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On October 13, 2025, at Ithookwe Stadium in Kitui County, President William Samoei Ruto presided over a ceremony that would enshrine Harison Ochieng Yogo among Kenya's national heroes. The recognition, confirmed by Dr. Charles Wambia, Chief Executive Officer of the National Heroes Council, followed months of rigorous evaluation and public consultation. Page 18

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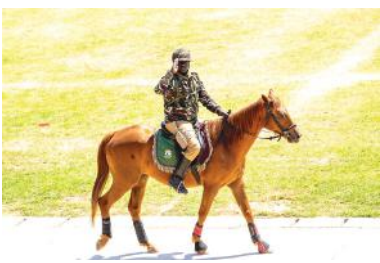
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Pomp And Colour Marks National 62nd Mashujaa Day Celebrations 2025 In Kitui

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Some of the Moments As Captured In Pictures

Thousands of Kenyans yesterday turned up at Ithookwe Stadium in Kitui County for the celebrations of this year's Mashujaa Day. The Kenyans, led by President William Ruto commended former freedom fighters for liberating the country from colonial rule.



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Mashujaa Day Celebrations In Counties



Kiambu County Commissioner Henry Wafula led Mashujaa Day celebrations at Gakoe Primary School in Gatundu North. The event featured vibrant performances, including a special tribute by the Golden Shiners from Gakoe Secondary School in honor of the late Prime Minister Raila Odinga.



Kisii County Governor Simba Arati is guided through a dance by Embarambba during Mashujaa day Celebrations at Marani grounds, Marani Subcounty Kisii County yesterday.



West Pokot County Commissioner Abdullahi Khalif with West Pokot Governor Simon Kachapin during the Mashujaa Day celebrations at Makutano Primary School Grounds yesterday.



Officers drawn from the National Police Service (NPS) marching during the parade on the commemoration of Mashujaa Day in Jomvu, Mombasa County, yesterday.



Garissa County Commissioner Mohamed Mwabudzo has vowed to reign in criminals terrorizing Garissa town residents. He said security personnel would conduct massive crackdowns on these armed criminals in order to restore order and peace in the area. He regretted the increased incidents of robbery with violence, thefts and knife attacks. Speaking during Mashujaa day celebrations at Kunaso grounds in Garissa town, the CC directed national government administrative officers right from assistant chiefs to the deputy county commissioners to collaborate with other security agencies in order to apprehend and charge all those found culpable in a court of law. In the recent past, so bad is the situation that a day hardly ends without a reported case of a person being attacked, robbed of his/ her valuables, or knifed after which they are left dead, or nursing serious injuries.



Siaya County Commissioner Norbert Komora has taken a swipe at local public servants for skipping national events in the area. Addressing this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga stadium in Siaya town, Komora said national day celebrations must be observed by all including civil servants. The CC, who was flanked by his deputy, Robert Ng'etich and county police commander, Samuel Kobina said those who feel that they cannot join the public during the celebrations have an option of resigning to pave way for those who will respect the government and ordered departmental heads who skipped the day's event to submit a written explanation to his office and tasked a senior administrative officer in his office to ensure the affected national government departments respond accordingly.

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Uhuru Visits Raila's Burial Site, Hours after The Event

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Some of the photos taken during the event

Hours after the burial of the late Raila Odinga, former President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday visited the Odinga family at Op-oda Farm and Kang'o ka Jaramogi in Bondo, Siaya County, where the former Premier was laid to rest on Sunday evening. The former Head of State condoled with the family and paid tribute to the life and legacy of his longtime friend and compatriot. Kenyatta also visited the Jaramogi Odinga Odinga Mausoleum to honor the memory of the Odinga family's enduring contribution to Kenya's history and democracy. Uhuru was hosted by among others, senator Oburu Odinga and Mama Ida Odinga.



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Kenya's Ambassador To China Willy Bett Elected Vice Chair Of New Global Mediation Body In The Asian Country

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Kenya's Ambassador to China, Willy Bett, has been elected vice chair of the newly established International Organization for Mediation (IOMED) during its inauguration in Hong Kong, the Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

The announcement marks a major milestone in Kenya's growing global role in promoting peaceful conflict resolution.

The inauguration of IOMed took place yesterday and brought together delegates from thirty-eight countries, including Kenya, who signed the constitutive instrument on May 30, 2025.

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The newly established organisation will focus on resolving disputes be-

tween states, investors, and commercial entities through mediation. Its creation aims to provide a predictable, flexible, and cost-effective platform for addressing conflicts while strengthening global cooperation in dispute resolution.

IOMed will also build capacity for contracting parties, helping countries improve their mediation frameworks and prevent conflicts before they escalate.

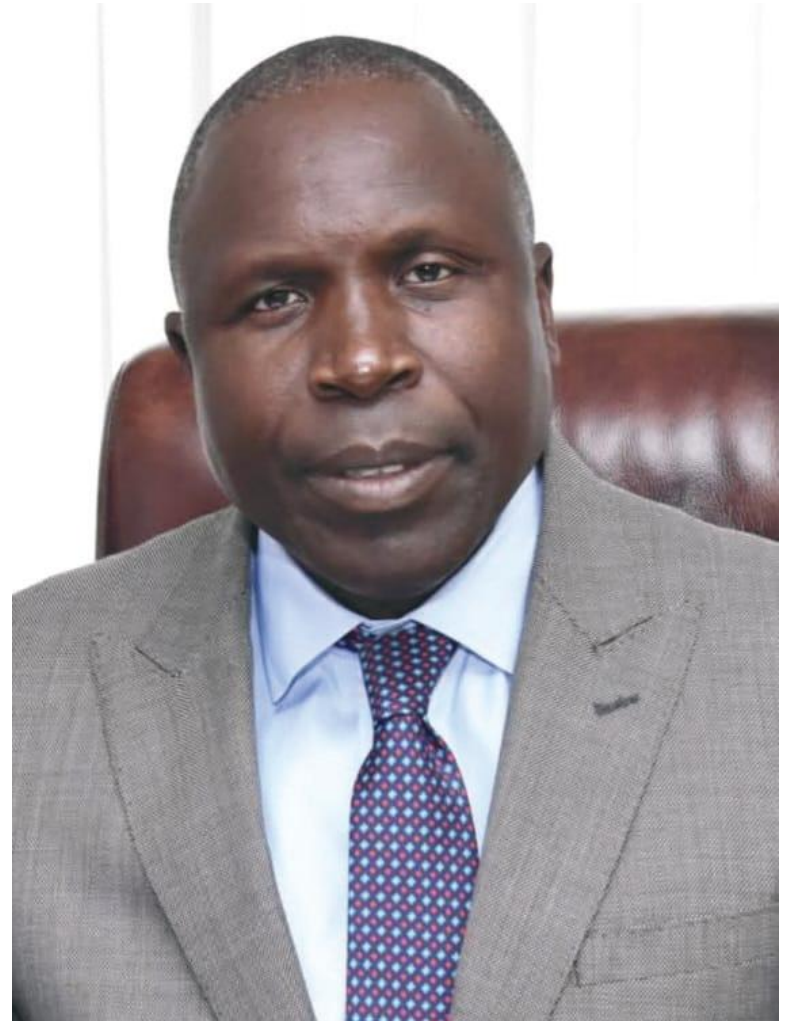
Kenya's election to the vice chair position reflects its consistent leadership in promoting peace and mediation across Africa and beyond.

The country has long championed peaceful approaches to conflict settlement, both at the regional and international levels.

Kenya's role in IOMed matches its plan to create a "Convention for the Support, Protection and Acceleration of Conflict Prevention and Resolution," which aims to tackle conflicts within countries and improve early mediation methods.

According to the statement, Kenya's involvement in IOMed will also help boost confidence among investors by reducing the risks associated with cross-border disputes.

The country's growing influence in global diplomacy continues to position it as a key advocate for peace, dialogue, and cooperative conflict resolution.



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Some of the delegates during yesterday's morning meeting. Photos/Courtesy

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- "As the nation continues to observe the seven days of mourning since the passing of our former Prime Minister, it is both fitting and worthy that we anchor this year's Mashujaa celebrations in the extraordinary and consequential life of our departed legend, the Rt Hon Raila Odinga," he said.
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President Ruto, who was accompanied by First Lady Rachel Ruto, described Odinga as a patriot who had always put country above self, declaring that unity, peace, and national welfare outweighed personal ambition.

The President commended the departed leader, who was buried on Sunday, saying he had closed ranks with his competitors for the common good, embraced national unity beyond tribe, and readily reached across the political divide to steady the nation.

He added that the late Odinga's unshakeable faith in Kenya's future reflected his deep and steadfast love for the country.

"He famously declared that he would shake the hands of his rivals whether he won or lost because he loved Kenya more than he loved himself. That was the measure of a great man," President Ruto said.

He went on: "This is the man, the legend, the pan-Africanist, to whom we dedicate this Mashujaa Day."

The President spoke of his conversations with Odinga and leaders across the political divide on the future of the country's transformation journey.



Senegal President Bassirou Diomaye Faye.



Mozambique Prime Minister Maria Benvinda Levy

In his honour, the President pledged to champion causes that were dear to Odinga: Visionary leadership, democracy, national unity, irrigation for sustainable food security, expansion of energy access, and value addition through agro-processing and manufacturing.

He and Odinga, the President explained were in agreement that leadership is the true driver of national development.

"Not leadership focused on the next election, but leadership that aspires to impact the next generation," he said.

Pointing out that the country's

progress cannot be achieved through partisan pursuits, President Ruto noted that this could only be achieved through a national inclusive mission.

To achieve food security, the President said Kenya must expand irrigation and modernise agriculture, noting that rain-fed farming can no longer feed Kenya's growing population.

"That is why we have now set an ambitious target to build at least 50 mega dams and bring at least 2 million acres under irrigation," he explained.

The President pointed out that a

nation unable to feed itself cannot claim to be sovereign.

Additionally, he emphasised enhancing value addition, agro-processing, and manufacturing remains central to Kenya's rapid growth.

"To transform Kenya into a prosperous, job-creating and wealthy nation, we must become a country that makes things, not merely buys or imports them; a country that exports

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finished goods, not raw materials; a country where industries absorb labour, spur innovation, and expand wealth across every region," he said. President Ruto said Kenya is driving transformation in manufacturing and industrialisation through Special Economic Zones and County Aggregation and Industrial Parks to create jobs and link farmers, entrepreneurs, and small enterprises to wider markets and value chains.

He, however, noted that Kenya cannot industrialise without reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy.

"That is why we have set our sights on expanding Kenya's energy generation capacity from the current 2,300 megawatts to at least 10,000 megawatts within the next decade," he said.

On infrastructure, the President announced that the government will dual at least 1,000km of major highways, including Rironi-Naku-

ru-Mau Summit-Eldoret-Malaba, Makutano-Embu-Meru, Kitengela-Namanga, Mombasa-Nairobi, and Marua-Nanyuki-Isiolo roads, among others.

"We must also build an additional 10,000 km of new tarmac roads linking farmers, traders, and manufacturers to markets across the nation, and also extend the Standard Gauge Railway from Naivasha to Kisumu and onward to Malaba, seamlessly connecting Kenya to Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and the DRC, the very heart of the African Continental Free Trade Area dream," he said.

On the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA), the President announced that verification of beneficiaries for business grants will begin on Friday in every constituency.

"We are looking for 100,000 young people to give them KSh50,000 business support grants to empower their enterprises," the President said.

He said the government will begin giving these funds from 4th November, this year.

On the development programme in

Kitui, the president assured residents that the county and Ukambani regions would not be left behind.

President Ruto announced that the government has allocated KSh2.2 billion to connect 16,500 households in Kitui by February next year.

Prof Kindiki celebrated Kenyan heroes who fought for the country's sovereignty and defended Kenyans' dignity, emancipating Africans from colonial domination, expanding Kenya's political rights and freedoms, and advancing and perfecting Kenya's democracy.

"What remains now is to strengthen the foundation of our country and perfect the economic well-being of the people of our country," he said.

During his address, President Faye expressed his condolences, on behalf of the people of Senegal, to the people of Kenya on the passing of former Prime Minister Odinga.

The Senegalese leader also celebrated Kenyan heroes who fought for the country's freedom and liberation.

He added that he is keen on paying tribute to victims of slavery, colonialism, and past injustices.



On her part, Prime Minister Levy of Mozambique said the death of Odinga was a great loss not only to Kenya but also to Africa.

"With his passing, Kenya and indeed all African nations have lost a true nationalist whose voice will continue to resonate in the struggle for a more just and democratic society," she said.

Former freedom fighters led by

members of Mau Mau War Veterans Association attended the colourful event. Led by the association's Patron Bishop Jane Mumbi, the members expressed their optimism that soon the former freedom fighters and their descendants will get their long overdue compensation.



The Nexus Between Data Centres and Environmental Degradation: An Infrastructure Crisis in the Digital Age



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.....The modern digital economy rests upon a physical foundation that is increasingly incompatible with planetary boundaries. Data centres, the physical facilities that house the computer systems, telecommunications equipment, and storage infrastructure powering our cloud-based services, social media platforms, streaming entertainment, and artificial intelligence applications represent the material backbone of the internet. These facilities operate continuously, processing, storing, and transmitting the exponential volumes of data generated by billions of connected devices worldwide. Environmental degradation, conversely, refers to the deterioration of the environment through depletion of natural resources, destruction of ecosystems, and pollution of air, water, and soil. This encompasses climate change driven by greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity loss from habitat destruction, freshwater scarcity from over-extraction, and contamination from hazardous waste. The nexus between these two phenomena data centres as engines of digital progress and environmental degradation as the cumulative harm to Earth's ecological systems represents one of the most pressing yet underappreciated sustainability challenges of our time, wherein the invisible infrastructure of our digital lives exacts a profound and measurable toll on the natural world.

The energy consumption profile of data centres constitutes their most significant environmental impact, driven by the dual demands of computational processing and thermal management. Modern data centres operate thousands to millions of servers simultaneously, running workloads that range from email storage to complex machine learning algorithms, all requiring continuous electrical power. The Information Technology equipment itself servers, storage arrays, network switches accounts for approximately half of total energy consumption, while cooling systems designed to dissipate the enormous heat generated by densely packed computing equipment consume the remainder. According to recent estimates, global data centres consumed approximately 460 terawatt-hours of electricity in 2022, roughly equivalent to the entire electricity consumption of the United Kingdom, and this figure continues to grow as data generation accelerates. The International Energy Agency projects that data centre electricity demand could double



by 2026, driven particularly by the computational intensity of artificial intelligence training and inference. When this electricity is generated from fossil fuel sources which still account for approximately sixty percent of global electricity generation the carbon emissions are substantial, with the data centre industry estimated to contribute between 2.5% and 3.7% of global greenhouse gas emissions, rivaling the aviation industry's climate footprint.

The climate impact extends beyond direct operational emissions to encompass the entire energy infrastructure supporting these facilities. Data centres typically require uninterruptible power supplies to maintain continuous operation, relying on backup diesel generators that engage during grid failures or maintenance periods. These generators, while essential for service reliability, burn fossil fuels and emit nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter pollutants that contribute to respiratory diseases, acid rain, and photochemical smog. Even during normal operations, these generators undergo mandatory monthly testing, releasing emissions into local communities that often already bear disproportionate pollution burdens. The carbon intensity of data centre operations varies dramatically based on regional electricity grids: a facility in Iceland powered by geothermal and hydroelectric sources has a vastly different climate impact than an identical facility in Poland or India where coal-fired generation dominates. This geographic variation has created "carbon arbitrage," where companies strategically locate facilities in regions with cleaner electricity grids, though this practice raises equity concerns about which communities bear the infrastructure

burden versus which enjoy the economic benefits.

Water consumption represents the second critical dimension of data centre environmental impact, with facilities withdrawing billions of gallons annually from municipal systems and natural sources. Evaporative cooling systems, employed in many facilities to maintain optimal operating temperatures for IT equipment, work by evaporating water to remove heat, a process that is thermodynamically efficient for cooling but consumes substantial freshwater volumes. A single large data centre can consume between one to five million gallons of water daily, equivalent to the water consumption of a small city. Google's data centres, for instance, consumed approximately 4.3 billion gallons of freshwater in 2019 alone. This water withdrawal occurs regardless of local water availability, creating particular tension in arid or water-stressed regions where data centres compete with agricultural, industrial, and residential users for finite supplies. In areas experiencing prolonged drought such as parts of the American Southwest or regions in India, the arrival of water-intensive data centres has sparked community opposition and raised fundamental questions about resource allocation priorities in an era of increasing climate volatility and water scarcity.

The water-energy nexus further complicates this picture, as cooling system choices involve trade-offs between water consumption and energy consumption. Air-cooled systems use less water but require significantly more energy to achieve comparable cooling effectiveness, potentially increasing greenhouse gas emissions. Evaporative systems minimize energy consumption but

maximize water use. Some facilities employ hybrid approaches or advanced techniques like direct liquid cooling, which involves circulating coolant directly to server components rather than cooling entire rooms, thereby reducing both water and energy requirements. However, these advanced systems require higher capital investment and more complex engineering, limiting their adoption particularly in cost-sensitive markets or among smaller operators. The absence of comprehensive water reporting requirements in many jurisdictions means the full scope of data centre water consumption remains poorly documented, hindering effective resource management and policy development. Recent droughts in critical technology hubs have prompted some companies to commit to "water positive" goals, pledging to replenish more water than they consume, though the effectiveness and credibility of these commitments depend heavily on implementation details and third-party verification.

Electronic waste generation constitutes a third major environmental concern, driven by the rapid obsolescence cycle inherent to information technology hardware. To maintain competitive performance, security standards, and energy efficiency, data centre operators typically replace servers every three to five years, storage equipment every four to six years, and networking gear on similar schedules. This replacement cycle generates enormous volumes of retired equipment containing valuable materials like gold, silver,

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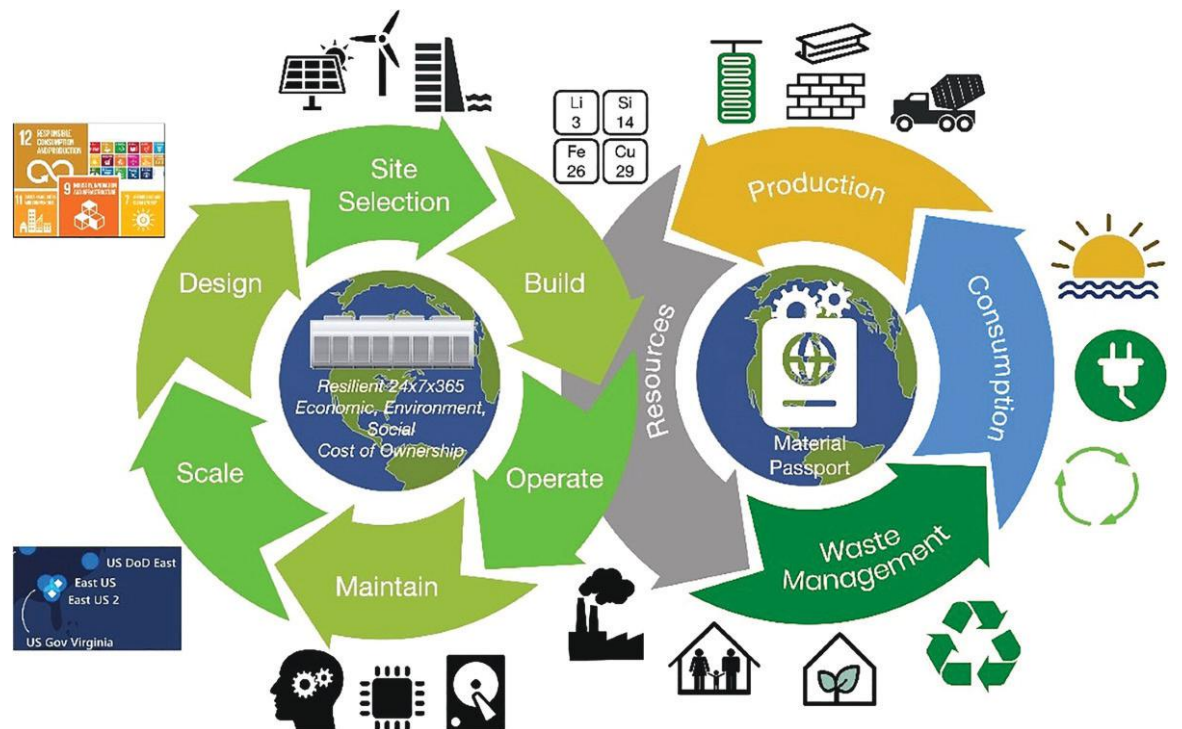
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- Despite these substantial environmental challenges, the data centre industry has begun implementing mitigation strategies, driven by regulatory pressure, corporate sustainability commitments, investor demands, and genuine recognition of long-term risks.
- Major operators including Google, Microsoft, Amazon, and Meta have committed to ambitious goals around carbon neutrality, renewable energy procurement, and water stewardship. Power Purchase Agreements for wind and solar generation have proliferated, with data centre operators becoming among the largest corporate purchasers of renewable electricity globally. Innovations in cooling technology, including free air cooling in temperate climates, immersion cooling where servers operate submerged in non-conductive liquids, and artificial intelligence-optimized thermal management, have reduced cooling energy intensity in newer facilities.

copper, and rare earth elements, but also hazardous substances including lead in solder, mercury in switches, cadmium in batteries, and brominated flame retardants in plastics. When improperly disposed of in landfills, these toxic materials can leach into soil and groundwater, contaminating ecosystems and entering food chains. The Basel Convention estimates that globally, approximately 50 million metric tons of electronic waste is generated annually, with data centres contributing a significant proportion. While many jurisdictions now mandate responsible e-waste recycling, enforcement varies widely, and a substantial percentage of retired equipment still ends up in informal recycling operations in developing nations, where workers often including children dismantle electronics without adequate safety protections, suffering exposure to neurotoxins and carcinogens.

The challenges surrounding e-waste extend beyond disposal to encompass the entire lifecycle of data centre hardware, from raw material extraction through manufacturing to end-of-life management. The production of semiconductor chips, printed circuit boards, and storage devices requires mining operations that disrupt landscapes, consume energy and water, and generate tailings containing heavy metals and processing chemicals. Manufacturing facilities, concentrated primarily in East Asia, consume vast quantities of ultrapure water and energy while producing hazardous byproducts. The embodied carbon and environmental impact of hardware manufacturing often equals or exceeds the operational impact over the equipment's useful life, meaning that even a data centre powered entirely by renewable electricity still carries a substantial environmental footprint. Emerging approaches like circular economy principles, designing equipment for longevity, repairability, and recyclability offer potential pathways to mitigate e-waste impacts, as do refurbishment programs that extend hardware lifecycles and component-level recycling that recovers valuable materials for remanufacturing. However, these practices remain nascent, and economic incentives currently favor rapid replacement cycles that prioritize performance over sustainability.

Land use and the physical infrastructure required for data centre construction represent additional environmental considerations often overlooked in discussions focused primarily on operational impacts. Hyperscale data



centres facilities exceeding 10,000 square feet and containing thousands of servers can occupy sites spanning hundreds of acres when accounting for buildings, electrical infrastructure, cooling systems, and security perimeters. The construction of these facilities requires massive quantities of concrete and steel, both carbon-intensive materials whose production collectively accounts for approximately 15% of global carbon emissions. The embodied carbon in construction materials represents a significant upfront environmental cost that persists regardless of operational efficiency improvements or renewable energy procurement. Site selection for data centres often targets relatively inexpensive land at the urban periphery or in rural areas, potentially displacing agricultural activities, fragmenting wildlife habitat, or consuming greenfield sites that could otherwise provide ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, storm water management, and biodiversity support. The concentration of multiple facilities in particular regions driven by factors like electricity prices, fiber optic connectivity, tax incentives, and proximity to users can create cumulative impacts that exceed the capacity of local ecosystems and infrastructure to absorb.

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The nexus between data centres and environmental degradation ultimately reflects a fundamental tension in contemporary society: the growing dependence on digital infrastructure for economic activity, social connection, and knowledge access exists in direct conflict with the urgent necessity to reduce resource consumption and environmental harm to maintain

planetary habitability. Resolving this tension requires systemic changes extending beyond incremental efficiency improvements to encompass demand-side interventions, circular economy principles, equitable resource governance, and honest accounting of digital technology's material costs. Policymakers must establish comprehensive environmental reporting requirements, enforce strict efficiency standards, and create incentives for sustainable design while ensuring that communities hosting data infrastructure receive meaningful benefits and protections rather than simply bearing environmental burdens. Technology companies must extend responsibility beyond operational facilities to encompass supply chain impacts, prioritize longevity over planned obsolescence, and acknowledge that not all data storage or processing demands justify their environmental costs. Users and society broadly must cultivate digital literacy that recognizes the material substrates of supposedly virtual activities, questioning whether every email needs indefinite storage, every video requires maximum resolution, or every application demands continuous cloud synchronization. Only through this multi-stakeholder recognition that the digital economy remains inextricably embedded within physical and ecological systems can we hope to align technological advancement with environmental sustainability, ensuring that progress in one domain does not precipitate collapse in the other.

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Kindiki Urges National Unity as He Pays Tribute to Raila During Mashujaa Day Fete

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Deputy President Kithure Kindiki delivered a heartfelt call for unity during Kenya's Mashujaa Day celebrations yesterday, as he paid tribute to the late former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. The event, which honors the country's heroes, took on deeper significance this year following Raila's recent passing.

Speaking to a solemn yet spirited crowd, Kindiki emphasized the importance of national cohesion across generations, regions, and political divides. "We all belong to this country," he said, echoing sentiments he had previously shared during Madaraka Day, "No generation is superior to the other. From our freedom fighters to the youth of today, each has a role in shaping Kenya's future".

Kindiki's tribute to Raila Odinga was both personal and national. He acknowledged Raila's lifelong ded-

ication to democracy, justice, and the empowerment of marginalized communities. "Raila was not just a political figure—he was a symbol of resilience and hope for millions," Kindiki noted, adding that the country must honor his legacy by continuing to build bridges of understanding and unity.

President William Ruto had earlier announced the formation of a national funeral committee to coordinate Raila's state burial, appointing Kindiki and Siaya Senator Oburu Odinga, Raila's elder brother, as co-chairs. This gesture underscored the bipartisan respect Raila commanded and the government's commitment to giving him a dignified farewell.

As the Mashujaa Day fete unfolded, Kindiki's message resonated with many Kenyans who see unity as a cornerstone for progress. His speech served not only as a tribute to a national icon but also as a rallying cry for a more inclusive and harmonious Kenya.



Deputy President Kithure Kindiki .

Kisii Governor Urges President Ruto To Join ODM

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Kisii County Governor Simba Arati has applauded President William Ruto for seeking to strengthen the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) ahead of the 2027 General Elections.

Speaking yesterday during this year's Mashujaa day celebrations held at Marani grounds in Marani Sub county, Arati who is also ODM's Deputy Party leader urged the president to also consider registering as a party member saying the move would assist the party to easily fulfill the late Prime Minister Raila Odinga's vision of having a strong party for easier delivery of services to the people.

The governor put on notice those of the contrary opinion saying the party had plans of fronting a presidential candidate to enable it either form the next government or be in the coalition that would win the election.

On his part, Kisii County Commissioner Joseph Kibet decried low voter registration turnout and appealed to

eligible residents to register before the deadline.

Kibet also sent stern warning to perpetrators of drugs trafficking and illicit brews that the government would deal with them ruthlessly in accordance with the law.

Meanwhile, Kisii residents joined other Kenyans in mourning the late former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, even as the national flag was flown half-mast during Mashujaa day celebrations as per the presidential directive.

Both the governor and County Commissioner led the residents in observing a moment of silence after the entertainments, most of which were done in commemoration of the late former premier.

Arati noted that the nation will continue to celebrate the life of Raila, describing him as a visionary leader, a champion of democracy, and a beacon of hope for millions of Kenyans.

Arati said the passing on, of Raila leaves an indelible mark in our nation's history because of his unwavering dedication to justice, democracy and unity among other values.



Kisii governor Simba Arati with area County Commissioner Joseph Kibet yesterday.

He observed that Raila was not only a politician, but also a symbol of courage in the face of adversity, a voice for the marginalized, and a tireless advocate for equity and fairness.

The governor described Raila's wis-

dom, mentorship, and steadfast integrity as guiding lights for those fortunate enough to have been nurtured by him.

He said ODM would commit to carrying forward Baba's dream, embrac-

ing his call for unity that he so passionately championed.

14 POEMS

Love of Family



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Your Family is your power,
They abandon you never,
There us one truth in here,
Your Family love you forever.

Time may pass, winds may blow,
Sometimes quick, sometimes slow,
There is one truth in here,

Your Family's love only will grow.

With Family every season is spring,
They are diamond, your are ring,
Your Family's love never change,
If even you will bring.

hey always care about your health,

Sherova Orziqul

Student of master's degree in Webster university in Tashkent. Young and talented poetess. Owner of a lot of beautiful Poems, articles, stories and anthologies. Author of some poetic books which are published on online international websites. Most of her works were translated into some languages, such as German, Korean, Arabic, French, Turkish and Italian. She is a winner of a lot of poetic competitions.

Joyful Classroom



Students' minds are like flowers. If teachers frown even a little, they wilt like flowers that have withered. Creating a joyful environment is primarily the responsibility of every teacher to spark interest in the subjects we teach. There is no doubt that every action done with enthusiasm will lead to success.

How can we instill interest in the subjects we teach to students? It is my habit to enter the classroom with a smile on my face, greeting with 'Hi children, hello children.' Without thinking about why I am coming, the children ask why I didn't come, and the words to describe their feelings are not found in any dictionary.

Utilizing new strategies in teaching. If students come with enthusiasm to show a drawing, instead of saying 'Go get your book' like an average teacher, I make sure to show their drawing to everyone and ask how they see what is depicted in it, bringing joy to both the one who drew it and those who share their thoughts.

By explaining the objects that can naturally be found in the classroom, their speaking skills are developed. Singing various songs also undoubtedly helps them speak the language fluently.

It is excellent to improve and adapt ourselves to the current environment. Instead of just talking to the blackboard, make it a habit to converse with the students. Later, not only the students but also the sky will be yours. Why? For what? How? Why? The questions that arise from students challenge our skills. Unique talents lie

hidden in the students, and it is in our hands to either bring them out or leave them buried. There is much more in this world beyond just studying and getting good grades. Is it fair to treat the students entrusted to us as mere frogs in a well? Isn't it wrong to impose our views on children who think what the teacher says is gospel? All students are excellent. There is no one who is not capable of learning slowly. It is true that we need to adapt our teaching strategies to suit them. If it is a language subject, teaching and learning should be based on skills.

The students entrusted to us come from various backgrounds. Not everyone's mental state is the same. It is very important to recognize them and understand that we definitely have a role in their development. If we can bring them close to us, it feels like we have achieved half of our success. When they share many things that they cannot share at home with us, it becomes a bridge to instill confidence in them.

The classroom should be given freedom. That freedom should be monitored without crossing limits. If we make them realize that our teacher speaks well only for our well-being, we will become their respected figures. When the subject matter is introduced to students without them realizing it, there is no doubt that the classroom will transform into a joyful one.

When the subject we teach is liked by them, our teaching-learning process becomes easier. When done with enthusiasm, desires are fulfilled. If we are happy, the students will be too, and if the students are happy, we will be, and the classroom will not only be joyful but also fulfilling.

Anandhi S

Graduate Teacher (English)
Government higher secondary school Kandigai
Chengalpattu district.

Stay Kind, Their Hate Is Not Your Burden



Being a kind hearted person
We capture the minds of everyone.
Being a humble person
We capture the hearts of everyone.
Being a polite person
We earn the potential, positive mind person.
Being an Honest person
Becoming a good human.

Being an integrity person
Acting as a strong moral .
Being a compassionate
Being an optimistic person
Being a good sense of humorous person
Being a gratitude person
Being a generous person
Becoming a good human being .

Rajesh Kanna B N

I am Rajesh Kanna B N
B T Asst,
From Government Model High School, Tirur.
Tiruvallur District.
Tamil Nadu, India.

Life Is Too Short For Regrets



We think we'll live forever,
We think our youth will stay for long and strong,
But life is fleeting,
like a flower it fades off
It blooms in the morning, and fades by evening
Like a bubble that bursts, without a sight.

Our time is limited, make it count,

Do something good for others, before it's late
Live each moment with joy, let memories linger
only memories will stay, when life's thread is delicate

Just live, love, and laugh, without a care or fear,
For life is too short, to hold on, or hesitate
Make the most of it, let your spirit rise
Fill your heart with love, and memories alone
Let not any regrets encircle you

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A Woman Chasing Stars



She walks beneath the velvet skies,
With wonder shining in her eyes.
Dreams like comets light her way,
Through nights that turn the dark to day.

She reaches high, her spirit soars,
Beyond the clouds, through unseen doors.
No chain can bind, no doubt can scar,
Her heart's a map, her goal—a star.
Each step she takes, the heavens gleam,
For she herself becomes the dream.

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Dean
N.V.K.S.D.College of Education (Autonomous)
Atttoor

Happy Diwali



Wishing you all, a joyous Diwali,
Diwali is a time for sharing,
We should share love only
by firing crackers animals, birds are afraid
the environment is polluted

The cracker noise is loud
Animals are frightened
Birds are disturbed
Let's choose a different way, to celebrate

A noise-free Diwali, that will be good

Cleanliness is a proverb
But polluting the air is not good
Let's keep our surroundings clean, and green,
And preserve the beauty, of the environment

Let's put waste in dustbins, and not on the ground,
And respect the creatures, that share our world
Birds and animals, deserve our kindness and care,
Let's celebrate Diwali, with love and compassion

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BUSINESS

Morocco's Economy Expected To Grow By 4.8% In 2025 As King Mohammed VI Sets Priorities For 2026

By: KBC

King Mohammed VI of Morocco presided over a Council of Ministers meeting at the Royal Palace in Rabat, dedicated to several major issues: the guidelines for the 2026 Finance Bill, the approval of organic bills and military decrees, and a series of international agreements.

Presented by the Minister of Economy and Finance, the 2026 Finance Bill is in line with the High Royal Guidelines, particularly those set out in the latest Throne Speech and the opening of the parliamentary session.

The Moroccan economy is expected to grow by 4.8% in 2025.

This project aims to consolidate the foundations of the Emerging Morocco program, combining social justice and balanced territorial development, through four strategic priorities:

(a) Consolidation of economic achievements

The government intends to strengthen Morocco's position among emerging nations by stimulating domestic and foreign private investment, accelerating the implementation of the Investment Charter, developing Morocco's green hydrogen offering, and diversifying sources of financing.

Special support will be provided to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) through technical and financial assistance mechanisms.

Efforts will also be made to promote youth and women's employment, reduce the effects of drought on rural areas, and support livestock farmers in rebuilding their herds.

(b) New generation of territorial development programs

The 2026 draft budget provides for the launch of integrated regional programs based on local specificities and advanced regionalization.

These programs will target job creation, improved education and health, and the reduction of territorial disparities.

Particular emphasis will be placed on mountainous areas, oases, and sustainable coastal development.

Public investment in health and education will reach MAD 140 billion, with 27,000 new budgetary positions.

In the field of health, new university hospitals will be built in Agadir and Laâyoune, while work will continue on the university hospitals in Béni-Mellal, Guelmim, and Errachidia.

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King Mohammed VI of Morocco

schooling.

1. Consolidating the pillars of the welfare state

The draft finance bill continues the Royal Project to expand social protection, notably through the implementation of direct aid to 4 million households.

Monthly child allowances will be increased, accompanied by specific support for orphaned or abandoned children.

The measures also include extending pension coverage, extending unemployment benefits, and continuing the housing assistance program.

Structural reforms and budgetary balance

The government intends to reform the Organic Law on Finance in order to improve public governance, focusing on results and accountability.

Public enterprises and institutions will be restructured to strengthen their performance and territorial impact.

The text also provides for reforms to the judicial system to bring it closer to citizens and strengthen legal certainty in business matters.

On the political front, the bill proposes to encourage young people under the age of 35 to participate in public life by granting them subsidies covering 75% of their election campaign costs.

Regional constituencies will now be reserved for women in order to strengthen their representation in parliament.

A bill on political parties aims to modernize their legal framework, encourage the creation of new parties, improve their governance, and increase the transparency of their financing.

2. Military reforms

Two decrees have been adopted: The first establishes a special status for civil servants in the Directorate General for Information Systems Security, in order to attract specialized skills through more flexible recruitment and appropriate bonuses.

The second reforms the Royal School of Military Health Services, harmonizing its operation with the national health reform and creating a Scientific Research Council responsible for defining research priorities.

3. International agreements

The Council approved 14 international agreements, including 10 bilateral and 4 multilateral agreements, covering judicial and military cooperation, social security, air services, mutual recognition of driving licenses, and the elimination of double taxation.

These agreements are part of Morocco's foreign policy aimed at strengthening its African and international partnerships and consolidating its position on the world stage.

The Council of Ministers meeting of October 19, 2025 marks a key step in the implementation of the Moroccan development model: a financial plan focused on inclusive growth, social justice, regionalization, modernization of the state, and the rise of the Kingdom in economic and geopolitical terms.

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The Servant Leader Redefining Public Service In Kenya Feted As A Hero: The Story Of Harison Ochieng Yogo



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On October 13, 2025, at Ithookwe Stadium in Kitui County, President William Samoei Ruto presided over a ceremony that would enshrine Harison Ochieng Yogo among Kenya's national heroes. The recognition, confirmed by Dr. Charles Wambia, Chief Executive Officer of the National Heroes Council, followed months of rigorous evaluation and public consultation. Yogo's category was Statesmanship, a testament to his transformative impact on government service delivery. What makes Harison's story remarkable is not just the position he holds but the impact he has made within and beyond it. Within a single year, his Huduma Mashinani initiative touched 30,000 lives in Mombasa, propelling the centre to national acclaim. These numbers tell only part of the story; behind them lies a philosophy of leadership that challenges the very foundations of public service. As management guru Peter Drucker once observed, "The best way to predict the future is to create it." Yogo has done precisely that, crafting a future where government services meet citizens with dignity, efficiency, and genuine care.

The journey of this Assistant County Commissioner, currently serving as Centre Manager for Huduma Centre Mombasa, reveals a pattern of relentless excellence. His academic credentials include certifications from the London School of Insurance through the Young Insurance Professionals Programme, complementing his role as adjunct lecturer at the Kenya School of Government. Membership in the Kenya Association of Public Administration and Management further grounds his theoretical knowledge in practical application. Yet credentials alone never transform institutions; what distinguishes Yogo is his capacity to translate knowledge into tangible community impact. His responsibilities span operational management, customer relations, human resource coordination, and adherence to Huduma Kenya Service Delivery Standards. Each duty becomes an opportunity for innovation rather than mere obligation. This approach embodies what leadership scholar John Maxwell termed "the law of the lid,"



Harison Ochieng Yogo

where leadership ability determines organizational effectiveness.

The Huduma Mashinani initiative stands as Yogo's magnum opus, a forty-day outreach program executed in partnership with Mombasa Cement. Thirty thousand residents received essential government services without charge, breaking down barriers that had long separated citizens from their government. Services that previously required days or weeks were compressed into minutes or hours under his stewardship. The initiative did not merely deliver services; it restored faith in public institutions. Customers received clear timelines

for document collection, eliminating the anxiety and uncertainty that plague government interactions. This transformation earned Mombasa Huduma Centre the distinction of best performance in Kenya for the 2023/2024 financial year. As Nelson Mandela wisely noted, "What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others." Yogo's difference is measurable, profound, and enduring.

Beyond administrative excellence, Yogo's community engagement reveals a leader who understands that service transcends office walls. His

initiatives include tree planting at Junda Creek with Brian Youth Group, sensitization programs at Jaffrey Foundation Community, and empowerment sessions at ICS College. The Huduma Football FC uses sports as a vehicle for educating communities about government programs, proving that engagement need not be formal to be effective. The centre's participation in Pwani Innovation Week 2024 showcased these achievements to

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broader audiences. A Huduma Centre Choir emerged under his watch, producing two video songs that blend sensitization with celebration. Each program reflects Yogo's conviction that government should not merely serve citizens but walk alongside them. Management theorist Tom Peters captured this ethos perfectly: "Excellent firms don't believe in excellence only in constant improvement and constant change." Yogo embodies this relentless pursuit of better. The blood donation initiative that earned Huduma Centre Mombasa a certificate of recognition in 2025 illustrates Yogo's expanded vision of public service. Saving lives through voluntary donation demonstrates that government facilities can be catalysts for community wellbeing beyond their mandated functions. This same expansive thinking drove the centre's refurbishment and renovation through partnership with Mombasa Cement. Customer service training programs

for newly deployed and existing staff ensure that excellence becomes institutional rather than individual. The Mt Kenya Times captured the transformation in a February 5, 2025 headline: "Mombasa Huduma Centre Crowned Kenya's Service Excellence Champion: A Story of Innovation and Customer Centric Transformation." Such recognition validates what staff and citizens experience daily, a fundamental reimagining of what government service can be. Simon Sinek's observation that "leadership is not about being in charge; it is about taking care of those in your charge" finds perfect expression in Yogo's approach. Yogo's impact predates his Mombasa posting, revealing consistency rather than circumstance as his defining trait. During his tenure in Sirisia Constituency, he taught primary school students preparing for KCPE examinations despite his full-time responsibilities as Assistant County

Commissioner. Parents and students testified to his dedication, describing a man who squeezed teaching hours from already demanding days. Media coverage highlighted this unusual commitment with the headline: "Assistant County Commissioner with the Zeal of Imparting Knowledge and Providing Mentorship to Primary School Students In Sirisia Constituency." His investment in young minds demonstrated that leadership extends beyond job descriptions into moral obligation. The time spent with those students planted seeds that would bloom in ways perhaps unknowable but certainly significant. Educational philosopher Paulo Freire wrote, "Education does not transform the world. Education changes people. People transform the world." Yogo understood this distinction and acted accordingly. International recognition followed inevitably, confirming what local communities already knew. The

Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders selected Yogo in 2025, sending him to the United States for intensive leadership development. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State signed his certificate, official validation of his potential to shape Africa's future. Wayne State University certified his completion of Leadership in Public Management, with Vice Provost Christine Jackson adding her signature to his growing portfolio. The Spirit of Detroit Award, presented by the Detroit City Council, recognized his "exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life." These honours came not as ends in themselves but as fuel for continued service. Winston Churchill's reminder that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" resonates deeply with Yogo's trajectory.

A Promise To Chimpanzees: Kenyan Sanctuary Carries Forward Jane Goodall's Mission

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Worth Noting:

- For 48-year-old Stephen Nderitu, the head caregiver who has worked at the sanctuary for 28 years, Oct. 1, 2025 was a particularly somber day for the entire team when they received the heartbreaking news of Jane Goodall's death at the age of 91.
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- "A sense of sadness and mourning spread throughout the sanctuary."
- Despite the loss of their beloved leader, the team soon found a sense of renewed commitment.

After the death of Jane Goodall, a primatologist widely celebrated for her lifelong efforts to protect chimpanzees, the 250-acre Ol Pejeta Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Central Kenya's Laikipia County which is home to 29 chimpanzees, stands as a living symbol of her enduring legacy.

Upon arrival, visitors are greeted by a dedicated team of 17 staff members who guide tours while enforcing strict protective measures for the animals. This group, including caregivers, guards, and a resident veterinarian, works with unwavering commitment to uphold the vision of their heroine, Jane Goodall.

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"We all enjoyed working under Jane's leadership. Her passion, dedication and selflessness inspired us, and we are all determined to continue her vision of protecting chimpanzees," Nderitu said. He fondly recalls Goodall's visit in 2015 to celebrate her 81st birthday at Ol Pejeta.

"She came all the way to be with us. We ate, laughed and even planted trees together. That remains one of my most cherished memories after more than two decades of working here," he added.

As head caregiver, Nderitu ensures that the chimpanzees are fed three times a day with a balanced diet of fruits, vegetables, peanuts, sweet potatoes, cornmeal and eggs. The large sanctuary is divided into two sections -- 12 chimpanzees live on the western side, while 17 reside on the eastern side. Stephen leads his team to ensure every chimpanzee is healthy and accounted for. "Though the sanctuary is surrounded by an electric fence and guarded around the clock, we've recently faced a unique challenge," Nderitu said with a laugh. "Alley, our 37-year-old chimpanzee, has figured out how to short-circuit the fence using sticks and created a gap for herself



British ethologist Jane Goodall with a chimpanzee at the Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Centre, Congo (Brazzaville).

and others to escape. Chimpanzees are incredibly intelligent!"

Research shows that chimpanzees are among the smartest animals in the world, capable of using and even modifying objects as tools for various purposes -- a fact that constantly challenges their human caretakers to stay one step ahead. Nderitu emphasized that the species' intelligence also means they require the utmost care and enrichment. "Every time a tourist visits our sanctuary, they

leave inspired to help in the rescue efforts. They share their experiences with friends and other organizations, and we often receive donations from well-wishers. The entrance fees also go directly to the care of the chimpanzees and to help us sustain the sanctuary. It's crucial that we do our best," he said.

Although the "Chimpanzee Lady" has died, her son, Hugo Eric Louis, and dedicated staff at sanctuaries connected to Jane Goodall's legacy

-- such as the Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center in Congo, the Chimp Eden in South Africa, and the Ol Pejeta Sanctuary in Kenya -- remain deeply committed to safeguarding the species. Since its founding in 1993, Ol Pejeta has been home to over 40 chimpanzees, some of whom have died of illness or natural causes. Jane Goodall's last visit to Kenya was in 2017 -- a memory that continues to inspire those who carry forward her life's mission.



A chimpanzee eats bananas in the Ol Pejeta Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Laikipia County, Kenya, Oct. 7, 2025. (Xinhua/Yang Guang)

Israel Launches Airstrikes On Gaza, Accusing Hamas Of Ceasefire Violation

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The Israeli army carried out airstrikes on the southern Gaza Strip on Sunday after accusing Hamas of firing an anti-tank missile and gunfire at Israeli troops dismantling infrastructure in Rafah under the terms of the ceasefire agreement.

These actions “constitute a blatant violation of the ceasefire agreement,” the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a statement, adding that it will respond firmly. Palestinian sources said Israeli aircraft launched intensive strikes on areas east of Rafah, adding that it was difficult for ambulance crews to reach the area, which remains under Israeli control, as the bombardment continued.

Following the incident, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held consultations with Defense Minister Yisrael Katz and security officials and instructed them to act forcefully against targets in the Gaza Strip, his office said in a statement. So far, no Palestinian faction has claimed responsibility. Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, said on Sunday it “affirms its full commitment” to the ceasefire across the Gaza Strip and denied any knowl-

edge of incidents or clashes in Rafah. In a statement, al-Qassam described Rafah as a “red zone” under Israeli army control and said contact with its remaining units there has been cut off since the resumption of fighting in March 2025.

It added that it has no information on whether those fighters are alive or dead and therefore cannot be linked to or confirm any events occurring in the area.

Meanwhile, Hamas Political Bureau member Izzat al-Rishq said in a statement that, “Hamas affirms its full commitment to the ceasefire agreement and stresses that it is the Zionist occupation that continues to violate the agreement and fabricate flimsy pretexts to justify its crimes.” “Netanyahu’s attempts to evade his commitments come under pressure from his extremist coalition, in an effort to evade his responsibilities before the mediators and guarantors of the agreement,” al-Rishq added. Also on Sunday, four Palestinians were killed and five others wounded in an Israeli airstrike targeting a cafe west of Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip, Palestinian medical sources and eyewitnesses reported. The Israeli army did not immediately comment on the attack.

Israel’s public broadcaster Kan reported on Sunday that Israeli war-



planes struck a target in Jabalia, in the northern Gaza Strip, killing two Palestinians. The two, according to Kan, “attempted to cross the so-called Yellow Line,” north of the enclave. The “Yellow Line” is an unofficial line separating areas under Israeli military control from those where Palestinians are allowed to move within the Gaza Strip. Kan also noted that Sunday’s incident in Rafah is not the first reported violation of

the ceasefire by Hamas. It said that on Friday, militants emerged from a tunnel shaft in Rafah and fired at Israeli forces, causing no casualties. On the same day, militants surfaced from a tunnel in Khan Younis, approached Israeli forces, and were struck by airstrikes.

These developments come as Israel and Hamas continue to trade accusations of violating the ceasefire that has been in effect in the Gaza Strip

since October 10. Brokered by Egypt, Qatar, Türkiye, and the United States, the agreement calls for the exchange of prisoners and hostages, the withdrawal of Israeli forces from parts of the Gaza Strip, and the delivery of humanitarian aid into Gaza.

WHO Says DRC Could Declare End Of Ebola Outbreak By December

By: Xinhua
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The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that health authorities could declare the end of the current Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in early December if no new cases are detected before then.

The announcement came in a statement from the WHO Regional Office for Africa after the last Ebola patient was discharged from a treatment center following full recovery, a milestone in the country’s battle against

the deadly virus.

“This discharge marks the start of a 42-day countdown, after which the outbreak can be officially declared over, provided that no new cases are identified,” the statement said.

Since the outbreak was declared on Sept. 4 in Bulape, a health zone in the central province of Kasai, a total of 64 cases have been reported, including 53 confirmed and 11 probable. Nineteen patients have recovered, and no new cases have been reported since Sept. 25, according to the WHO.

Mohamed Janabi, WHO regional director for Africa, hailed the progress made so far. “The recovery of the last

patient, only six weeks after the outbreak was declared, is a remarkable achievement. It reflects the strength of partnerships, national expertise, and collective determination to overcome challenges and save lives,” he said. The DRC previously declared the end of its 15th Ebola outbreak in September 2022, which had emerged in the eastern province of North Kivu. Ebola is a highly contagious hemorrhagic fever that causes a range of symptoms such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, generalized pain, and malaise, and in many cases, internal and external bleeding, according to the WHO.



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Kenya Football Community Continue To Mourn Raila Odinga In Solemn Weekend



Nairobi United players pose with a jersey dedicated to former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. PHOTO/NAIROBI UNITED

The Kenyan football community continued to pay tribute to former Prime Minister Raila Odinga who passed away in India, on Wednesday last week.

Despite Football Kenya Federation (FKF) postponing league action over the weekend in honour of Odinga, various footballers and other stakeholders continued to pay tribute.

Nairobi United's Ovella Ochieng', who scored in Sunday's 2-0 win over Etoile du Sahel in a Confederations Cup tie on Sunday, dedicated his goal to Odinga, showcasing a jersey

number 80 — the age at which the opposition chief died.

Elsewhere, former Kakamega Homeboyz striker Moses Shumamah paid homage to the former Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) leader after scoring for Zambia's Power Dynamos against Uganda's Viper SC in a Caf Champions League tie on Sunday.

The Zambian giants won 2-1 to take a huge step towards the group stage of the prestigious competition.

Meanwhile, in the Romanian women's premier league, players

observed a minute of silence in honour of the former PM before the start of the match between Farul Constanta and Gloria Bistrita.

Constanta is home to Harambee Starlets duo Lilian Awuor and Enez Mango.

Odinga was renowned for his love for sports, especially football.

He was the patron of 21-time Kenya Premier League champions Gor Mahia in addition to having played for Bunge FC — the National Assembly's football team — in the past.

The former PM was laid to rest in Bondo on Sunday afternoon in a solemn ceremony.

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Sports >>> *Four Harambee Stars players are among those honoured by President William Ruto during this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations held at Ithookwe Stadium in Kitui County yesterday.

Harambee Stars Quartet Honoured On Mashujaa Day After CHAN Heroics



Harambee Stars players line up before their match against Seychelles. PHOTO/RAYMOND MAKHAYA

Four Harambee Stars players are among those honoured by President William Ruto during this year's Mashujaa Day celebrations held at Ithookwe Stadium in Kitui County yesterday.

Defender Abud Omar, goalkeeper Byrne Omondi, midfielder Alpha Onyango, striker Ryan Ogam, and team manager/data analyst Nick Kimanthi were celebrated for their exceptional contribution to Kenya's success at the African Nations Championship (CHAN) held on home soil in August.

Harambee Stars defied expectations to reach the quarterfinals, in what was their maiden appearance at the captain.

Omar, who captained the side, was recognised for his outstanding leadership and composure throughout the campaign.

His defensive discipline and experience provided the foundation

for Kenya's impressive run, while his presence in the dressing room was credited for keeping the squad united and motivated.

Omondi, the Gor Mahia goalkeeper, was a standout performer between the posts, pulling off crucial saves in tight matches.

His heroics against Morocco, where he produced a string of decisive stops and earned the Man of the Match award, proved instrumental to Kenya's progression from the group stage.

His K'Ogalo teammate, Onyango, was the creative heartbeat of the team.

His ability to control tempo, distribute play, and press effectively saw him earn two Man of the Match accolades during the tournament, underlining his rising influence for both club and country.

Up front, Ryan Ogam, who plays professionally in Austria,

delivered when it mattered most, scoring two match-winning goals against Morocco and Zambia that powered Kenya into the knockout rounds.

His clinical finishing and composure under pressure earned him praise as one of the team's breakout stars.

Behind the scenes, Nick Kimanthi, the team's data analyst and manager, was feted for his innovative use of performance tracking and match analytics.

His detailed reports, monitoring metrics such as distance covered, player load, recovery rates, and work ratio, played a key role in helping the technical bench fine-tune training and match strategies under head coach Benni McCarthy.

President Ruto commended the players for their discipline and patriotism, noting that their achieve-

ment at CHAN 2024 had rekindled national pride and restored belief in the future of Kenyan football.

The recognition comes at a time when the Harambee Stars are preparing for the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), which Kenya will co-host alongside Uganda and Tanzania.

The Mashujaa Day honours highlight not only individual excellence but also Kenya's growing emphasis on sports development and athlete recognition, a key priority in the government's renewed investment in sports infrastructure and grassroots programs nationwide.

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The Fearless And Brave Evermore Kangani



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In a world where courage and compassion are often the guiding lights for change, Evermore Kangani stands as a shining example of fearless leadership rooted in empathy and unwavering commitment. Her journey from humble beginnings to becoming a trailblazing leader in Zimbabwe and beyond embodies the essence of bravery, resilience, and a deep sense of humanitarian duty.

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Her work training and mentoring over 30,000 individuals across different sectors highlights her dedication to human development. Through coaching and mentorship programs in schools, clubs, and organizations, Evermore empowers youth, professionals, and entrepreneurs to realize their full potential. Her holistic approach emphasizes not only skill acquisition but also character building, emotional resilience, and ethical decision-making. Her mentees often surpass expectations, securing career advancements and personal growth that speak volumes about her effectiveness as a leader and mentor.

Evermore's guiding principle, "Effectiveness over popularity," underscores her focus on creating mean-

ingful, sustainable change rather than seeking superficial recognition. She believes that authentic leadership is rooted in integrity, transparency, and a genuine desire to serve others. Her ethical stance has earned her respect across borders and industries, making her a trusted voice in global humanitarian circles.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Evermore Kangani is a passionate advocate for children's rights and mental health. She actively amplifies the voices of survivors of sexual abuse and gender-based violence, advocating for policies and programs that protect and empower these vulnerable groups. Her advocacy work is driven by her deep compassion and her unwavering belief that every individual deserves dignity, safety, and the chance to thrive.

Her humanitarian efforts have earned her numerous prestigious awards worldwide, but her greatest reward remains the gratitude and resilience of the communities she serves. Her leadership is charac-

terized by a fearless willingness to confront societal taboos, challenge harmful practices, and stand alongside those who have been silenced for too long.

Evermore's courage is evident in her strategic approach to leadership—adapting to cultural nuances while maintaining core principles of excellence and ethical integrity. She understands that true leadership requires not only strength but also sensitivity and humility. Her ability to inspire hope and motivate change in diverse organizational contexts has made her a revered figure among peers and beneficiaries alike.

Throughout her journey, Evermore Kangani exemplifies the qualities of a fearless and brave leader: someone who does not shy away from difficult conversations, who embraces challenges with resilience, and who prioritizes humanitarian values above all. Her life's work is a testament to her conviction that true leadership is rooted in service, compassion, and unwavering courage.