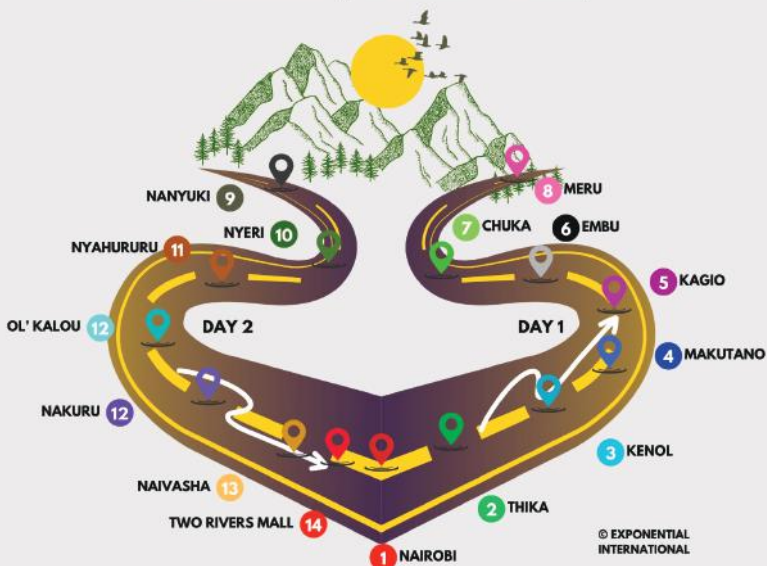
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Former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i.

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Government's Integrated Measles-Rubella and Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Campaign Ends

By: MKT Reporter
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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures From Different Parts Of The Country

The 14-day government's programme for Integrated Measles-Rubella and Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Campaign ended yesterday. While launching the programme at Githogoro grounds in Westlands, Nairobi, Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale termed the move as a life-saving initiative that reinforces the national commitment to protect the health of the children and communities. The nationwide campaign, run from July 1st to 14th was targeting children aged 9 months to 59 months for the Measles-Rubella vaccine; and Children aged 9 months to 14 years for the Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine.



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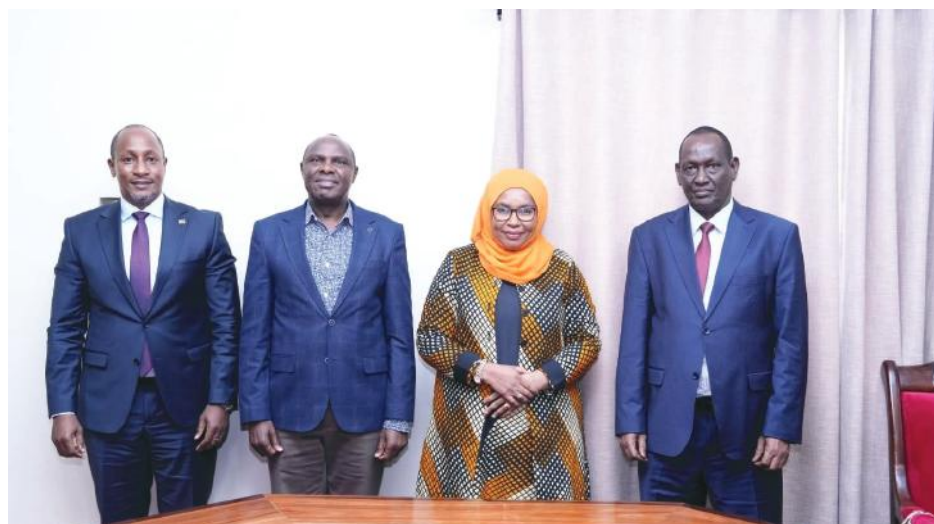
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The Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service Felix Koskei yesterday paid a courtesy call on Eng. Zena Ahmed Said, the Chief Secretary of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar as part of his two day working visit to the island of Zanzibar. They engaged and reflected on the deep ties and challenges shared between our two nations and the aspirations of our citizens as part of our beloved Jumuiya. Thereafter, he presided over the official opening of the Advanced Project Monitoring & Evaluation Workshop for Executives in the Oil and Gas Industry; a training Programme facilitated by the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI). This is in line with the government's commitment to Public Service Reforms anchored in continuous professional development, integrity, discipline, responsiveness and efficient citizen-centric service delivery. He was also accompanied by Mr. Liban Mohamed, PS Petroleum; Dr. Peter Kiuluku, Director General, ESAMI Institute and Amb. Isaac Njenga, the Kenyan High Commissioner to Tanzania.



In contributing to National Government Administrative Officers, NGAOs weekly tree planting efforts, aimed at achieving 30% national tree cover by 2032, Dedan Kimathi Foundation (DFK) donated 2,000 assorted tree seedlings and participated in planting them along the Ngong River in Kayole North last Friday. To enhance biodiversity, the foundation, named after former freedom fighter, Field Marshall Dedan Kimathi also broadcasted indigenous tree seedballs, provided by SeedballsKenya, for a richer riverine ecosystem. The foundation applauded the Climate Wox Initiative, NGAO, and NYS for their vital supervision in sustaining previously planted trees. After monitoring the growth of trees planted on June 13, 2025, at the same location, DKF was impressed to learn that 95% of the trees survived. The foundation noted that the success highlights the effectiveness of

round-the-clock youth protection and strong community involvement in restoration. Further, DFK observed that through those concerted efforts, the reclaimed sections of Nairobi's rivers are gradually transforming into lush green zones, creating a conducive environment for the rivers to flourish.



Energy & Petroleum Regulatory Authority has increased the cost of the products. From today to August 14, the maximum allowed petroleum pump prices for Super Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene increases by KSh8.99, KSh8.67 and KSh9.65 per litre respectively. In the capital city of Nairobi, Super Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene now retail at KSh186.31, KSh171.58 and KSh156.58.



Former Deputy President led DCP Party has established its first satellite office in Seattle, USA. Gachagua officially inaugurated the North Pacific Chapter Satellite Office, marking a new milestone in the party's journey to connect and serve Kenyans across the region. Gachagua notes that the new office will strengthen their efforts, foster greater engagement, and bring our initiatives closer to the people of Seattle and the surrounding areas. At the same time, the party's Secretary General Hezron Obaga yesterday hosted a delegation of grassroots leaders from Kisumu County at the DCP Party Headquarters in Nairobi. The leaders paid a courtesy visit to engage with the national leadership and discuss the party's expansion, grassroots mobilization, and preparations for upcoming regional engagements. The meeting reaffirmed DCP's commitment to building a people-centered movement rooted in every corner of the country. Obaga commended the Kisumu team for their dedication and reiterated the party's full support.



The Devolution Conference 2025 Steering Committee, chaired by Nyeri County governor Dr. Mutahi Kahiga yesterday met to review the status of preparations for the upcoming Devolution Conference scheduled to take place from August 12 to 15 in Homa Bay County. The meeting brought together key stakeholders including Senators Catherine Muma and Beatrice Ogolla, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Devolution Michael Lenasalon, Secretary General of the County Assemblies Forum Chege Mwaura, the CEO of the Council of Governors, Ms. Mary Mwiti, Act! CEO Tom Were, and the National Youth Council CEO Gloria Wawira.



Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) has opened the 2025 inter-institutional transfer window, allowing students placed in the 2025/26 academic year to apply for changes in their university or college placements. The transfer applications should be submitted through the KUCPS Student's Portal before August 12.



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Waata Community Receives Bible In Native Language

By: Mohamed Hassan
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Worth Noting:

- The Waata people are an indigenous community of East Africa, historically known for their hunter-gatherer lifestyle and expertise in archery, which is found in Tana River and parts of Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Kwale, Mombasa and Lamu Counties.
- They are closely linked to the Oromo people and their history is marked by interactions with various groups, including the Orma, Borana and other Cushitic-speaking communities.
- Waata speakers in the Coast Region are approximated to be 35,000 with those residing in Tana River subscribing to the Islamic religion.

The Bible Translation and Literacy (BTL) organisation has launched the Waata language New Testament Bible in Magarini Constituency in Kilifi County, ushering in a new chapter of vigorous religious activities by the Waata-speaking community.

The translation project that began in 2015 with a socio-linguistic survey and the development of an orthography course was completed at a cost of KSh50 million.

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The BTL, a Christian-based organisation established in 1981, focuses on Bible translation and sustainable literacy development programmes for small language groups in Kenya and beyond.

During the unveiling ceremony, BTL's National Director, Rev. Peter Munguti, commended the linguists, consultants and the local community for their dedication to the project.

He emphasised the importance of the translation in empowering spiritual growth and, more so, preserving the identity of the Waata speakers.



"When the word of God comes to a community it brings light and I hope the community will tap its benefit and reform their lives," Munguti stated.

He also highlighted the role of the Bible in improving education levels in the community by developing a reading culture for both the parents and children.

Munguti highlighted the exemplary work of his organisation in spreading the word of God through the dedication of 6 full Bibles and 29 New Testament Bibles across the country, including those in the Duruma, Giriama, and Digo languages.

The organisation has also begun translating the Bible into the Ribe, Jibana, Kambe, Kauma, and Rabai languages.

BTL's Board Chair, Kendi Ogamba, noted that Waata speakers have an opportunity to know the truth about God

by reading His word in their language.

"Waata speakers will know who God is and how He works and keep off from misleading sermons from false preachers," Ogamba said.

The Chair noted that BTL will continue with its course to give the Waata community a full Bible.

"What we have done today is just the beginning. We shall not relent until the Waata people have both the Old and New Testaments," she pledged.

In addition, Ogamba asked the Church in Kenya to support the translation work, which has been heavily funded by foreigners.

"The time has come for the local church to support this work. As the Bible says, those who give are blessed; then let everyone tap the blessings of God through this work," she added.

On his part, The Chairperson for the Association of Churches in the Coast

Region, Bishop Peter Mwero, hailed the good work being done by BTL in the region.

He noted that some coastal languages have been saved from extinction by translation work from the organisation.

Further, he said the Bible would prevent Christians from falling victim to false teaching.

"I have been interviewed several times about Shakahola but this Bible will help save Christians from being deceived," the cleric said.

Bishop Mwero asked the church to support BTL through its charity run dubbed Run for the Bibleless, which is normally held in Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, Eldoret, and Machakos counties.

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Kiunjuri Hits Out At Gachagua Over Violence And Destruction Of Property In Mt Kenya Region

By: MKT Correspondent
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Laikipia East Constituency MP Mwangi Kiunjuri yesterday hit out former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua for implicating him with violence and destruction of that has in the recent weeks.

“I take great exception to these unfounded, defamatory and inciteful remarks that are clearly calculated to instigate hatred, disorder, intimidation and violence against those that he singles out decides to brand as his enemies and by extension enemies of the people,” Kiunjuri who TSP party said in a press statement.

On Sunday, Gachagua, while addressing a congregation in US claimed that Kiunjuri and his Kikuyu counterpart Kimani Ichung’wah were behind the goons who have infiltrated Gen-Z demonstrators with aim of looting.

“Kenyans should see Rigathi for what he is; a reckless, violent and uncouth dictator who cannot fathom how others can have different views. He does not hesitate to criminalize choice going to as far as calling for the persecution of those that he does not like. His brand of politics is now drifting dangerously towards anarchy, and he must be held to account,” the statement read in part.

Kiunjuri termed as “regrettable” that, “a person staking his interest to lead of Mt Kenya, appears to have no agenda and thrives on incitement, criminalizing difference and empty talk”.

He added, “I challenge those that he was speaking to and Kenyans at large to review his pronouncements and count the number of times he has been recorded talking about devel-



Former DP Rigathi Gachagua with Pastor Dorcas at Apostolic Faith Fellowship at San Francisco Ave SW Lakewood in Seattle USA on Sunday. Photos/Courtesy.

opment issues/challenges facing the region or the country”.

The lawmaker said the former DP labours and spews bitterness and is always seeking to violently settle political scores and cannot stop at anything to fulfil his selfish political and personal greed.

“I would like to remind him that violence is an outdated mode of politics and has no place in Kenya. He appears hellbent on taking Kenya towards the abyss. We shall not allow it,” he said.

He said he would remain steadfast

and would not allow Gachagua to intimidate him saying though they have political differences, he must separate them from hate, incitement and threats.

Kiunjuri further said, “Not too long ago, he carelessly incited Mt Kenya people against musicians who he decided had offended the community simply because they made the choice to attend an event hosted by Deputy President, Kithure Kindiki. This led to some unfortunate incidents of harassment of some of these musicians How did he decide that he is the custodian of personal and community choices of the people of Mt Kenya? Will Rigathi stop at anything to gain dominance and docile popularity in

the region?”

He appealed to Mt Kenya residents to beware of “a so-called leader” who is “leading our community into isolation by spewing endless hate against those that may, like him, choose to work with other communities of Kenya”.

“I call on Rigathi to allow sane political competition to thrive and stop spreading disinformation and hatred again me and other leaders,” he further said.

In conclusion, Kiunjuri averred, “Finally, Kenyans must remember that the 11th, Ground on which Rigathi was impeached was that he is a bully - need I say more?”

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Kimani Ichung’wa

Matiang'i: No Scores To Settle, I Just Want To Fix My Country

By: Moses Kinyanjui
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Former Interior Cabinet Secretary Dr. Fred Matiang'i has maintained that he has no political scores to settle as he seeks to clinch the presidency in the 2027 General Election.

According to Dr. Matiang'i, he only seeks to serve the nation and redeem it from the current challenges bedeviling Kenyans.

He believes he is the best-suited candidate to take over the mantle and resuscitate the nation's status back to being an economic powerhouse.

"If this country wants seriousness and delivery of services, I am one of the candidates they should look at very carefully," he told K24 yesterday.

"I have no scores to settle with anyone...I have no political debts...I am here for only one purpose - making the contribution to fix the challenges

that face my country and to go forward."

The ex-CS believes that Kenya has great potential, owing to its rich resources and an educated young populace, and fixing the nation will not be an arduous task, though gnarly.

"Countries go through situations like we are going through right now. The worst thing that can happen to all of us is to lose hope in our country, to sometimes feel discouraged," he said.

"These circumstances are meant to educate us and make us better people. We are a resilient country and this is what gives me hope and pride. Kenya has a great capacity and we will rise again. Our future will be better."

He dismissed rumours of wrangles in the opposition front on who will be endorsed as their front runner, noting that he will soon announce the party he will bid for the presidency with.

Matiang'i has joined forces with political bigshots, among them party leaders Martha Karua (People's Liberation Party), Eugene Wamalwa (DAP-K) and former Deputy Presi-



Former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i. PHOTO/Courtesy

dent Rigathi Gachagua (Democracy for Citizens Party).

Others include Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka and former Public Service Cabinet Secretary Justin Muri.

They have vowed to make calculated deliberations to hatch a solid plan that will oust President William Ruto during the 2027 polls.

NPS Denies Misconduct In Custodial Death Of Nanyuki Protester

By: Bruhan Makong
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The National Police Service (NPS) has denied allegations of police misconduct in the death of Julia Njoki, a Saba Saba protester arrested in Nanyuki, even as it assured public that investigations into the matter.

Njoki, whom police identified as Juliet Wangai Kariuki, died in custody under suspicious circumstances, triggering widespread public outcry.

NPS Spokesperson Muchiri Nyaga said on Monday that Juliet was among 126 people arrested during the July 7 demonstrations and was charged with malicious damage to property under Section 339(1) of the Penal Code.

He noted that all suspects, including Juliet, were arraigned at the Nanyuki Law Courts on July 8 in good health. They pleaded not guilty and were either released on a cash bail of Sh50,000 or remanded at Nanyuki Prison.

"To date, no formal complaint has been recorded alleging any misconduct, whether by commission or omission," Nyaga stated.

"Nevertheless, the relevant agencies will conduct swift, transparent, and credible investigations into the matter, and accountability will follow."

Nyaga was responding to media reports and social media claims alleging police brutality in connection with the death.

Njoki's family claimed she was remanded in police custody after her court appearance and assaulted by officers.

The family said she was found unconscious in her cell and rushed to hospital, but died by Wednesday, July 9.

Her aunt, Grace Rene, shared the harrowing ordeal in a Facebook post that has since gone viral, fueling renewed public outrage and demands for justice.

"I'm devastated. I'm mad. This year, something shifted. Cities that were once silent have now roared. But now, it's hit home for me," Rene wrote.

She also accused authorities of delaying medical attention and failing to communicate openly about Njoki's condition.

"Julie was arrested Monday. By Wednesday, she was dead. She had been beaten. She was bleeding internally. And the system responded with delays, silence, and lies."

A preliminary medical report obtained by the family indicates Njoki suffered blunt force trauma to the head—consistent with a severe beating.

Her death has sparked widespread condemnation from human rights groups and the public, with renewed calls for independent investigations and reforms within the National Police Service.

"This isn't just my pain—this is Kenya's pain," Rene said.

"Families are losing their children. Mothers are burying their sons and daughters. We are tired; we demand truth, we demand accountability and justice."

Law Society of Kenya President Faith Odhiambo, a vocal advocate for protester rights since the onset



Juliet Wangai Kariuki

of anti-government demonstrations, described Njoki's death as "too painful."

Njoki's case adds to a growing list of alleged custodial killings, many involving young protesters linked to the ongoing anti-government and anti-police brutality movement.

In June, Migori-based teacher and blogger Albert Ojwang also died in custody under suspicious circumstances.

He had been arrested in Homa Bay County on June 6 for allegedly defaming Deputy Inspector-General of Police Eliud Lagat and was transferred over 350 kilometers to Nairobi's Central Police Station.

Two days later, he was found dead in his cell.

Njoki's and Ojwang's deaths have intensified public anger, sparking protests in major cities, including Nairobi, Kisumu, and Mombasa.

Senate Devolution Committee Okays The County Governments Amendement Bill Legislative Proposal

By: PSCU
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The Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations has given the County Governments (Amendment) Bill, 2025, legislative proposal a green light, paving the way for its consideration in the Senate.

According to Standing Order 130(3), the Committee will subsequently submit its comments on the legislative proposal to the Speaker within fourteen days of the referral.

The introduction of the proposed Bill follows persistent challenges in county governance, where executive appointments often fall short of constitutional standards, thereby undermining equity and the integrity of devolution.

Sponsored by Marsabit Senator Mohamed Chute, the legislative proposal seeks to amend the County Governments Act (Cap. 265) to enhance inclusivity, diversity, and efficiency in



Marsabit Senator Mohamed Chute.

the composition and appointment of County Executive Committee Members (CECMs).

By codifying these requirements into law, the Bill aims to promote transparent, inclusive, and accountable governance at the county level.

The Bill also addresses legal and procedural gaps in the existing framework by aligning appointments with constitutional principles, including

the two-thirds gender rule, representation of persons living with disabilities, and the imperative of reflecting community and cultural diversity.

In carrying out pre-publication scrutiny, the Committee was guided by Standing Order 131, which provides that the Committee may “examine the proposal and seek the views of the sponsor, the relevant Cabinet Secretary or any other person on the likely

impact, effect, outcome and consequence of the legislative proposal and any other aspect the Member or the Committee may deem necessary.

In addition, the Standing Orders give the Committee the option to suggest variations to improve the legislative proposal, but the sponsor is not bound to incorporate such variations.

Sen. Mohamed Abbas (Chairperson) and Sen. Mohamed Chute (Marsabit) attended the meeting physically while Sen. Catherine Mumma (Vice Chairperson), Sen. Margaret Kamar (Nominated), and Sen. Peris Tobiko (Nominated) attended the meeting virtually.



Police Inspector Praised For Exemplary Community Service As He Retires

By: James Wakahiu
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While the Kenya Police Service has been on the global focus, with the United Nations criticizing the recent crack-down and lethal use of force during recent demonstrators, one police officer was being celebrated in Kiambu county on his exemplary service to the communities he served in.

It was pomp and pageantry at AP Headquarters in Kiambu County as the area business community joined local administrators, pastors, community leaders, senior police officers, family and friends of Inspector Patrick Joshua Indimuli at a farewell function held as he retired from police service last week. Having joined the department in August 1987, the officer has served for 37 years.

Speakers at the fete praised not only his leadership qualities but also his guidance to fellow officers on the need and process of engaging with residents in areas he served. “Beyond his operational experience and excellence, he has also been a strong advocate of community policing,” said Kiambu county Administrative Police Commander, Ismael Ahmed.

“As a dedicated crusader for community safety, he has articulated key security concerns to the public with confidence, zeal and a clear vision. His ability to engage with local communities, listen to their concerns and engage in strategies for their protection has made him an invaluable asset in fostering trust between the police service and the public,” Ahmed said.

Inspector Indimuli has served in various regions across the country, including Mandera, Nandi, Thika West, Juja, Kikuyu, Gatanga and Kiambu. “In each of these areas, he has been a consistent pillar of strength and guidance, demonstrating exceptional leadership, resilience and a deep commitment to the safety and security of the communities he served,” the Police commander said.

Ahmed advised serving police officers to avail themselves whenever training opportunities arise for career advancements. “Inspector Indimulis’ career journey is one of continuous growth in his personal development through numerous training programs, including the Potential NCOS course, Peacekeeping and conflict management course, sergeant development course, and the subordinate to the inspector course. After each course, he soon got a promotion,” he said.

Inspector Indimuli retires at a time when retired officers have been telling the government and regional leaders that they have lots of experience and skills that can benefit regional communities. In 2023, the then Isiolo County Commissioner, Geoffrey Omoding, said that the retired officers should be appreciated and supported since they can

mentor and train the current working force because they had acquired a wide knowledge and experience from their long service.

The Administrator made the remarks during the launch of the National Association of Retired Police of Kenya (NARPOK), Isiolo Chapter Office. “We want to see that our retired officers are heard and appreciated by the government as they need to be given the support, so that they can mentor and train the current working force, as they have acquired wide knowledge and experiences during their time in the service,” Mr. Omoding noted.

In January this year, The Board of Trustees of the National Association of Retired Police Officers in Kenya (NARPOK) paid a courtesy call on the Inspector General National Police Service Mr. Douglas Kanja at his Jogoo House office. The delegation was led by Mr. Shadrack Kiruki, a former Commissioner of Police and the current Chairman of the Trustees.

Their discussions focused on welfare of the retired officers and families of Fallen Heroes. They also deliberated on the status of the Police Veterans and Fallen Heroes Bill, 2024; access to NPS hospitals and insurance, the revision of pension schemes for retired officers, and the development of a pre- and post-retirement policy framework.

In Kenya, retired police officers’ welfare is addressed through various initiatives, including the Kenya Association of Retired Officers (KARO), which advocates for their rights and entitlements. Additionally, the National Police Service Commission (NPSC) plays a role in their well-being by developing welfare policies and providing services like counselling.

According to Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen, police officers about to retire police officers will soon have the option to be posted to the counties of their choice, allowing them to reconnect with their communities before retirement.

Murkomen said the move aims to improve officers’ welfare and help them



Retired Inspector Patrick Indimuli with Family members During his Farewell party held at Kiambu AP headquarters.

transition smoothly into retirement by familiarizing them with their local communities. “After serving for decades, we will post police officers to counties they wish to retire in so they can begin familiarizing themselves with the villagers or communities before they retire,” Murkomen said during a tour of Taveta county in April this year.

Using a hypothetical example, he said, “If a police officer from Turkana is first deployed to Taita Taveta, where he marries, and is later transferred to Kisumu as he nears retirement, he will either return to his home county or choose to retire in Taita Taveta. If he chooses Taita Taveta, we will allow it so he can familiarize himself with the community in advance,” he said.

During the retirement occasion, commissioner of police, Dorothy Migarusha commended Inspector Indimuli for earning his rank through dedication,

discipline and hard work. He urged the retiree to now understand he was no longer a police officer but a common mwananchi. “When you go home remember not to start issuing orders the way you used to do while in the police service. Know that now you have to adjust to also listening to others,” said Migarusha who had served with Indimuli in Juja Sub- County where she was the Sub-county police commander.

Lydia Macharia who is police commander at Kenyatta University said Indimuli loved his job.

Family members led by Indimuli’s two wives Ann and Margaret said Indimuli was able to balance his work and family affairs. They said their family head was a staunch Christian.

A close friend to Indimuli, James

Wakahiu described the officer as a very hard working and no nonsense man while discharging his duty as well as maintaining good relationship with the citizenry.

Fair well service was conducted by Major Isaac Mutuku of Thika Salvation Army Citadel where Indimuli is the chairman of the church welfare. Indimuli is also the chairman of Harambee Sacco, Thika branch of Kiambu County.

Among those who attended the occasion were workmates, friends, relatives and colleagues of inspector Indimuli. The late Stephen Waweru (Juste) was represented by family members led by Josephine Waweru, Ian Waweru and Susan Gathoni. The Witeithie fraternity was represented by Joseph Muturi (Jose) and Edward Murigi.



Indimuli and his fellow officers.



Indimuli being assisted by his two wives to cut the retirement cake.

DPP Charges 16 With Terrorism Offences At Kahawa Law Courts

By: DPP
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The Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) yesterday arraigned sixteen individuals before the Kahawa Law Courts on Commission of a Terrorist Act Contrary to Section 4(1) of the Prevention of the Terrorism Act No. 30 of 2012.

The court heard that Douglas Wambugu Mugeci, Isaack Wandurwa Kagwi, Kelvin Mwangi Nderitu, Michael Waswa Matalanga, Joseph Karanja Mwangi, Paul Kangara Kimandu, Joseph Kamau Njiri, Evans Moki Mutia, Christopher Njoroge Wairimu, Simon Kagunyi, Hassan Kamau Njoroge, Isaac Muraya Muthee, Peter Waruinge Kariuki, Denis Mutei Munyoki, John Mutiso Wambua and George Kanja Wanjiru allegedly committed a terrorist act on 25th June, 2025 between 2.00 PM and 7.00 PM at Makongeni Police station in Thika West Sub County within Kiambu County.



The court was informed that the attack resulted in extensive destruction of government infrastructure, including significant damage to government offices and assets, the Makongeni Police Station, government vehicles, and injuries to police officers on duty.

Additionally, the 16 accused persons were charged with five counts of malicious damage to property, arson, stealing with an alternative charge of handling stolen property and causing

grievous harm.

The court heard that on the material day, the 16 suspects willfully and unlawfully damaged eight government vehicles valued at KSh2.4 Million and set fire to the Makongeni Police Station perimeter wall valued at KSh500,000.

The court also heard that Isaack Wandurwa Kagwi willfully and unlawfully did grievous harm to a police officer causing permanent loss of sight on



his left eye.

The accused persons pleaded not guilty to the charges before Senior Principal Magistrate Richard Koech.

The DPP through Principal Prosecution Counsels Mr. James Machirah and Mr. Kennedy Amwayi together with Mr. Kamau and Ms. Wangui, opposed the release of accused persons on bond, citing the fact that they are a serious threat to the peace-loving people of Kenya and that their release

will jeopardize National Security and create a recipe for chaos.

Additionally, the prosecution explained that the accused persons possess the capacity to interfere with investigations, arrest of their associates and possible witnesses.

The matter will be coming up for mention on Thursday.

National Teaching And Referral Hospitals CEOs In A Strategic Meeting With Ministry Officials

By: MoH
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Health Cabinet Secretary Aden Duale yesterday convened a high-level strategic meeting with Chief Executive Officers of Kenya's National Teaching and Referral Hospitals.

The meeting, held at Afya House, Nairobi focused on strengthening coordination and reinforcing an efficient, responsive public health system at the referral level.

Reaffirming his commitment to uphold patient dignity, quality and efficiency in care delivery, Duale emphasized the enforcement of the Social Health Authority (SHA)'s bed capacity access rule. He directed that each hospital's actual bed capacity be accurately updated in Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) records to avoid service disruptions.

He further called for urgent action to eliminate unacceptable conditions such as patients sleeping on the floor or sharing beds.

"You are directed to procure addi-

tional beds without delay and ensure timely availability. I will provide the necessary support every Kenyan deserves to receive care with dignity," he said.

The CS also highlighted the range of services covered under SHA and directed facilities to cease co-charging for any services fully covered. He emphasized timely documentation, adherence to standard tariffs, transparent claims processing, and prudent use of available resources to protect patients from out-of-pocket expenses and ensure the sustainability of the new health insurance model.

On Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA), Duale assured the CEOs of the Ministry's ongoing reforms aimed at restoring full stock availability and reliable supply chains to support uninterrupted patient care.

Speaking on strategic reforms to strengthen Kenya's Taifa Care model, the CS spotlighted the digitization of healthcare; including patient records, prescriptions, and facility operations as key to improving efficiency, curbing fraud, and promoting accountability.

He directed facilities to promptly



Top Ministry of Health officials with CEOs of the national teaching and referral hospitals after their strategic meeting. Photo/ Courtesy.

address patient complaints raised through KMPDC, declare any new services, such as organ transplants or advanced diagnostics for proper regulatory classification, and formalize training partnerships through structured MoUs to safeguard education standards.

Duale also urged hospital leadership to champion the efficient use of public resources, uphold ethical governance, and ensure that decisions are made in the public interest.

He reaffirmed the Ministry's full support to national referral hospitals and emphasized the importance of collaboration between hospital boards, management, and the Ministry to resolve legal, operational, and funding challenges.

"We must work constructively to build strong institutions, enhance service delivery, and shape the future of health for generations to come," he stated.

The CS was accompanied by Prin-

icipal Secretary for Medical Services Dr Ouma Oluga, Director General for Health Dr Patrick Amoth, CEOs Dr Waqo Erjesa (KEMSA), Dr David Kariuki (KMPDC), Dr Mercy Mwangangi (SHA), Eng. Anthony Lenaiyara (DHA).

All the Chief Executive Officers of the seven national teaching and referral hospitals attended the meeting.

Public Service Commission CEO Roots For Continuous Capacity Building In The Public Sector

By: MKT Correspondent
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Public Service Commission Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Paul Famba has reaffirmed the institution's commitment to continuous capacity building for all professionals serving in the public sector.

He emphasized that regular training is essential to equip public servants with the updated skills needed for effective and efficient service delivery to the public.

Mr. Famba made the remarks yesterday during a courtesy call by the leadership of the Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK) at the Commission House.

"PSC's mission is to transform the public service into a results-driven, ethical, and citizen-centered institution. This transformation can only be realized through consistent and

structured capacity building that aligns human capital with evolving skills requirements," said Mr. Famba.

During the meeting, ISK President Eric Nyadimo expressed the institute's interest in strengthening collaboration with PSC, particularly in policy development and capacity building for professionals in the surveying field.

"ISK values this engagement with the Commission as it allows us to explore mutually beneficial areas of cooperation in promoting professionalism and service delivery in the public sector," said Mr. Nyadimo.

Mr. Famba welcomed ISK's request to harmonize recruitment qualifications and jointly develop training and policy frameworks for the surveying profession. He noted that continuous professional development is a cornerstone of building a competent and future-ready public workforce and is key to fostering a productive



public service culture that can propel national development.

The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya is a professional body representing practitioners in eight key disciplines within the land and real estate sector, including Land Surveying, Valuation, Building Survey, Land Administration & Management, Engineering Survey, Geospatial Information Management, Estate Agency, and Property Management.

Also present at the meeting were ISK Deputy President Mr. Eric Nyandire, ISK CEO Ms. Nelly Mbugua, Mr. Peter Kibet, and senior officers from the PSC Secretariat.

Airtel Kenya Hit Over 24 Million Subscribers In The Country

By: George Mugo
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Airtel Kenya has attained over 24 million subscribers in the country through its network campaign as expansion plans continue.

This achievement is highlighted in the latest Communications Authority of Kenya sector statistics report.

It reflects that there was a growing public trust in Airtel's commitment to serve all Kenyans, from urban centres to the most remote parts of the country.

Speaking during the launch of the 'Na Bado Tunagrow' network coverage campaign yesterday, Airtel Kenya Managing Director Ashish Malhotra emphasised on Airtel's commitment to prioritising innovation to meet the changing needs of customers.

"We are deeply humbled by the support of over 24 million customers who continue to believe in us. This is not the destination, it is part of a longer journey. We are committed to Kenya, and whilst we have made huge investments, our mission of enriching lives and driving progress is still not done," Malhotra said.

Over the years, Airtel has steadily and heavily invested in the country to better serve Kenyans.

He said that through Airtel Money, the company has also endeavoured to bridge the financial inclusion gap in the country with the financial services they were offering.

Courtesy of the rapid Airtel network expansion in the North Eastern region of the country last year, Kenyans in the underserved areas of Mandera, Wajir, and Garissa can now access connectivity and digital opportunities.

"With the recent upgrade of our Airtel Money platform, which brings speedy, reliable, and innovative services, we are seeing more Kenyans trusting us with their financial needs and we continue to improve as we promote financial inclusion," said Malhotra.

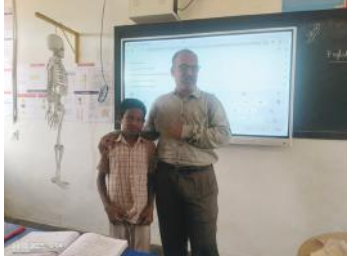
The 'Na Bado Tunagrow' campaign is a reflection of Airtel's ongoing journey driven by the trust of its customers and the belief that every Kenyan deserves access to reliable and modern digital services.

"This is a thank you to every Kenyan who has supported our journey. We are not done. We will continue to grow, improve, and serve; Na bado tunagrow," Malhotra added.



Airtel Kenya Managing Director Ashish Malhotra speaking at Airtel headquarters in Nairobi. Photo/Courtesy

A Long Tongue.. Often Makes A Person Small..!!



Unnecessary arguments lead a lot
misunderstandings among the hearts.
Focus on us, minimising our talks
Takes us to the tops

Keeping silence in front of elders
observe the situations widely
respond politely and softly
Act gently as a child.

Acceptance is a great treasure
When others impose on you.
It makes them erase a bad opinion on you
Brings a great concern to you.

No end for the arguments
No limit for the arguments
No convince in the arguments
Make us silly and small.

Rajesh Kanna B N.

I am Rajesh Kanna B N
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From Government Model High School, Tirur.
Tiruvallur District.
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The World Needs Peace



The dawn is breaking. In the azure sky
remains the departing moon, the planet
Venus, soon replaced by the glorious sun
lighting the world. Everything is so beautiful,
everything breathes life!

Gentle breezes blow, birds sing praises.
Butterflies flutter above blooming flowers;
bees hum in the air, water's murmur
becomes music, and fragrant roses fill the
air. This beauty is for humans – how can we
not feel gratitude to the Creator?
On one side, people rush to work; children
hurry to school; grandfathers and
grandmothers utter prayers like soft
whispers; baby cries echo from courtyards;
streets, parks, cultural centers – all filled
with effort, hope, and life.

Life is beautiful!

Yet why do we see bloodshed in such a
beautiful world? Why do humans harm each
other?

Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine – war and
suffering wrapped around these lands.

Houses destroyed, cries of children, torn
families, orphaned souls: how does any human
heart endure this?

A single unjust killing is like destroying all
humanity. Saving one innocent life equals
saving all humankind. Yet, some have
forgotten this truth and continue to target
the innocent with merciless hearts.
Thankfully, there are still those who uphold
humanity, who support the Palestinian
people, who deliver humanitarian aid. But
remaining silent in the face of atrocity is not
acceptable!

If a single drop can become a lake,
if small prayers are united,
our solidarity can kindle hope for the people
of Palestine.

Let us reach out and unite.
If we remain silent, that blaze may reach us
too.

We are all children of humanity. The
suffering of Palestine is our own.

If the world stands together,
if nations unite to pray for peace,
hopes will revive, broken places will bloom,
our future generations will smile.

Times are turbulent, enemies cruel – yet
unity can extinguish dark fires.
Let's protect peace, let's protect humanity!

Lobar RUSTAMOVA,
Member of the Writers' Union of
Uzbekistan

Live In The Present, Don't Look Back



Live in the present, don't look back,
The past is over, and it won't come back,
There is no use in crying over past pain,
Learn from memories, and move on

The future is uncertain, totally unknown
So plan and prepare, but don't lose way
Of the present moment, where life is more
Use your experience, to make your heart and
soul.

Use past lessons, to make a sweeter
experience

Turn bitter memories, into a happy stories
For the future, make a plan, make a list,
Prioritize and organize, to make good progress

But don't get lost, in the future's uncertain
sight

If the future is unplanned it can lead to
disappointed days,
So live in the present, with a mindful heart,
And make the most, of each moment
Live in the present, learn from the past,
and planning for the future,

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A Long Tongue Often Makes A Person Small!



A long tongue 😊 can make a person small
By thrashing them down with a verbal fall !
The words we speak are more powerful
We can create or destroy , really useful !
Let's use our words carefully to make it
meaningful

Others should listen to it and get inspired
To uplift each other with love and fire
Words are the wonderful , incomparable gift,
At any cost no one will miss it out by theft
Words can bring any good souls near
Or drive us apart with a hurtful spear !

Always shower positive encouraging words
You can not understand, what words do with
its power
The positive impact you gave in will keep you in
tower ,

A careless remark , A thoughtless phrase
Can shatter any dreams and leave hearts in
haze

Words can cut deeper than a knife
Leaving a scar that lasts a lifetime's strife
The unspoken words are powerful
Than the spoken words that are notable
Be very careful in using words ,
Because ,

A long tongue 😊 will make a person small !

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Life Is Not A Competition, It's About Finding Your Own Path



Every morning is a new opportunity. The
sun rises the same every time, but we wake
up differently every time. Someone wakes
up in the morning and feels defeated. And
someone starts a new life full of joy from
the very beginning. Why? Because everyone
has a different view of the world, life, and
themselves. The world we live in today is
like a competition. Someone gets up earlier,
works harder, achieves more. And someone
seems to be lagging behind. But the truth is
that life is not a competition, it is everyone's
own path. A person should not compete
with anyone in this world – he should only
try to be better than he was yesterday.
To live means: to find your own way, not to
get lost on the road, not to follow someone
else's path. Sometimes a person thinks,
"I have nothing." But he forgets that his

very existence is a huge wealth in itself.
If there is a dream in his heart, a sparkle
in his eyes, and strength in his heart, then
he has already won. There are times in life
when it seems that all roads are closed.
Darkness, silence, as if there is no hope... At
such times, only one belief – faith in oneself
– becomes the brightest light. Because the
most powerful weapon in the world is: hope
and action.

Never compare yourself. You are yourself.
You are the only one. There is no one like
you in this world and there will never be.
Therefore, paint your life beautifully. Do not
be afraid to make your mistakes. Mistakes
are learning. Falls are action. Crying is
purification. Every experience is a teacher.

Remember: You are the author of your own
destiny. Don't give your pen to others. Write
your own story.

Namozova Mohichexra, a student of
Bukhara State Technical University

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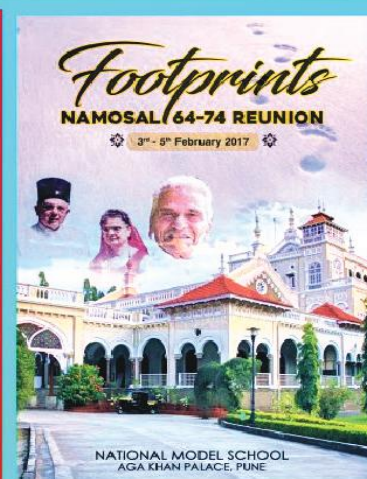
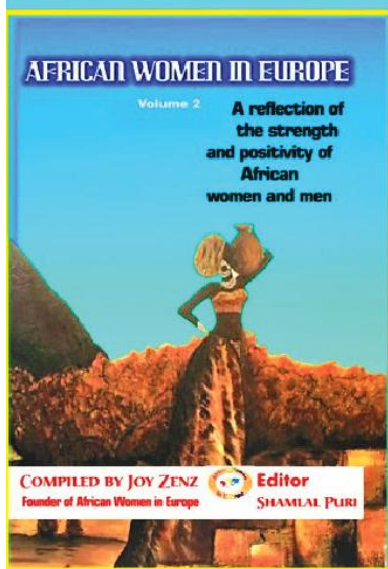
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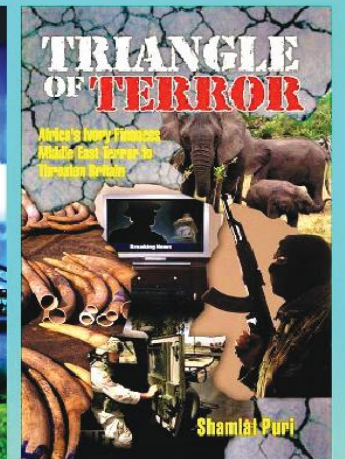
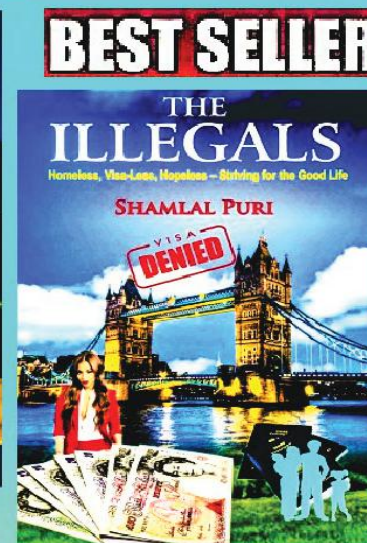
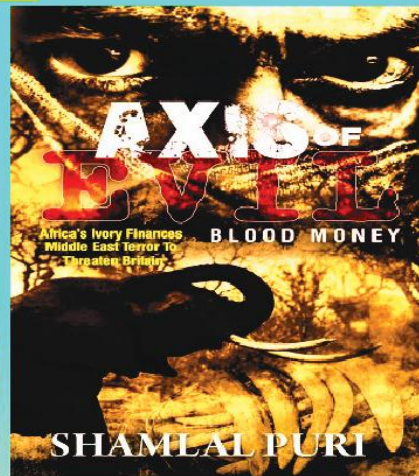
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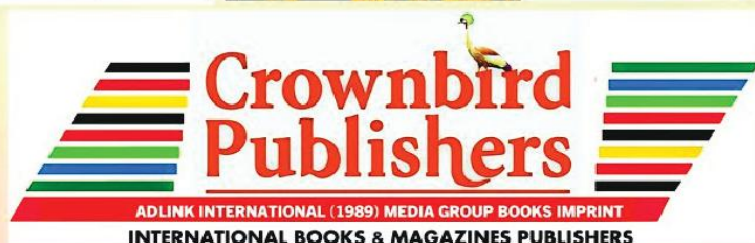
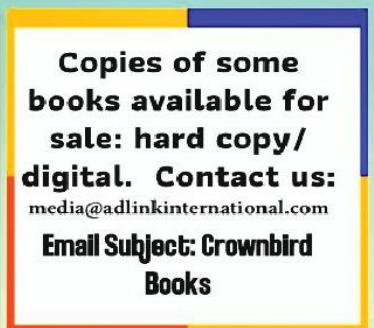
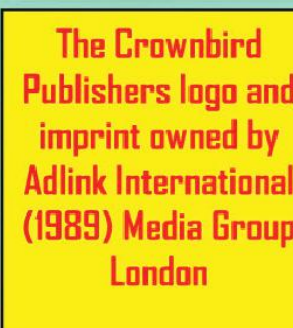
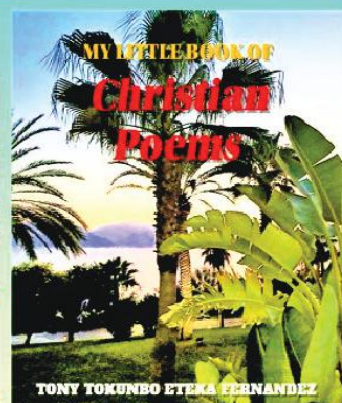
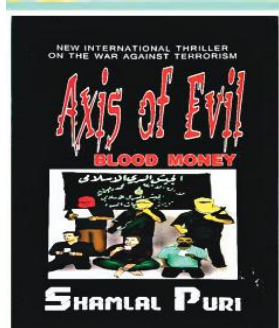
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Waiguru's Kerugoya Cancer Centre Brings New Hope In Fight Against The Diseases As Thousands Get Support

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Cancer patients in Kirinyaga and neighbouring counties have found new hope and help closer home in the fight against the disease thanks to the Kerugoya Hospital Cancer Centre.

The facility holds regular support sessions every first Thursday of the month. This has become a game-changer in the fight against cancer by providing affordable care, psychological support, and early screening services closer to home.

Since its inception in 2016, the Kerugoya Hospital Cancer Centre has supported over 3000 patients living with various forms of cancer, drastically reducing the need for costly travel to far-off referral hospitals. Patients can now receive treatment while close to their families, restoring hope and reducing the stigma often associated with cancer.

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru described the cancer centre as a landmark facility that is not only improving access to care but also saving lives across the county and the larger Mt. Kenya region.

"With the cancer centre, many people in Kirinyaga can now access the care they need under one roof, surrounded by their loved ones, and without the burden of travelling long distances to referral hospitals," Waiguru said.

The governor noted that cancer continues to pose serious socio-economic challenges, including loss of productivity, the high cost of treatment, and premature deaths, which threaten development goals.

"In 2020, the Global Cancer Observatory estimated over 42,000 new cancer cases and more than 27,000 cancer-related deaths in Kenya. Here in Kirinyaga, one in every ten deaths is linked to cancer, making it the second leading cause of premature death in our county," Waiguru noted.

She urged residents to embrace routine cancer screening, emphasizing that early detection remains key to successful treatment.

The centre offers screening for various cancers, including breast, prostate, and gastrointestinal cancers, as well as consultations, health education, and follow-up care.

According to Oncology Nurse Robert Karanja, the facility tends to about 150 patients every month.

"We conduct screenings, provide consultations, guide patients through treatment, and ensure consistent follow-ups. Breast cancer is the most common diagnosis we handle, ac-



counting for approximately 23% of cases," said Karanja.

He added that every new patient receives counselling and is introduced to a support group for ongoing encouragement.

Patients themselves have spoken highly of the centre's impact on their lives.

Alice Muriuki, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2023, shared her journey of recovery after receiving eight chemotherapy sessions and 15 rounds of radiotherapy.

"This clinic has helped me so much. I was traumatized at first, but coming here gave me hope. The doctors ensure we eat well, receive proper medication, and we have a strong

support group that keeps us going," said Alice.

Another patient, Luka Wanjohi, who has been living with prostate cancer since 2022, echoed similar sentiments. After starting treatment at Kerugoya Hospital Cancer Centre, he underwent further care at Kenyatta University Teaching and Referral Hospital.

"I have like the services at this cancer centre. The staff are friendly, and we encourage each other here. I am grateful to the county government for giving us this facility," Wanjohi echoed.

For Samuel Warui, who has battled colon cancer since 2013 and undergone seven surgeries, the Kerugoya

Cancer Centre has been life-changing. Having previously spent two years at Kenyatta National Hospital, where transport and treatment costs were overwhelming, Warui now attends clinics at the centre at a subsidized cost.

"I have done 12 chemotherapy sessions and 30 radiotherapy sessions. This centre has made care accessible for me, and I am thankful to the county for taking care of us as cancer patients," Warui said.

The centre continues to offer not just treatment, but also dignity, hope, and a supportive community for cancer warriors across Kirinyaga County.



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Methods Of Enforcing A Judgment In Kenya



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Worth Noting:

- a. **Attachment and Sale of Movable Property**
Under Order 22 Rule 38, a court may order the attachment and sale of the judgment-debtor's movable property. The court bailiff (auctioneer) seizes movable property sufficient to satisfy the decree and, upon court authorization, sells it by public auction.
- b. **Attachment and Sale of Immovable Property**
Provided under Order 22 Rule 48, the decree-holder can also apply for the attachment of immovable property (such as land or buildings). The property must be identified, and a prohibitory order issued, followed by valuation and public sale under court supervision.
- c. **Garnishee Proceeding**
Regulated by Order 23 of the Civil Procedure Rules, garnishee proceedings are used to recover money owed to the judgment-debtor by a third party. The court may order a bank or another debtor of the judgment-debtor (the garnishee) to pay directly to the decree-holder.



The first step towards enforcing a judgment in Kenya is the extraction of a decree or order from the court that issued the judgment. A decree is a formal expression of the court's final decision, especially in a suit. Under Section 2 of the Civil Procedure Act (Cap 21 Laws of Kenya), a decree is defined as the formal expression of an adjudication which, so far as regards the court expressing it, conclusively determines the rights of the parties with regard to all or any of the matters in controversy.

The relevant provision for extraction is found under Order 21 Rule 7 of the Civil Procedure Rules, which requires that once a judgment has been pronounced, a formal decree shall be drawn up, signed, and sealed with the seal of the court. The decree must correctly reflect the terms of the judgment and is necessary before any form of execution can proceed.

Once the decree is extracted, the decree-holder (the winning party) may apply for execution under Order 22 of the Civil Procedure Rules. Execution is the legal process by which a decree is enforced or carried into effect. The application must be made to the court that passed the decree or, where applicable, to another competent court.

The law under Order 22 Rule 6 of the Civil Procedure Rules provides several modes of execution available to a decree-holder:

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- d. **Committal to Civil Jail**

Under Section 38 of the Civil Procedure Act and Order 22 Rule 31, a judgment-debtor can be committed to civil jail for up to 6 months if the court is satisfied that they have means to pay but are willfully refusing to comply. However, imprisonment does not discharge the debt.

- e. **Attachment of Salary or Wages**

Where the judgment-debtor is a salaried employee, their salary may be attached under Order 22 Rule 49. The employer may be ordered to deduct specified amounts from the salary and remit them to the decree-holder.

- f. **Appointment of a Receiver**

Under Order 22 Rule 56, the court may appoint a receiver to collect income or manage the property of the judgment-debtor until the debt is discharged. This is often used when property is already encumbered or complex in nature.

Where the judgment-debtor is a company or corporation, enforcement can be done through attachment of property, garnishee orders, or winding up proceedings under the Insolvency Act, 2015. Directors may not be personally liable unless they guaranteed the debt or were found to have committed fraud.

If the decree is to be executed outside the jurisdiction of the court that issued it, Section 39 of the Civil Procedure Act allows for transfer of the decree to a court in another jurisdiction for execution.

Similarly, if the judgment is from a foreign court, enforcement must comply with the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act (Cap 43). The foreign judgment must be registered before it can be executed locally.

A judgment-debtor may apply for

a stay of execution under Order 42 Rule 6 if they intend to appeal. The court may grant the stay upon satisfaction that: the application is made without unreasonable delay; the applicant may suffer substantial loss if the stay is not granted; security is provided.

Pursuant to Section 4(4) of the Limitation of Actions Act (Cap 22), a decree may not be executed after the expiry of 12 years from the date it became enforceable unless extended by the court for good reason.

The enforcement of a judgment in Kenya is a structured legal process grounded in clear statutory provisions and judicial precedents. From extraction of a decree under Order 21, to the diverse modes of execution in Order 22, the Civil Procedure framework ensures the rights of successful litigants are not rendered nugatory. Nonetheless, procedural rigor and fairness safeguards ensure that judgment-debtors are not unduly prejudiced. As the courts often state, "A decree-holder must not be left without a remedy" a principle echoed in *Kenya Women Microfinance Ltd v Martha Wambui Kimani*[2013] eKLR, where the court emphasized the imperative to realize fruits of a judgment.

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Bishop Omangi Urges Residents To Embrace Cooperatives During Launch Of Community Development Trust

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The Bishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya's Upper Southern Nyanza Diocese, Rt. Rev. John Orina Oman-gi, has called on residents to embrace cooperatives as a pathway to eco-nomic empowerment and financial literacy.

The bishop made this appeal during the official launch of the Community Development Trust (CDT) in partner-ship with Five Talents Kenya (FTK), held in Kisii County.

The event brought together leaders from across Kenya, including the Chairman of Five Talents Kenya, Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutsaie, the former Bishop of Nakuru Diocese, the Bish-op of Mumias Diocese in Western Kenya, FTK CEO Mr. Peter Mugen-di, and various board members of FTK Kenya and CDT Upper South-ern Nyanza.

The occasion marked the formal introduction of the CDT program in

the region, which is already showing promising growth just three months after its initial implementation.

Speaking at the event, Bishop Omangi emphasized that the CDT program, which is being implement-ed in several dioceses within the An-glican Church of Kenya, is designed to empower communities through fi-nancial literacy, adult education, and economic development initiatives.

He encouraged especially the youth and women to take advantage of the program, noting that more than 80% of its current participants across Ken-ya are young women between the ages of 20 and 35.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Mutsaie ex-plaind that the initiative began in the Diocese of Thika and has since expanded to 15 dioceses, including Embu, Kericho, Nakuru, Mumias, Butere, Marsabit, Kitui, Makueni, and Taita Taveta. Five Talents Ken-ya works closely with local churches and governments to provide financial education and establish community savings groups that evolve into fully functional, self-sustaining coopera-tives.

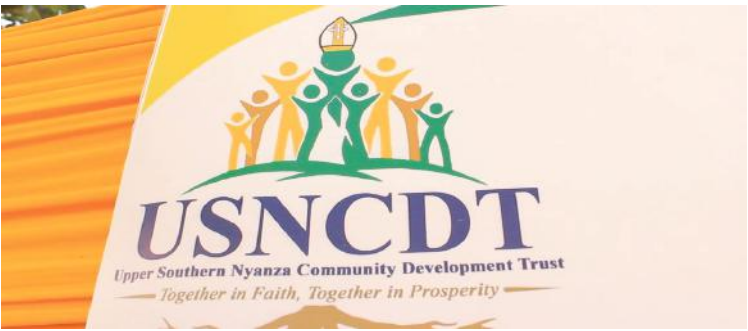
According to Mr. Mugendi, the CDT model is rooted in strong governance structures backed by the Church, with oversight from the national board and patronage by the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

This approach, he said, has helped communities avoid common pitfalls associated with informal financial intermediaries and has built trust among members.

The launch in Kisii marks a signif-icant milestone in FTK's expansion, with Bishop Omangi expressing op-timism that the program will spark lasting socio-economic transforma-tion in the region.

FTK's early success in Upper South-ern Nyanza has already demonstrated strong community acceptance and growth, particularly among youth groups eager to pursue joint business ventures.

The organizers emphasized that the program's sustainability is secured through donor-funded training and resource mobilization in its early stages, ensuring that community savings are protected and not used for operational costs. As the groups



mature into cooperatives (SACCOs), they eventually become independent and community-managed. Five Talents Kenya affirmed its commitment to working with both county and national governments to ensure legitimacy, policy alignment, and increased outreach in every new region.

PAVRISK and the PERAK To Revolutionize Royalty Collection In Kenya's Music Industry

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In a move to promote transparency and efficiency in music royalty col-lection, the Performers Rights So-ciety of Kenya (PAVRISK) and the Pubs, Entertainment and Restaurants Association of Kenya (PERAK) have reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at simplifying licens-ing and royalty compliance across Kenya's hospitality sector.

Addressing stakeholders during the official engagement forum, PAVRISK Board Chairman Mr. Ed-wardo Waigwa acknowledged the long-standing challenges in royalty collection, citing confusion among business owners, inconsistent licens-ing by multiple Collective Manage-ment Organizations (CMOs), and friction in enforcement. He noted that while licensing had resumed following a six-month approval by the Kenya Copyright Board (KE-

COBO), compliance remained low due to past instances of aggressive enforcement.

"Instead of sending licensing offi-cers door-to-door, we found it pru-dent to engage PERAK directly," said Mr. Waigwa. "They understand their members and can facilitate the process more effectively." He em-phasized that PAVRISK, currently licensed alongside CAMP, has been mandated to handle general and broadcaster licensing. By partner-ing with PERAK, collections can be streamlined, reducing opera-tional costs and enabling more funds to be channeled toward artist distribu-tions.

Waigwa further noted that one of the major concerns has been the low amounts received by artists. "Our focus now is not only to col-lect but to distribute fairly," he stat-ed. "By working with PERAK and other stakeholders, we aim to min-imize collection costs and increase the distribution pool, ensuring our members the artists benefit more directly."

PERAK National Chairman Mr. Michael Muthami echoed the spirit



The Performers Rights Society of Kenya (PAVRISK) and the Pubs, Entertainment and Restaurants Association of Kenya (PERAK) partner to revolutionize music industry in Kenya

of collaboration, expressing opti-mism about the new direction. He re-marked that the partnership marked a significant departure from years of confrontation, where PERAK mem-bers and CMOs often found them-selves in courtrooms rather than boardrooms.

"For a long time, we were fighting instead of talking," said Muthami. "This MoU signifies a new chapter one where we are part of the solu-tion." He highlighted the importance of the 70% ringfencing rule, which

ensures that a significant portion of royalties goes directly to musicians. "We're tired of hearing about artists receiving Ksh. 8 royalty checks. We want our creatives to get value for their work."

Muthami also stressed that the joint collection effort would include PER-AK officials on the ground to sup-port members and ensure discounts for compliant businesses. "Gone are the days of harassment taking TVs and speakers from premises," he said. "Now, it's about engagement,

education, and compliance through partnership."

As part of the agreement, PERAK members will benefit from discount-ed rates on general licensing, with an aim to boost compliance and ensure transparency in how collected funds are used.

Both leaders affirmed that this ini-tiative represents a win-win scenario for rights holders and entertainment businesses alike, enhancing account-ability, fairness, and the sustainabili-ty of Kenya's creative economy.

South Africa's Crisis Of Trust: Unmasking Syndicate Infiltration In The Police Service And The Quest For Justice



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Introduction

The Republic of South Africa finds itself at a critical juncture, grappling with a crisis of trust in the very institutions designed to uphold its laws and protect its citizens. In a move that sent reverberations through the nation, President Cyril Ramaphosa recently announced the immediate placement of the Minister of Police, Senzo Mchunu, on leave, concurrently appointing the distinguished Professor Firoz Cachalia as the acting head of this crucial portfolio. This extraordinary step was not taken lightly; it is a direct and forceful response to deeply disturbing allegations of widespread criminal syndicate infiltration within the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the broader criminal justice system. To address these grave concerns, President Ramaphosa also declared the establishment of a judicial commission of inquiry, to be chaired by none other than Acting Deputy Chief Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga. This multi-pronged approach signals a serious commitment from the highest echelons of government to confront a shadowy threat that has the potential to unravel the fabric of the nation's security and democratic integrity. The immediate impact of these revelations on public trust is palpable, raising fundamental questions about the state's capacity to maintain law and order and deliver justice.

The Unveiling of a Shadowy Threat: How the Syndicate Came to Light

The unsettling allegations that have necessitated such drastic measures did not emerge from a vacuum. While the full extent of the infiltration and its modus operandi remain subject to the upcoming judicial inquiry, the genesis of these claims points to high-level internal discord and a courageous act of public exposure. The immediate catalyst appears to have been the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi. In a series of startling public statements, Mkhwanazi leveled direct accusations against the now-on-leave Minister of Police, Senzo Mchunu. These allegations included claims of interference in

sensitive police investigations and, more alarmingly, collusion with powerful business figures, some reportedly implicated in serious crimes, including murder. A particularly egregious accusation was that Minister Mchunu played a role in the dismantling of a task team specifically investigating political killings, raising the chilling specter of efforts to shield politically connected individuals from justice.

Such accusations, emanating from a high-ranking police official, underscore a profound internal fracture within the SAPS and suggest a level of systemic compromise that demands urgent intervention. While Lieutenant-General Mkhwanazi's public pronouncements brought the crisis into sharp national focus, it is plausible that these revelations are the culmination of simmering tensions, internal investigations, and perhaps even prior whistleblowing efforts that had not yet gained sufficient traction. The gravity of Mkhwanazi's claims, made openly and with apparent conviction, forced the Presidency's hand, signaling that the alleged syndicate's reach extends to the very top tiers of law enforcement.

The nature of the alleged infiltration by criminal syndicates is multifaceted and deeply concerning. While specific syndicate names are yet to be fully revealed by the commission, the allegations point to a range of organised criminal activities. These are believed to include, but are not limited to, drug cartels, various forms of organised crime, and the notorious "construction mafia" – criminal groups that extort money and seize control of construction projects. The scope of the alleged infiltration is equally alarming, purportedly extending beyond the SAPS to encompass intelligence agencies, the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), elements within the judiciary, and even metropolitan police departments in major urban centers like Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, and Tshwane.

The alleged methods of infiltration are insidious and designed to subvert the very mechanisms of justice. They reportedly involve the facilitation of organised crime from within state institutions, the suppression or deliberate manipulation of criminal investigations to protect syndicate members, the inducement of law enforcement leadership into criminal actions, and the intimidation, victimisation, or targeted removal of honest police officers and whistleblowers who dare to expose the truth. Furthermore, the allegations suggest that current or former officials may have benefited financially or politically from these syndicate operations, indicating a nexus between corruption, organised crime, and political influence.

The emergence of these allegations highlights a critical vulnerability in South Africa's ongoing fight against corruption and organised crime. It underscores that while efforts to rebuild institutions and strengthen



President Cyril Ramaphosa .

anti-corruption bodies like the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) and the Asset Forfeiture Unit (AFU) have made progress, the very heart of the criminal justice system may have been compromised from within. The public disclosure of these claims, particularly by a high-ranking official, serves as a stark reminder that the battle for integrity is far from over and requires continuous vigilance and decisive action.

South African Police Service: A Troubled History

To fully appreciate the gravity of the current crisis, it is essential to contextualise it within the historical narrative of the South African Police Service. Post-apartheid, the SAPS embarked on an ambitious and challenging transformation, tasked with integrating disparate and often ideologically opposed police forces into a unified, democratic institution. This process, while noble in its intent, was fraught with difficulties, including the challenge of forging a new culture of service, accountability, and respect for human rights.

Throughout its democratic history, the SAPS has faced persistent challenges with corruption and misconduct. High-profile cases, such as allegations surrounding "rogue units" or instances of high-level police officials being implicated in criminal activities, have periodically eroded public confidence. These historical vulnerabilities, coupled with the persistent presence of sophisticated organised crime syndicates in South Africa, have arguably created fertile ground for the very infiltration now being investigated. Organised crime groups, by their nature, seek to undermine and corrupt state institutions to ensure their longevity and expand their illicit operations. The immense

financial gains associated with drug trafficking, illegal mining, human trafficking, and other illicit activities provide powerful incentives for syndicates to co-opt or compromise law enforcement officials.

Structurally, the SAPS, like any large bureaucracy, can exhibit weaknesses that criminal elements may exploit. These can hypothetically include a lack of sufficiently robust internal oversight mechanisms capable of detecting and addressing high-level corruption, vulnerabilities in the recruitment and vetting processes that allow compromised individuals to enter or rise within the ranks, and the potential for political interference in operational policing matters, which can create avenues for manipulation and control. Furthermore, resource constraints, while not an excuse for corruption, can sometimes exacerbate vulnerabilities, pushing some individuals towards illicit gains.

The current allegations represent a potential culmination of these historical challenges, indicating that what might have once been isolated incidents or lower-level corruption has possibly metastasized into a systematic infiltration by criminal syndicates aiming to manipulate the entire criminal justice pipeline – from investigation to prosecution and even the judiciary. This makes the present crisis qualitatively different and significantly more threatening to the stability and legitimacy of the state.

President Ramaphosa's Decisive Action: A Calculated Risk?

President Ramaphosa's decision to act swiftly and decisively in placing Minister Mchunu on leave is a calculated risk, but one deemed necessary to address the escalating crisis.

The primary rationale behind this move is to unequivocally safeguard the integrity and credibility of the South African Police Service. Allowing the Minister to remain in his position while facing such grave accusations would undoubtedly cast a long shadow over any attempts to investigate the matter thoroughly and independently. By placing him on leave, the Presidency signals that no one, regardless of their position, is above scrutiny, thereby creating an environment conducive to an unhindered and impartial inquiry. It also seeks to demonstrate a commitment to transparency and accountability at the highest level of government.

The appointment of Professor Firoz Cachalia as acting Minister of Police is a strategic choice designed to bolster public confidence in the interim period. Professor Cachalia brings a distinguished background to the role: a respected professor of law at the University of the Witwatersrand, he currently chairs the National Anti-Corruption Advisory Council, and has prior experience as the MEC for Community Safety in Gauteng. His appointment, an external and highly regarded legal expert, sends a strong message about the government's intention to approach this matter with a commitment to legal integrity and expertise, rather than political expediency. While Professor Cachalia will only officially assume the post at the beginning of August (with an interim acting minister filling the gap for the next two weeks), his selection indicates a clear direction for the police ministry during this critical period.

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Central to President Ramaphosa’s response is the establishment of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry. The decision to appoint Acting Deputy Chief Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga as chairperson is a pivotal move. Justice Madlanga, a figure of immense judicial standing and integrity, is set to retire from the Constitutional Court at the end of July, allowing him to dedicate his full attention to the complex and demanding work of the commission. He will be assisted by two highly respected legal minds, Advocate Sesi Baloyi SC and Advocate Sandile Khumalo SC, forming a formidable team tasked with uncovering the truth.

The mandate of the commission is broad and robust, reflecting the seriousness and systemic nature of the alleged infiltration. It will investigate specific allegations relating to the infiltration of law enforcement, intelligence, and associated institutions within the criminal justice system by criminal syndicates. This includes probing the role of current or former senior officials who may have aided or abetted alleged criminal activity, failed to act on credible intelligence or internal warnings, or benefited financially or politically from a syndicate’s operations. Crucially, the commission will also report on the effectiveness or failure of existing oversight mechanisms and the adequacy of current legislation, policies, and institutional arrangements in preventing such infiltration. Its findings will not merely be academic; the commission is empowered to make recommendations for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary actions, and necessary institutional reforms. Furthermore, it holds the power to refer matters for immediate criminal investigation and urgent decisions on prosecution, emphasizing the critical need for swift action where evidence warrants it. The established commission is expected to provide initial interim reports after three and six months, underscoring the urgency with which this matter is being treated.

The Deeper Implications: Threats to Democracy and Rule of Law

The unfolding crisis of alleged syndicate infiltration within South Africa’s police and justice system carries profound implications, far beyond the immediate scandal. At its core, it represents a severe erosion of public trust – the fundamental compact between the state and its citizens. When the very institutions tasked with enforcing laws and delivering justice are suspected of being compromised by criminal elements, citizens’ faith in the rule of law inevitably wanes. This erosion of trust can lead to cynicism, disengagement, and a potential increase in vigilan-

tism or self-help justice, further destabilizing society. Beyond public confidence, the implications for national security are dire. An infiltrated police service cannot effectively gather intelligence, investigate crimes, or protect national interests. If criminal syndicates can manipulate law enforcement processes, they can operate with impunity, expanding their illicit enterprises and deepening their hold on various sectors of the economy. This compromises the state’s ability to protect its borders, combat organised crime networks that often have international links, and ensure the safety and security of its populace. The economic impact of such deep-seated corruption and organised crime is also significant. Syndicate operations often thrive on illicit gains, distorting markets, stifling legitimate economic activity, and driving away investment. The perception of a corrupt and compromised law enforcement system acts as a major deterrent to both local and foreign investment, hindering economic growth and job creation, which are desperately needed in South Africa.

Perhaps most alarmingly, the allegations raise the specter of impunity. If powerful individuals within the state, especially those in law enforcement, are protected or actively participate in criminal syndicates, it sends a clear message that certain individuals are above the law. This undermines the principle of equality before the law, which is a cornerstone of any democratic society. The battle against impunity is central to South Africa’s democratic project, and this commission will be a crucial test of the state’s commitment to it.

The historical context of other high-profile commissions in South Africa, most notably the Zondo Commission into State Capture, casts a long shadow over the present inquiry. While the Zondo Commission uncovered extensive evidence of systemic corruption, the pace of prosecutions and tangible accountability has been criticized by many. There is a palpable public anxiety that this new commission, despite its high-profile leadership, could become “another elaborate filing cabinet of findings” that gather dust while the politically connected escape justice. The Democratic Alliance (DA), a leading opposition party, has already voiced this concern, stressing that commissions are only as good as their consequences. This places immense pressure on the Ramaphosa administration to ensure that the recommendations of the Madlanga Commission are swiftly acted upon and lead to visible accountability.

The Road Ahead: Challenges and Opportunities for Reform

The path forward for South Africa is fraught with challenges, yet it also presents a profound opportunity for fundamental reform. The success of



Acting Deputy Chief Justice Mbuyiseli Madlanga

the judicial commission of inquiry hinges on several critical factors. Foremost among these is ensuring its absolute independence and effectiveness. This requires unwavering political will from the Presidency and the broader government, coupled with the provision of adequate resources – both financial and human – to enable the commission to conduct thorough investigations. Crucially, robust protections must be put in place for whistleblowers and witnesses, who often face immense risks when exposing powerful criminal networks. Without such protections, the flow of critical information could be stifled, hindering the commission’s ability to uncover the full truth.

Beyond the immediate findings of the commission, the allegations necessitate a deeper introspection and comprehensive institutional reforms within SAPS and other implicated law enforcement agencies. This could include a fundamental review and overhaul of recruitment and vetting processes to prevent compromised individuals from joining or advancing within the ranks. The establishment or strengthening of independent, effective anti-corruption units within these agencies, empowered with sufficient authority and resources, will be vital. Furthermore, existing oversight bodies must be critically assessed for their effectiveness and, where necessary, reformed to ensure they can adequately detect and address corruption and infiltration at all levels.

The commission’s mandate to examine the adequacy of current legislation is also a critical opportunity. Are existing laws sufficiently robust to combat the evolving tactics of complex criminal syndicates? Are there gaps in legislation that allow corrupt officials or syndicate members to evade justice? The findings

in this area could pave the way for necessary legal reforms to strengthen the state’s hand in the fight against organised crime and corruption.

Perhaps the most arduous task ahead will be rebuilding public confidence in the police and justice system. This will not be achieved through mere pronouncements but through tangible, sustained actions: transparent investigations, successful prosecutions, visible accountability for all implicated individuals, and a renewed commitment to ethical policing. It is a long and arduous journey that requires consistent political leadership and genuine commitment from all levels of law enforcement.

Finally, the fight against sophisticated criminal syndicates often requires international cooperation. These networks frequently operate across borders, making intelligence sharing, joint investigations, and capacity building with international partners invaluable. South Africa may need to leverage its diplomatic ties to secure assistance in this complex battle against transnational organised crime.

Conclusion: A Defining Moment for South Africa

The current crisis surrounding alleged syndicate infiltration into the South African Police Service and broader criminal justice system represents a defining moment for the nation. It is a stark and painful reminder that the democratic project is an ongoing one, constantly threatened by those who seek to exploit state institutions for illicit gain. President Ramaphosa’s decisive actions – the placement of the Minister of Police on leave, the appointment of an acting Minister of integrity, and the establishment of a high-level judicial commission of inquiry –

signal a serious acknowledgment of the gravity of the situation.

This inquiry is not merely about identifying and prosecuting individual wrongdoers; it is about safeguarding the foundational pillars of the South African state: the rule of law, the integrity of its institutions, and the safety and security of its citizens. The task facing Acting Deputy Chief Justice Madlanga and his team is immense and complex, but their work is indispensable for the future of the country.

For South Africa to emerge stronger from this crisis, there must be an unwavering political commitment to follow through on the commission’s findings, however uncomfortable they may be. Recommendations for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary actions, and institutional reforms must be implemented swiftly and decisively. Citizens, civil society, and the media also have a crucial role to play in supporting the process, holding power to account, and demanding transparency. The hope is that this difficult but necessary period of reckoning will ultimately lead to a more accountable, less corrupt, and genuinely effective criminal justice system, one that truly serves and protects all South Africans. The nation watches with bated breath, hoping that this pivotal moment marks the turning point in the relentless fight against the shadowy forces that threaten its democratic aspirations.

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Barca Snap Up Copenhagen's Bardghji, Sell Torre To Mallorca



Barcelona signed right winger Rooney Bardghji from FC Copenhagen and sold midfielder Pablo Torre to Mallorca, the La Liga champions said Monday.

The 19-year-old Sweden Under-21 international joined for around 2.5 million euros (\$3 million) according to reports in Spanish media.

"(Bardghji) has signed for the next four seasons, until June 30, 2029," said Barca in a statement, without specifying the cost of the deal.

Bardghji scored 15 goals in 84 games for Copenhagen after reaching the first team in the 2021/2022 season.

He suffered a severe knee injury in May 2024, which kept him out of action for nearly a year, with the youngster making his return in March 2025.

Bardghji becomes Barcelona's second signing of the summer after they brought in goalkeeper Joan Garcia from local rivals Espanyol.

The Catalan giants also an-

nounced the sale of 22-year-old playmaker Torre to Mallorca for an undisclosed fee, estimated to be 5 million euros according to Spanish media, as well as a percentage of the profit on any future sale.

"Torre is a new Mallorca player for the next four seasons, until June 30, 2029," said the island club in a statement.

"Torre arrives from Barcelona, where he moved in 2022 and with whom he won La Liga twice, two Spanish Super Cups

and the Copa del Rey."

The midfielder played a total of 27 times for Barcelona's first team, scoring five goals.

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Real Madrid Sign Benfica's Carreras To Continue Summer Rebuild

Real Madrid signed defender Alvaro Carreras from Benfica on a six-year deal, the Spanish giants said on Monday.

The 22-year-old Spanish left-back, who played for Madrid's youth academy before joining Manchester United in 2020, is reported to have cost close to 50 million euros (\$58 million).

"Real Madrid and Benfica have reached an agreement for the transfer of Alvaro Carreras, who will be under contract with our club for the next six seasons, until 30 June 2031," said Los Blancos in a statement.

The defender played 62 times for Benfica, scoring five goals for the club, including an initial loan spell before they signed him for six million euros from United in 2024.

Carreras becomes Madrid's fourth signing of a significant summer rebuild after Trent Alex-



ander-Arnold, Dean Huijsen and Franco Mastantuono, at an estimated cost of around 170 million euros in transfer fees.

After finishing last season with-

out a major trophy coach Carlo Ancelotti departed and was replaced by Xabi Alonso.

The Spaniard steered Madrid to the Club World Cup semi-finals

but they were hammered 4-0 by runners-up Paris Saint-Germain.

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Osimhen Close To Joining Galatasaray On Permanent Basis From Napoli

Victor Osimhen was absent on Monday as Serie A champions Napoli resumed training, with the Nigeria striker in negotiations to join Turkish club Galatasaray on a permanent basis.

The players "met at the training centre for medical examinations and physical tests. Victor Osimhen was absent and provided a medical certificate," said Napoli in a brief statement.

A key figure in Napoli's 2023 title triumph, Osimhen spent last season on loan at Galatasaray, scoring 26 goals in 30 league games as the Istanbul club claimed their 25th Super Lig crown.

Napoli coach Antonio Conte seemingly does not have the 26-year-old in his plans for his

side's Scudetto defence next term, but Napoli will not part with Osimhen for less than €75 million (\$87.5 million).

Negotiations with Galatasaray, which have been ongoing for several weeks, are still stalling over the terms of payment for the transfer.

Napoli recently recruited Kevin De Bruyne from Premier League club Manchester City, but the 34-year-old Belgian was not among the players who reported to training yesterday.

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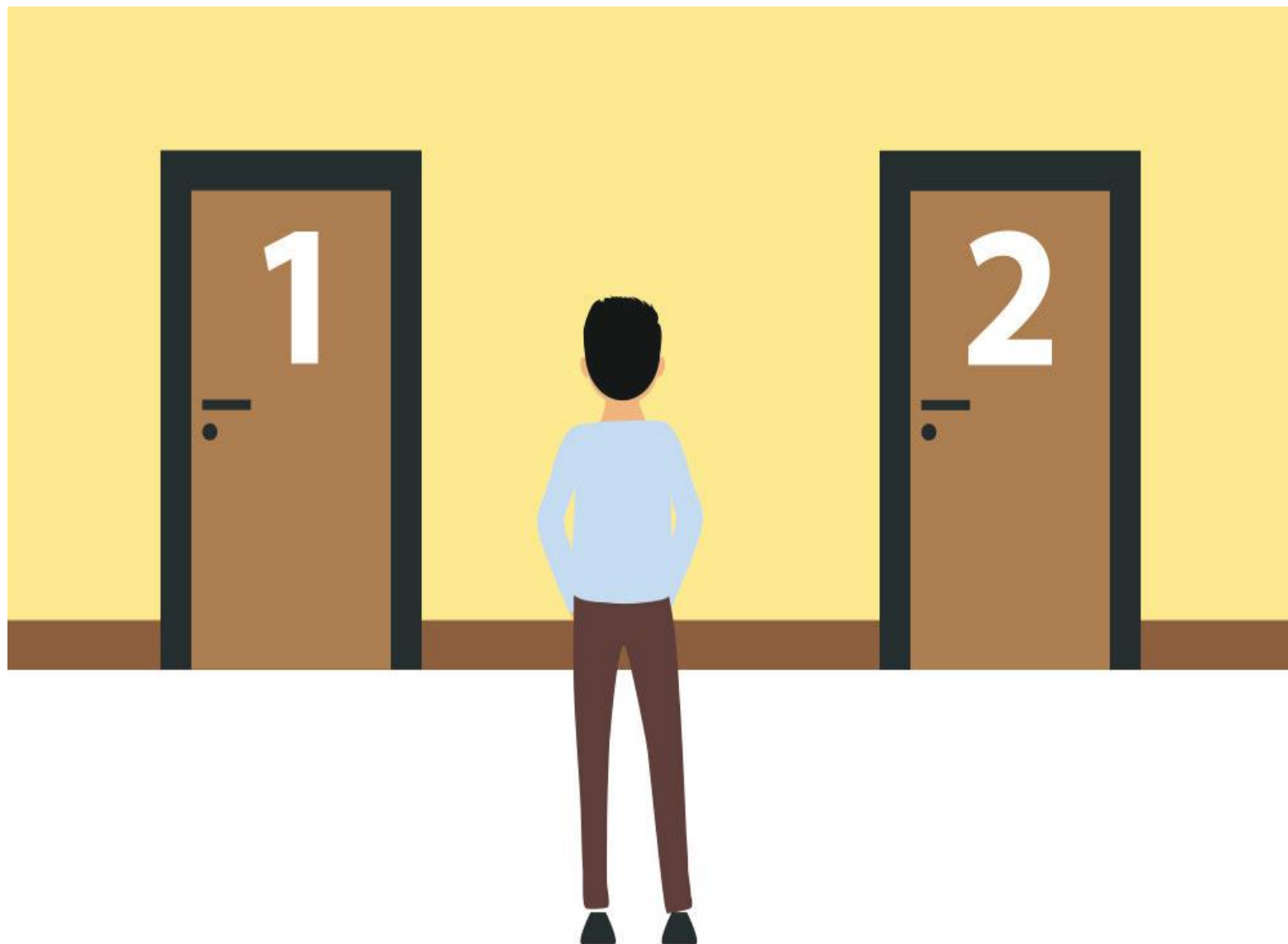
Between Two Doors – The Echo Of Forty Years Of Life



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Worth Noting:

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Every reader, every book lover surely knows the works of O'tkir Hoshimov. A significant part of this famous writer's creativity is dedicated to the themes of war and motherhood. One of such works is "Ikki eshik orasi" ("Between Two Doors").

Every writer has their own unique style. Looking at O'tkir Hoshimov's style, it is filled with simplicity and sincerity. And that is exactly what made him dear to the hearts of the people.

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As you read this work, it feels as if the events are happening right before your eyes. You experience the moments with the characters: you share their excitement, or you feel their pain.

Each character in the novel—Qora Amma, Robiya, Muzaffar, Kimsan, Ra'no, Munavvar, and many others—is described so vividly that you feel as if you have seen them in real life, as if you have spoken with

them.

Now, if we look closely at the character of Qora Amma, we may wonder: why exactly "Qora Amma"? Why not simply "Amma" (Aunt)? You see, the pain, sorrow, and grief in a mother's heart had darkened her soul, and it was reflected on her face too. The wound of losing a child left her in such a state.

About his novel, O'tkir Hoshimov himself once shared his heartfelt words:

> "There's a saying: 'The distance between truth and lies is four spans.' Interesting, why exactly four spans, neither more nor less? The thing is, the distance between the eyes and the ears is four spans. The point is, don't believe what you hear, but what you see. Many of the people in

this book, I have seen myself. I have spoken to many of them. With some, I've only connected in spirit. Some told me what they thought, and I put that on paper. Others didn't say what they thought, so I had to write what I guessed they were thinking. Alas, not everyone always tells the truth, but even someone telling a lie still thinks the truth inside. In short, these stories took place over many years in the lives of many people. Passing judgment on them—I leave that to you, dear readers."

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