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National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah (inset) and Genz Protestors in 2024

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Mediation: MKU Takes Centre Stage In Training Professionals

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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

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Deputy President Kithure Kindiki is seen assisting a resident of Longar Kaur Village, Kacheliba Constituency switch on the light. This is one of the villages being lit under the ongoing 2 billion shillings last mile rural electrification projects to connect an additional 10,200 households in West Pokot County. The DP noted that the government is also investing KSh25.3 billion for markets, housing and institutional accommodation infrastructure within West Pokot County. Further, the construction of the 40 Kilometer Kapenguria/Makutano- Konya- Kiwawa- Alale Road is ongoing. The Ngotut- Kasei road has been advertised while construction of the Alale- Nauyapong-Loyaa roads will be prioritized. The DP, in the company of area leaders also addressed members of the public at Kacheliba town. He was accompanied by among others; Governor Simon Kachapin, MPs Titus Lotee (Kacheliba), David Pkosing (Pokot South), William Kamket (Tiaty), Kenya's High Commissioner to Zambia Lilian Tomitom, former Governor Prof John Lonyangapuo, former Minister and Kacheliba MP Samuel Poghiso, members of the West Pokot County Assembly and residents. He urged Kenyans to promote national unity, respect for one another and show solidarity and compassion.



Landlords in Githunguri, Kiambu County who have been illegally discharging wastewater into public drains have been warned that legal action will be taken against them, following a major clean-up operation to restore the town's drainage system and safeguard public health. The Department of Water, Environment, Energy, Natural Resources and Climate Change, led by County Executive Committee Member (CECM) David Kuria, supervised the successful unblocking of a heavily blocked drainage channel in Githunguri Town. The operation, conducted by the Githunguri Municipal team, was prompted by persistent flooding and unsanitary conditions caused by wastewater accumulating from nearby buildings. The drainage, designed exclusively for stormwater, had been filled with effluent and debris after some business owners constructed temporary stalls over the channel. These illegal structures were dismantled to allow county engineers to access and clean the blocked section.



Cabinet Secretaries Mutahi Kagwe (Agriculture) and Eric Mugaa (Water) yesterday chaired a high-level consultation on the Land Commercialization Initiative. The meeting follows the government's ongoing efforts to streamline the Land Commercialization Initiative (LCI), aligning with the goals of the Government agenda. The initiative is critical to unlocking economic potential within the agricultural and land sectors. A key agreement from the meeting was the need for a centralized database containing all land available for lease, clear lease terms, land valuation rolls, due diligence procedures, and performance targets for both lessors and lessees.



Kisumu will host a week-long ear and hearing surgical camp at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) from Monday to Friday next week; bringing hope to patients living with hearing loss and chronic ear conditions. The outreach, conducted in collaboration with Operation Ear Drops, will unite local ENT specialists, visiting surgeons from the Netherlands, and trainees from the University of Nairobi to deliver advanced, life-changing procedures. Dr. George Akuno, Head of ENT Services at JOOTRH, noted that demand for specialized ear care in the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB) continues to grow, with thousands seeking treatment every quarter. As the region's only public facility offering comprehensive ENT, Head and Neck surgeries, JOOTRH remains a vital referral center for Western Kenya. Patient screening which has been ongoing at the hospital's ENT Filter Clinic ends today, with consultant clinics every Tuesday and Thursday. All approved procedures will be fully covered under the Social Health Authority (SHA).

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Three Mt Kenya East Counties Sign Landmark MoU On Waste Management

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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during the signing ceremony, Governor Muthomi Njuki of Tharaka Nithi, who hosted the event, said the partnership marks a turning point in how the three counties handle waste.
- He emphasized that the initiative is driven by the need for a common approach to managing the approximately 1,350 tonnes of waste generated daily across the region.
- “This collaboration brings unity of purpose and a shared vision for a cleaner, greener, and economically empowered Mount Kenya East,” said Governor Njuki. “We are moving from waste disposal to waste utilization.”



From left: Meru Governor Mutuma M’Ethinkia, Embu Governor Cecily Mbarire and Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki during signing of Memorandum of Understanding of waste management. Photo/Alex Njeru.

In a landmark regional collaboration, the County Governments of Meru, Embu, and Tharaka Nithi yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly develop a sustainable waste management strategy that will see waste turned into wealth.

The MoU, signed at the Tharaka Nithi County Headquarters in Kathwana, lays the groundwork for establishing a joint waste recycling plant that will convert waste into useful products such as fertilizer and other by-products — creating jobs and promoting environmental conservation.

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According to the governors, 57 percent of the waste generated is organic and can be processed into fertilizer, making waste management not just an environmental necessity but an economic opportunity.

The newly signed MoU also establishes a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to oversee the implementation of the project in partnership with Josphong Group, a renowned Ghanaian company specializing in waste management and recycling solutions.

Governor Cecily Mbarire of Embu County and Governor Isaac Mutuma of Meru County both lauded the move, saying it represents a new era of regional cooperation and innovation in addressing common challenges.

“This partnership gives us a competitive edge,” said Governor Mbarire. “We are not only solving a waste problem but also creating opportunities for our youth and building a cleaner future.”

Governor Mutuma added that the project will open up thousands of job opportunities for young people, especially in waste collection, sorting, and transportation to the proposed recycling plant.

The governors pledged to continue working together on other shared initiatives aimed at driving socio-economic transformation in the Mount Kenya East region through strategic partnerships and innovation.

With the signing of the MoU, the three counties are now set to embark on feasibility studies, stakeholder consultations, and infrastructure planning, paving the way for one of the region’s most ambitious environmental and economic projects.

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Ruto: Bills I Signed Are Good For The Country

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The amendment Bills assented to last week are measures meant to protect the nation from illegal actions that undermine the wellbeing of the people and the security of the country, President William Ruto has said.

The President warned Kenyans to be cautious of those who want to use misinformation and disinformation to destabilise the country, citing misleading reports about the recent Bills he signed into law.

He said the laws are meant to address religious extremism that led to death and suffering like what was witnessed at Shakahola in Kilifi County, protect social media users from bullying to the point of committing suicide, and tame those using the Internet to advance terrorist activities, among other issues.

“We are doing the right thing for Kenya,” President Ruto emphasised.

The President made the remarks during the funeral service of Mzee Weston Kirocho Kanja, the father of Inspector-General Douglas Kanja at Thome village, Laikipia East constituency in Laikipia County.

Cabinet Secretaries Kipchumba Murkomen and Rebecca Miano, National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung’wah and Laikipia Governor Joshua Irungu were among the leaders who attended the service.

Hundreds of other mourners who included Principal Secretaries, Members of Parliament led by the host Mwangi Kiunjuri, Anglican Church of Kenya clergymen, led by retired Bishop Joseph Kagunda and Mt Kenya West Bishop Gerald Muriithi also graced the occasion. Also present was COTU Secretary General Francis Atwoli.

The President said he assented to the Bills in line with his constitutional mandate, having gone through the right channels in Parliament.

President Ruto also dismissed claims that he used the death of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga to sign the Bills, saying the signing ceremony had already been planned in addition to a tour that was eventually cancelled.

“There is nothing to hide; nothing was done in the dark,” he said.

On the necessity of peace and national unity, President Ruto cautioned leaders against inciting Kenyans, saying Kenya will not be built through violence, hatred, division or

tribalism.

“Let us compete on development plans to uplift Kenya, not on how to destroy our country,” he said.

The President said the government has created numerous opportunities for young people to contribute to development.

He explained that the government had initiated many deliberate job creation policies and programmes, citing the Affordable Housing Programme, construction of fresh produce markets and student hostels, labour mobility and digital jobs.

Additionally, he said the government is rolling out the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) to boost youth businesses.

The President said the business support programme will identify 100,000 young people who will be provided with a KSh50,000 grant.

He called on the youth to take advantage of these opportunities to advance their businesses and livelihoods.

On efforts to transform Kenya and take it from the Third World to first-world status, President Ruto said the government is establishing a National Infrastructure Fund that will help ensure sustainable financing of roads, ports and rail in the country.

On agriculture, the President said the government will pool public and private resources to build 50 mega dams to boost irrigation farming.

He noted that agricultural reforms, including subsidised fertiliser, have played a significant role in increasing food production and productivity.

However, he noted that food production is still not enough.

“We are still importing food into Kenya,” he added.

The President appealed to Kenyans to register with the Social Health Authority so that they benefit from the



President William Ruto being welcomed by Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja at Thome village, Laikipia yesterday. Photos/ Courtesy.

transformative scheme that seeks to deliver universal health coverage.

On security, President Ruto said the government has firmly dealt with bandits and criminals that had destabilised Laikipia in the past. He said the government’s goal is to ensure the country remains secure and peaceful.

Mr Ichung’wah said there is need to address the culture of misinformation and disinformation in the country.

The National Assembly Majority Leader pointed out that claims that the Land (Amendment) Act assented to by President Ruto last week seeks to levy tax on freehold land are false

and misleading.

“There is no law levying taxes on freehold land. What is circulating on social media is fake news,” he said.

He also pointed out that the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act is not a new law, saying it was assented to by President Uhuru Kenyatta in 2018. Mr Ichung’wah said the misinformation about the law is so elaborate that it has misled a judge to suspend provisions of a fake bill spread on social media.

Mr Murkomen, the Interior Cabinet Secretary, urged leaders to exer-

cise caution in their public remarks, warning that reckless statements can destroy the country.

Governor Irungu thanked the government for addressing security challenges in the county.

The President promised to step by step honour pledges his administration made to the locals during the election period and which the area current and former leaders, led by Kiunjuri and former Speaker of the National Assembly Francis Ole Kaparo reminded him about.



From left; Monica Juma (Security advisor), Nyeri Senator Wahome Wamatinga, Othaya MP Wambugu Wainaina and Murang’a Women Rep. Betty Maina at Thome, Laikipia County yesterday.



President William Ruto (3rd left) with, from left; Bishop Joseph Kagunda, Laikipia Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri, IG Douglas Kanja among other leaders at Thome village, Laikipia County yesterday.

Split And Passed: How Parliament Repackaged The Finance Bill 2024

By: MKT Correspondents

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Worth Noting:

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The original Finance Bill 2024 had sparked nationwide demonstrations, particularly among youth and civil society groups, who viewed it as punitive and burdensome. Proposals to tax digital content, increase levies on essential goods, and introduce new service charges were met with fierce resistance. The backlash forced the government to withdraw the bill in its original form, promising to review its contents and engage in broader public consultation.

However, Ichung'wah's remarks suggest that the government opted for a legislative workaround. By fragmenting the bill into four distinct pieces of legislation, each addressing different sectors, the administration was able to reintroduce and pass the measures with minimal public scrutiny. According to sources familiar with the process, the four bills covered revenue enhancement, public finance management amendments, investment and enterprise support, and tax administration reforms.

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National Assembly Majority Leader Kimani Ichung'wah speaks during the burial of Mzee Weston Kirocho Kanja in Thome, Laikipia East Constituency on October 23, 2025. Photo/Ichung'wah

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In defense of the government's actions, Ichung'wah maintained that the decision to split the bill was made in good faith. He argued that the original bill contained numerous beneficial provisions that were overshadowed by misinformation and political posturing. By reintroducing the measures in a more targeted format, he said, Parliament was able to focus on the merits of each proposal and pass laws that support economic growth and fiscal responsibility.

The government has yet to release a comprehensive breakdown of the four bills or the specific provisions they contain. However, analysts believe that many of the controversial elements from the original Finance Bill 2024 have been retained, albeit under different titles and frameworks. The Kenya Revenue Authority is expected to begin implementing the new tax measures in early 2026, with changes anticipated in digital taxation, mobile money levies, and business compliance requirements.

The political implications of this legislative maneuver are significant. With the 2027 general elections on the horizon, opposition parties are likely to use the issue as a rallying

point. They argue that the government's actions reflect a broader pattern of opacity and disregard for public opinion. Meanwhile, the ruling coalition is expected to frame the move as a pragmatic solution to a complex fiscal challenge, emphasizing the need for revenue generation and economic reform.

For many Kenyans, the episode is a stark reminder of the importance of sustained civic engagement. While the initial protests succeeded in halting the Finance Bill's passage, the government's ability to reintroduce its contents through alternative means highlights the need for continuous oversight. Civil society groups are now calling for greater transparency in the legislative process, including real-time publication of bills, open committee hearings, and mandatory public participation periods.

Legal experts have also weighed in, with some suggesting that the repackaging of the Finance Bill could be challenged in court. They argue that the Constitution requires meaningful public participation in the formulation of laws, and that splitting a rejected bill into smaller parts without adequate consultation may violate this principle. Petitions are reportedly being prepared to contest the legality of the new laws and demand a review of the legisla-

tive process.

As the dust settles, the focus now shifts to implementation. Businesses, especially small and medium enterprises, are bracing for the impact of the new tax measures. Digital content creators, who were among the most vocal opponents of the original bill, are seeking clarity on how the new laws will affect their operations. Meanwhile, economists warn that while revenue generation is essential, it must be balanced with policies that support growth and protect vulnerable populations.

The story of the Finance Bill 2024 is far from over. It is a case study in political strategy, public resistance, and the evolving relationship between government and citizenry. Whether viewed as a clever workaround or a betrayal of trust, the decision to divide and pass the bill will shape Kenya's fiscal landscape—and its democratic discourse—for years to come.

Public Inquest Into Hillside Endarasha Academy Fire Delayed

By: Kenya News Agency
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The public inquest into the Hillside Endarasha Academy fire tragedy was postponed to next month.

Parents of the 21 boys who perished in the September 2024 dormitory fire arrived at Nyeri court yesterday morning, only to learn that the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) had not yet submitted the investigative file from last year's probe into the incident.

Through their lawyer, Raphael Okubo, the parents informed the court that they had not received any formal communication from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) or the government regarding the inquest proceedings.

"We came to register our presence and to be made part of the court proceedings because, surprisingly,

the victims' parents have not been informed and were unaware of the process. We came today to formally request inclusion in the proceedings," said Okubo.

The inquest was moved to court following a recommendation by the ODPP, which suggested handling the case as an inquest.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen announced this decision during the Jukwaa la Usalama forum in Nyeri on August 26.

Last month, the parents of the deceased boys, together with the Kenya Human Rights Commission and the Elimu Bora Working Group, filed a constitutional petition. The petition seeks to hold the school proprietors, the National Education Board, the Nyeri County Director of Education, the Nyeri County Education Board, and the Education Cabinet Secretary accountable for failing to protect and secure the learners' lives, resulting in the tragic deaths.

The petitioners also demand that the



court orders the investigating agency to publicise the investigation findings into the fire's cause.

They argued that their right to human dignity under Article 28 of the Constitution continues to be violated by the respondents' failure to disclose the

cause and circumstances surrounding the fire that claimed their sons' lives.

Okubo also formally requested access to all documents and evidence that the ODPP and the state will rely on during the prosecution.

He confirmed that the upcoming pub-

lic inquest will not interfere with the constitutional petition filed on September 23, 2025.

The inquest has now been rescheduled to proceed on November 20 before Magistrate Maryanne Gituma.



Standard Chartered Marathon Set For Sunday, Some Roads To Be Closed

By: MKT Correspondent

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Worth Noting:

- The race will kick off from Uhuru Gardens along Lang'ata Road, with runners taking a scenic route along the Southern Bypass that offers breathtaking views of Nairobi National Park.
- The 5km Family Fun Run will finish on the Southern Bypass, while all other race categories will conclude at Uhuru Gardens. With an anticipated participation of 30,000 runners, the Nairobi Traffic Department has formulated a detailed traffic management plan aimed at minimizing disruption and maintaining a steady flow of vehicles.
- Between midnight and 12:10 pm, motorists will be redirected through alternative routes to accommodate the closures.
- Motorists traveling from Kikuyu will access Dagoretti via the Southern Bypass, while those coming from Karen will use the Bypass to reach Kikuyu through Dagoretti Road.

Standard Chartered yesterday announced road closures and traffic diversions ahead of the 22nd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon, scheduled for Sunday.

The road closures will be in effect from midnight until 1:30 pm on race day to ensure the safety of participants and smooth running of the event.

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Drivers from Karen Shopping Centre heading to Kikuyu are advised to take Dagoretti Road, while those bound for Mombasa Road should use Lang'ata Road. Motorists traveling from Galleria Mall to Kikuyu will use Dagoretti Road via Lang'ata Road, and those heading to Mombasa Road will take Uhuru Highway through Lang'ata Road.

Vehicles from the Inland Container Depot (ICD) going to Kikuyu via the Southern Bypass will be diverted through Waiyaki Way, either via Mombasa Road or Uhuru Highway. Drivers from Mombasa Road will access Emara Ole Sereni through Nextgen Mall, while motorists using the Southern Bypass from Likoni Road heading towards Mombasa Road will be redirected to Enterprise Road.

The extended closure lasting until 1:30 pm will affect motorists traveling from Kikuyu to Mombasa Road via the Southern Bypass. They are advised to use Waiyaki Way, Ngong Road, or Mbagathi Way instead.

Motorists driving from Lenana (Ngong Road) to Kikuyu should use Waiyaki Way via Naivasha Road or James Gichuru Road, while those traveling from Lenana to Mombasa Road are advised to use Lang'ata Road through Karen Road. Heavy vehicles and trailers destined for

Mombasa Road via the Southern Bypass are also directed to use Waiyaki Way.

Nairobi Traffic Commandant Joseph Chirchir, during a press briefing on marathon preparedness, assured the public that adequate measures have been implemented to ensure smooth traffic flow and enhanced safety.

"We have worked closely with the marathon organisers to ensure minimal inconvenience for motorists and residents. The alternative routes have been carefully selected to maintain steady movement while enabling thousands of runners to enjoy a safe and memorable race experience," said Commandant Chirchir.

The Local Organising Committee Chairperson, David Mwindi, said this year's marathon has been meticulously planned to provide an even better experience for both runners and spectators.

"From expanded finish areas and improved hydration points to better flow management and staffing, every enhancement is designed to make the event smoother, safer, and more enjoyable," Mwindi said.

The marathon features seven race categories: the full marathon, half marathon, 10km race, 21km wheelchair race, 5km Family Fun Run, CEO Challenge, and Corporate

Challenge. This diversity reflects the event's inclusive spirit, bringing together elite athletes, families, corporate teams, and fitness enthusiasts.

Mwindi added that several upgrades will enhance the race-day experience. For the first time, elite runners in the full 42km marathon will have an exclusive finish-line channel. Meanwhile, the 21km and 10km races will finish at different points within Uhuru Gardens to ease congestion.

Additionally, the runner walk-off zone has been expanded by 30 percent to improve flow and safety. The medal and hydration teams have been reinforced with additional personnel to ensure timely service. A new photo-finish zone will be set up just after the finish line to allow runners to capture high-quality photos without obstructing the flow of participants.

The 22nd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon promises to be a landmark event, blending athletic excellence, community participation, and a celebration of health and fitness.

MKU Enhances Training Of Mediators As Demand Soars

By: James Wakahiu
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Worth Noting:

- The stakeholders spoke at Mount Kenya University (MKU) during the graduation of some 27 Certified Professional Mediators (CPM) who have undergone training through the University's Institute of International and Development Law (IID-LAW) in partnership with Suluhu Mediation Center.
- Speakers at the event noted that court referrals to mediation has increased drastically and hence the need for more qualified mediators adding that case conclusions have significantly risen indicating high success rate.
- Judy Ngayu, the Director MKU Institute of International and Development Law (IID-LAW) noted that training of more mediators will help bridge the gap and ensure that there enough qualified mediators to handle matters within the republic.

Stakeholders have raised concerns over shortage of mediators in the country amid a growing demand for mediation services.

The country, with a population of over 50 million, has about 2000 registered mediators despite their services being highly sought especially after the Judiciary established the Court-Annexed Mediation program (CAM) to reduce backlog in courts and promote out-of-court settlements.

Players in the sector maintain that mediation services are imperative in clearing matters that have dragged for years in courts as well as enhancing disputes settlement. They noted that there's dire need to adopt deliberate measures to bridge the deficit of mediators in the country.

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"We have a shortage of mediators as a country and the fact that there so many matters dragging in courts and many files in the Judiciary being handled by mediators is a sign that there's more that need to be done. This is the reason why MKU through IIDLAW embarked on this program of training mediators," Ms Ngayu said.

The Director noted the mediation training program at IIDLAW is set to be taken a notch higher following partnership with Suluhu Mediation Center to offer various programmes, from professional certification courses to specific workshops on topics like commercial or domestic violence mediation.

Her sentiments were echoed by Ferd Moyomba, the Training Coordinator at IIDLAW who quipped that the training options include in-person, virtual, and blended formats, and some programs lead to accreditation recognized by the Judiciary of Kenya.

Senior Resident Magistrate Adelaide Sisenda, who graduated as a CPM after undergoing the training. She noted that mediation practice should be



Judy Ngayu, the Director MKU Institute of International and Development Law (IIDLAW) and Suluhu Mediation Center Director Maina Migwi sign pact to enhance mediation training at MKU's Parklands campus in Nairobi.

upheld to assist the Judiciary to solve disputes spanning from corporate disputes, succession and inheritance, marital, family and inheritance disputes, commercial and trade disputes among others.

"Our courts are currently overwhelmed with cases that can be settled through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes and especially mediation. This is the only process to amicably solve disputes while ensuring that the relationship between the parties involved is not harmed in any way," she said.

Hon Sisenda reiterated that there's dire need to enhance training of more mediators as well as creating a unified legal framework, such as a national Mediation Act, to facilitate structured growth and standardization of the mediation profession.

She at the same time emphasized the importance of alternative justice sys-

tem (AJS) or alternative dispute resolution (ADR) which she said goes a long way to save time and expenses incurred through ordinary litigation.

"Many Kenyans are still resorting to litigation as their first option and this indicates a persistent need for greater public sensitization about the benefits of mediation," she noted.

Suluhu Mediation Center Director Maina Migwi noted that to increase the number of mediators in the country, comprehensive strategies are needed to build a robust mediation ecosystem. He said that the strategies include strengthening the institutional framework, increasing public awareness of mediation's benefits, and establishing training and financial support systems.

We must establish common training standards and work with professional and academic institutions to develop and implement standardized training

and accreditation programs. This is why we are working closely with MKU through IIDLAW to advance this training.

The Chief Guest at the event Mrs Christine Kungu, the Chairperson Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya (FIDA-Kenya) noted that adequacy of certified and qualified mediators will enhance justice for women and girls across the country.

"We have seen mediation to be a comparatively efficient mechanism for parties who wish to amicably resolve their disputes while enhancing unity and protecting the mutual relationship they have for each other," she noted.

She however called on mediators and especially those joining the profession to observe and adhere to the Mediators Code of Conduct as well as uphold high integrity standards in their line of work.



The stakeholders cutting a cake to mark the graduation ceremony of 27 Certified Professional Mediators at MKU Parklands campus in Nairobi.

Mudavadi Attends The 5th National Agricultural Summit

By: OPCS Press
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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi yesterday closed the 5th Annual National Agribusiness Summit organized by the Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET), an umbrella body of the agriculture sector in Kenya.

Mudavadi said the summit stands as a powerful platform to reposition agriculture as a competitive, profitable, and technology-driven enterprise that fuels Kenya's economic transformation.

Through bold and deliberate policy commitments under the Government of Kenya's Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS) and Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), mudavadi said the government is strengthening entire value

chains, enhancing market efficiency, and modernizing rural infrastructure to unlock the full potential of the sector.

"These frameworks are harmonizing county and national interventions, reducing duplication, curbing exploitation, stabilizing markets, and delivering tangible results for farmers and agripreneurs" said the Prime CS.

He added that a critical pillar of this transformation is value addition and agro-processing that is being actualized through investing in cottage industries, cold storage facilities, and agro-industrial parks thus increasing farm incomes, creating quality jobs, and stimulating local economies.

This year's summit brought together leaders from government, the private sector, academia, and development partners, united by a shared mission to transform agriculture into a vibrant engine of enterprise, innovation, and prosperity.



It was guided by the theme "From Promise to Action: Advancing Agribusiness through Dialogue and Innovation," with conversations and

commitments forged affirming one truth, the future of agriculture lies in innovation, data, and technology.

Study Reveals East African Media's SGBV Coverage Gaps

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A new study by the Aga Khan University's Graduate School of Media and Communications (GSMC) reveals that a persistent focus on event-driven narratives, victim sympathy, and official sources is failing to hold perpetrators of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and femicide in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania accountable and hindering the pursuit of justice.

Drawing on data from more than 1,200 news stories published between January 2024 and April 2025, the report title 'Media Framing of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Femicide in East Africa' sheds light on a critical gap where only 3 percent of stories focused on perpetrators, despite thematic framing which situates violence within broader social structures dominating 78 percent of the coverage reviewed.

Professor Nancy Booker, Dean at GSMC noted that the study under-

scores the critical role of the media in shaping how societies understand and respond to gender-based violence.

"It challenges journalists and editors to move beyond the headlines to tell stories that humanise survivors, question impunity, and hold systems accountable. Journalism has the power not just to inform, but to drive justice and change," stated Prof Booker in a press statement.

While the study noted positive progress, including a dominant trend towards situating violence within broader social and cultural contexts, the findings highlight a failure to connect incidents to accountability.

A stark 3 percent focus on perpetrators means the individuals responsible for violence often remain out of sight in media narratives, especially in follow-up reporting whereas only 11 percent of stories amplified survivor voices, despite survivors being central to the narrative of violence.

Further, Kenya accounted for more than half of the regional coverage (54%), followed by Tanzania (28%) and Uganda (18%), suggesting a positive impact from the institution-



alisation of gender desks and targeted newsroom training.

In his remarks, lead researcher Dr Hesbon Hansen Owilla pointed out that this invisibility is a major barrier to progress affirming that there's growing awareness in East African media that gender-based violence and femicide are societal issues rather than isolated incidents.

"But coverage remains largely

event-driven, and perpetrators are still invisible, especially in follow-up reporting. That invisibility fosters impunity and weakens deterrence," explained Owilla.

Meanwhile, the report, part of GSMC's Advancing Gender Equality in Media and Civil Society in East Africa (AGEMC-EA) project, urges media houses to institutionalise gender desks, embed gender-sensitive

journalism in editorial practice, and strengthen collaborations with academia, policymakers, and civil society.

"The media is not just a mirror of society, it is an agent of change. This report is a wake-up call to reimagine how we tell stories about gender-based violence, and whose voices we choose to centre," implored Prof Booker.

Unsolved Questions



Long ago people had big Families
Even dozen children in a family unit
Parents unemployed, lived in a joint family
Small houses but cared children well

Peace in family, Happiness amongst all
No diseases, problems or troubles
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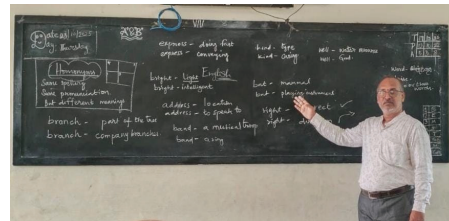
Now Families are nuclear
With one or maximum two children Both
parents well employed

Big houses but children uncontrolled
Always a hurry-burry life Tension... busy
existence
Accumulating all diseases

Lot of money yet no happiness, peace or
satisfaction
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Even parents become partial without justice,
Why...why.. why

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The Best Revenge Is Not To Be Like Your Enemy



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That brings happiness in life.

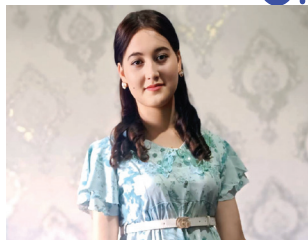
Showing kindness on others
Easier than waiving revenge.
Everyone practising this on others
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Responding to them with smiles
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Move forward towards our favour.

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Walking towards our laws.

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Kindergarten – The Foundation Of The Future



By: Akmaxamatova Muhayyo
Children's lives are a beautiful, mysterious, and colorful world. Every child's smile, first word, and first steps are the most valuable treasures for their future. Therefore, preschool education institutions are not only essential for children to gain knowledge but also crucial for shaping their personalities, developing moral values, creative thinking, and social skills.

Today, the role of preschool education is increasingly important. Every parent wants their child to grow up in a comfortable and nurturing environment. Kindergarten is the practical embodiment of this desire. Here, children not only engage in colorful games, music lessons, and drawing but also learn their first friendships, self-expression, and teamwork skills.

For preschool education to be effective, several factors are essential: qualified and caring

teachers, a safe and comfortable environment, various didactic games, and modern pedagogical technologies. For example, interactive games help children focus, while storytelling expands their imagination. At the same time, sports and physical activities play a significant role in strengthening children's health.

Nowadays, both public and private kindergartens strive to improve quality. At the same time, parents play an irreplaceable role. They need to involve their children in kindergarten activities, support them at home, and play together. After all, preschool education is not just about lessons and activities; it is the period when children prepare for life.

It should be emphasized that preschool education is the foundation of the future. A child attending kindergarten today can become a knowledgeable, cultured, and compassionate member of society tomorrow. Therefore, the primary responsibility of every parent and society is to create a comfortable and effective educational environment for children. Kindergarten is not just about games and fun; it is a school of life preparation, knowledge, and love. Every little heart grows here, taking confident steps toward the future.

Rome Was Not Built In A Day



Time is also needed for our growth & maturity!
Withstanding all problems and to stand erect like a building!

Which inturn withstands high temperatures and heavy rainfall!
Hours of sincere studies helps the students to get good marks!
Day & night's hardwork help us to reach greater heights!

Work of years cannot be completed
Within a fraction of a second!
It takes years for the coconut tree to produce tender coconut!

Some need less time &
Some need more time!

Seeds need time to come out as seedlings!
It takes time to grow as a plant or tree!
The insect has to complete several stages to become a butterfly!

Step by step
Day by day
Our goals can be achieved!

Building a monument takes more years
Than an ordinary building!

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Erecting a building takes a longer time span than demolishing!
Everything needs its own time space!

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Investigation Of The Effect Of The Ginning Process On Cotton Fiber Quality



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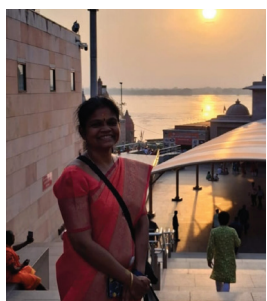
The ginning process plays a decisive role in determining the quality and technological value of cotton fibers. During ginning, fibers are separated from seeds through mechanical action, and the efficiency of this operation directly affects fiber characteristics such as length, strength, fineness, maturity, and uniformity. Improper regulation of ginning parameters often causes mechanical damage to fibers, including shortening, weakening, and the formation of neps and trash particles. This research focuses on analyzing how different ginning methods – particularly saw ginning and roller ginning – influence the preservation of fiber integrity. Experimental observations revealed that roller ginning, when conducted at controlled moisture content and moderate roller speed,

ensures minimal fiber breakage and maintains higher tensile strength compared to saw ginning. Excessive pressure and high rotational speeds, on the other hand, were found to increase the proportion of short fibers and reduce overall yarn quality in subsequent spinning processes. To achieve optimal fiber output, process parameters such as seed cotton moisture (8-9%), roller pressure, and ambient temperature must be carefully maintained. The implementation of modern monitoring systems and automated control technologies can significantly reduce fiber deterioration, leading to more uniform and durable textile products.

The study concludes that improving ginning technology and standardizing process parameters are essential steps toward enhancing the economic and technological efficiency of cotton processing industries, especially in regions where cotton production forms a key part of the agricultural economy.

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Your every prayer and every silent tear.

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The sacred connection can forever be made.
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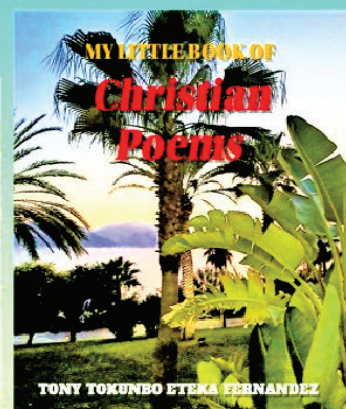
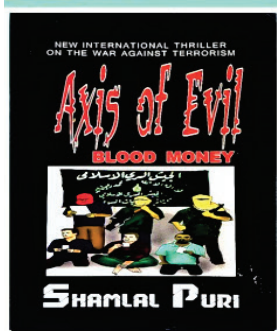
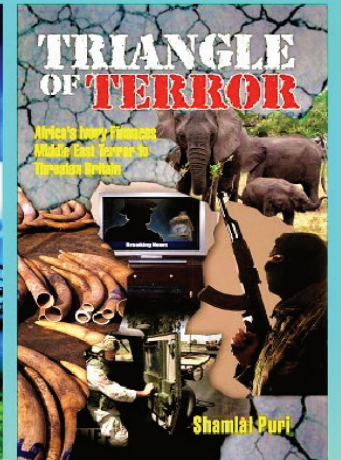
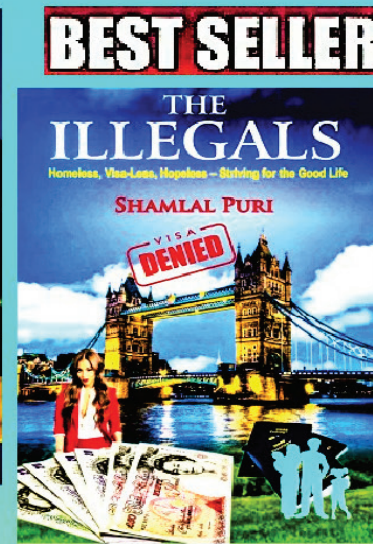
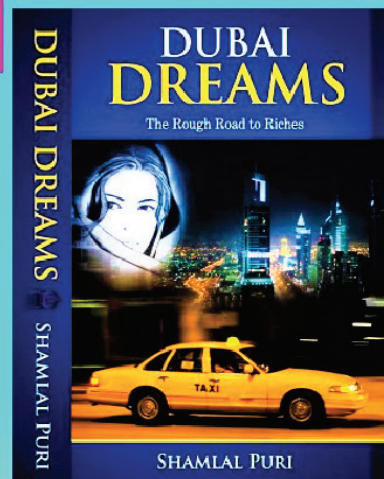
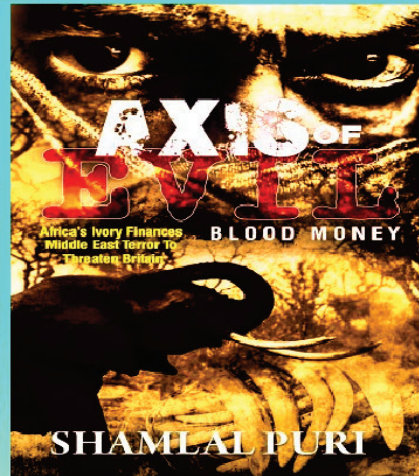
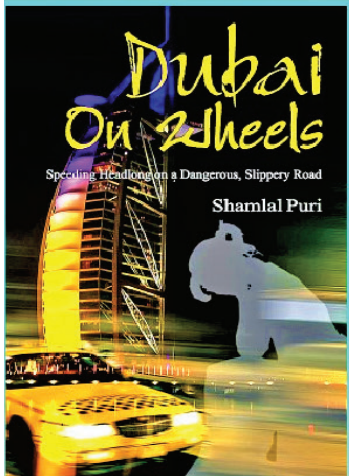
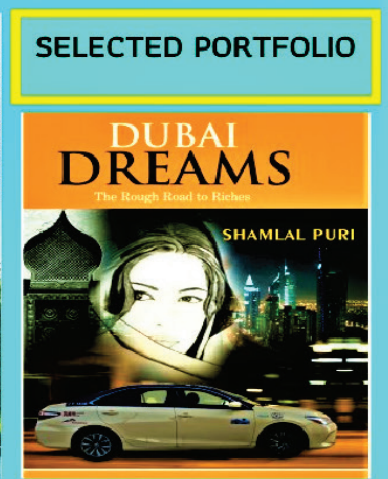
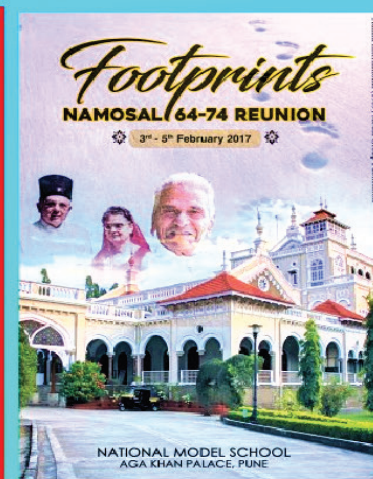
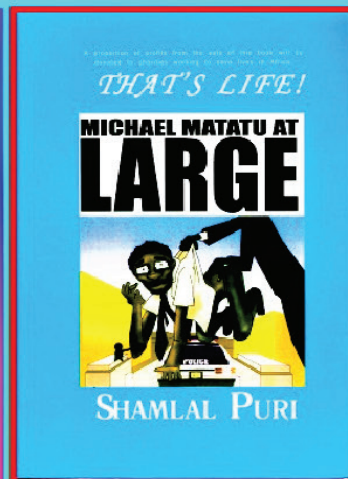
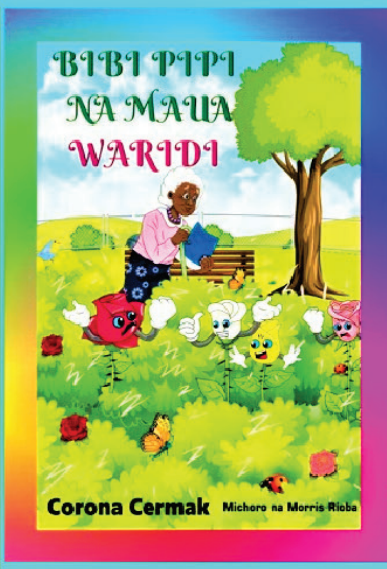
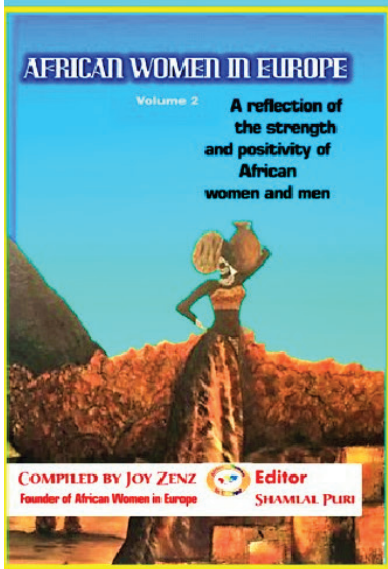
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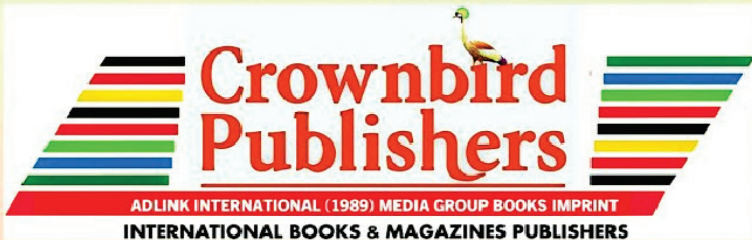
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Raila Jr Takes Over As Head Of Odinga Family, Oburu Retains Clan Role

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Worth Noting:

• Raila Jr underwent the traditional head-shaving ritual, marking the end of the mourning period and symbolizing his readiness to assume leadership. The first cut was made by his grandmother, followed by other elders, in a gesture that underscored generational unity and spiritual cleansing. The ceremony also included Tero Buru, a send-off ritual meant to ensure the spirit of the deceased rests peacefully. Traditional dancers and chants filled the compound, creating an atmosphere of reverence and cultural pride.

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The ritual, led by Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga, who now serves as the family patriarch, marked the formal transfer of domestic authority after the burial of former Prime Minister Raila Odinga/ODM

In a deeply symbolic cultural ceremony held at Opoda Farm in Bondo, Raila Odinga Junior was officially installed as the head of the Odinga family, marking a significant transition in one of Kenya's most prominent political dynasties. The event followed the burial of his father, the late former Prime Minister Raila Odinga, and was conducted in accordance with Luo traditions that guide succession within families. The ceremony, known as Liedo, signifies the passing of domestic leadership from a deceased patriarch to his heir and is a vital rite of passage in Luo culture.

Siaya Senator Oburu Oginga, Raila's elder brother, led the ceremony and affirmed Raila Jr's new role. He stated that the leadership of the home now rests with Junior and his mother, Ida Odinga, and urged him to stand firm in guiding the family. Oburu emphasized that while Raila Jr now heads the household, he himself retains the broader role of clan patri-

arch, a position that extends influence beyond the immediate family to the wider Luo community. The ceremony was not political, Oburu clarified, but a cultural obligation that honors tradition and ensures continuity.

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ernor Gladys Wanga. Their presence highlighted the significance of the moment, not just for the Odinga family but for the broader political landscape. While the ceremony was cultural, its implications were not lost on observers. Raila Jr, known for his quiet demeanor and focus on technology and entrepreneurship, now carries the symbolic weight of a name that has shaped Kenya's political history.

Raila Odinga's legacy as a champion of democracy, reform, and national unity is deeply entrenched in the country's consciousness. His son's new role, though not political by definition, places him at the center of a powerful legacy. Whether Raila Jr chooses to step into the political arena remains to be seen, but his leadership within the family will be closely watched. Social media reactions ranged from admiration for the cultural richness of the ceremony to speculation about Raila Jr's future role in public life.

Oburu Oginga's continued role as clan patriarch ensures that the Odinga family remains anchored in tradition even as it evolves. His experience and seniority provide stability and guidance, reinforcing the cultural framework that governs succession. The ceremony also served as a moment of healing for the family and the community, honoring Raila Odinga's life and preparing the next generation to carry forward his values.

As Raila Jr steps into his new role, the Odinga homestead stands as a symbol of generational transition. The rituals may have ended, but the legacy continues. With the mantle now passed, a new chapter begins for the Odinga family—and perhaps, in time, for Kenya's political future.

Impacts Of Frequent Lectures Strike On Higher Education In Kenya

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Strikes in institutions of higher learning have been common in recent times. At this case are these strikes the only language that the government understands? Is there no money allocated specifically for the lectures at the of the month? Why always these institutions striking? Or maybe how will the strike impact Kenya's ability to achieve its Vision 2030 education goals? Above all these strikes cause more harm to students and parents compared to other stakeholders.

While strikes achieve gain for lectures after negotiations and agreement on return to work it will result to a burden to students and their parents. Let's focus on students because they are the ones receiving the harm directly. Imagine being a university student and having all that freedom because there no classes and no one monitors you.As it is often said,i-

dle minds are devils workshop. The strike will lead to nuisance to the general society. Drugs and abortion and so many social vices will increase. In addition to that, the prolonged strike will also render many students to become parents because where will all the energy be used.

All in all, many students have lost interest in their studies. It's now five weeks the students have not seen the four walls of their lecture halls. It feels normal at some point not going to lectures until it becomes 'normal' and this 'normal' maybe deferment of studies or dropping out.The strike will also lead to delayed graduation and field attachments. As a matter of fact all these delays will at the end affect the economy of this country because these are the personnel delayed to enter the job market and pay taxes.

To the parents the frequent lectures strike makes them fed up;it's the joy of every parent to see his/her child learning smoothly and graduating at the end of four years.In the same way it leads to financial strains and



stresses to families. For instance, a first year student who has recently joined the university maybe earlier September or late August the parent can render semester fee unproductive. It can also cause immerse frustrations and anxiety among parents about the future of their children.

In summary, as the lectures are

striking to address their grievances they are at the same time burdening parents who are the silent stakeholders of the education system. Resolving this common crisis requires genuine dialogue and accountability for all the stakeholders(mostly parents), lectures, student and the government. The University Academic

Staff Union(UASU) and the Kenya Universities Staff Union(KUSU) at one voice stand and give students and parents the way forward.

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Spectrum Management And 5G Deployment In Kenya: Legal Levers For Efficient And Equitable Access



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Worth Noting:

- First, it is useful to situate Kenya's current status in relation to 5G deployment. According to an expert guide on 5G regulation in Kenya, Communications Authority of Kenya (CAK) reports that one operator, Safaricom PLC, has deployed over 1,100 5G sites in more than 100 towns since its launch in October 2022.
- Another operator, Airtel Kenya, had over 690 sites by June 2024 across 39 counties and intends to reach 1,690 sites by end of 2024. These real-world numbers show that deployment is underway, but adoption remains lower than potential, especially outside the major urban centres.
- One key legal lever is the regulatory framework that defines spectrum as a national resource held in trust and mandates its efficient and equitable use.

Spectrum management is a critical pillar in enabling equitable access and efficient deployment of next-generation networks such as 5G. In Kenya, where the goal is not only to foster high-speed connectivity but also to bridge digital divides, legal levers play an essential role in shaping how spectrum is allocated, used and managed. This article explores practical, Kenya-centered approaches, while drawing on comparative experiences, to show how legal tools can support efficient and equitable 5G rollout.

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One key legal lever is the regulatory framework that defines spectrum as a national resource held in trust and mandates its efficient and equitable use. In Kenya's "Frequency Spectrum Management Guidelines 2020", the CAK states that the radio frequency spectrum is "a scarce national and natural resource that is held in trust and managed by the Authority on

behalf of the people of Kenya." The guidelines further emphasize planning for efficient utilization, stakeholder participation, and fairness in allocation. This establishes a basis for policy instruments to ensure that spectrum is not simply hoarded by large incumbents but rather managed for broad societal benefit.

Another practical example is found in Kenya's licensing and revival tools: under the Kenya Information and Communications Act (KICA) and the associated radio-communications regulations, CAK has power to recall or require surrender of spectrum assignments where licensees fail to utilize them within prescribed timelines. In practice, this means spectrum that lies idle covering perhaps rural or underserved zones can be reclaimed and reallocated. This legal lever is crucial when pushing for equitable access across counties beyond Nairobi and Kisumu.

Spectrum pricing and assignment mechanisms are also important legal tools. For example, CAK used an administrative process (a "beauty contest") to allocate 60 MHz of the 2600 MHz band each to Safaricom and Airtel for 15-year licences. This administrative allocation allowed for criteria beyond pure auction price such as ability to cover underserved regions and deploy quickly thereby supporting broader policy goals. In addition, CAK is reviewing its spectrum pricing framework to differentiate charges by low-, medium-, and high-frequency bands, and to encour-

age smaller operators. These pricing/legal levers help lower barriers to entry and support more equitable market participation.

A further practical step is spectrum sharing and community network frameworks. Kenya has approved a framework for television white space (TVWS) spectrum use, which allows under-utilized spectrum to be used by smaller players or community networks. While not strictly 5G, the principle of flexible spectrum licensing and sharing can be extended to 5G infrastructure in remote and underserved areas, thereby supporting efficient deployment and equitable access. Internationally, many jurisdictions have adopted shared spectrum models. Kenya's legal infrastructure may evolve similarly to encourage private local networks, enterprise 5G and community broadband.

In terms of comparative insights, the global industry body GSMA recommends that Kenya access at least 2 GHz of mid-band spectrum (e.g., 3.5 GHz, 4.8 GHz, 6 GHz) by 2030 to fully unlock 5G's potential and lower consumer costs. This highlights a legal-policy challenge: ensuring ongoing spectrum releases and reframing of government-used bands. Kenya's legal levers must include timelines and mandates for vacating/repurposing spectrum held by non-telecom users so that the resources are freed for 5G and equitable access.

Finally, tackling nationwide equity requires regulatory levers that compel operators to cover underserved

regions. Kenya's legal framework allows licence conditions to include coverage obligations, technical standards and rollout deadlines. For example, eligibility for spectrum may require Kenyan ownership thresholds or instalment payments for major spectrum fees, thereby supporting local players. If CAK and government tie those obligations to spectrum pricing and renewal, then the legal levers will help translate investment into tangible coverage in counties and wards that currently lag.

In summary, Kenya has a blueprint of legal levers that can enable efficient and equitable 5G deployment from spectrum trust and planning principles, license surrender and recall mechanisms, differentiated pricing and sharing frameworks, to coverage obligations and release of additional bands. The practical examples above show what is already happening. To maximize impact, it will be vital for regulators, operators and policymakers to monitor utilization (especially in non-urban counties), ensure spectrum is promptly released or reallocated, and ensure licensing incentives align with national digital inclusion goals. With these measures in place, Kenya can not only roll out 5G but ensure it reaches all citizens, not only those in major towns.

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Raila Odinga: From An Ethnic Luo Kingpin To Kenya Statesman And People's President

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October 15th, 2025 to go down the memory lane of history. Not Kenya's history. It is world's history embodying Kenya. The history of sombre reflection on the exemplary life, life-threatening struggles and sudden passing of Kenya's Greatest patriot, pre-eminent giant of the Greater Nilotic family of East-West Africa, devoted Pan-Africanist and world class politician, Rt. Honorable Raila Amollo Odinga.

Raila delved deep into Kenyan nation conscience. He was Kenya personified in epitomizing suffering for the common man with magnanimity and immortalizing his life in Kenya's struggle for social justice embedded in democracy, while turning arch-rivals without bitterness into close allies as he was inspiring hope for millions of Kenyan poor yearning for a better future.

He left behind a big family he tutored and inspired that crisscrosses vast lands and high seas stretching from Africa to Asia, America to Europe and Australia to Mideast.

A truly homegrown son of Great Rift Valley of East Africa lying beneath the twin mounts of Kenya and Elgon towering over and above the calmly flowing Great Lake Victoria.

In this beautifully shaped diverse family are billions of students in Raila's extra-ordinary large, open and free of charge university of liberation politics no physical space on earth can accommodate.

Where the teacher was none other than Raila. His chalk was the word and black board his enigma.

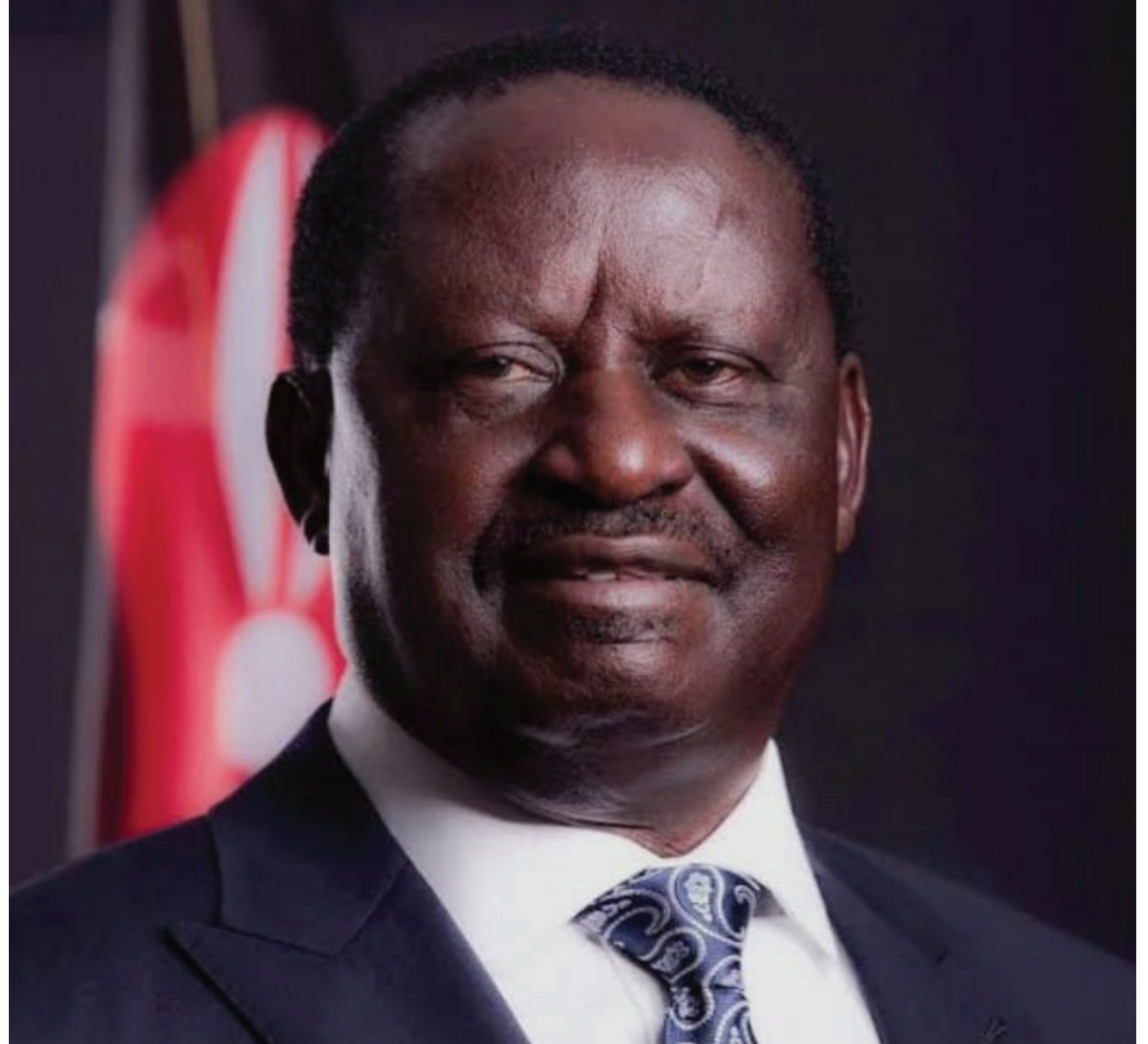
All contained political accums weaved in strategies and tactics to combat common man daily struggles that subsumed his 40 years tireless political sojourn.

His next acrobatic moves in the face of impossibilities turned possibilities became the subject of political discourse and vetting.

He scaled the heights from the rock bottom of an abrasive, fiery ethnic Luo politician of the 1990s up to Raila the Kenya's polished statesman and the people's president in the turn and quarter of the century. I christened this acrobatic long jump Raila Odinga's political miracle.

His star rose up sky high and shone brighter when he piggybacked physically incapacitated Emilio Mwai Kibaki to power as Republic of Kenya's 3rd President upon retirement of long serving President Daniel Toroitich Arap Moi in 2002.

In Kenya as second home to millions of fellow South Sudanese, I experienced the Harambee enduring legacy



Raila Odinga

Worth Noting:

- Raila delved deep into Kenyan nation conscience. He was Kenya personified in epitomizing suffering for the common man with magnanimity and immortalizing his life in Kenya's struggle for social justice embedded in democracy, while turning arch-rivals without bitterness into close allies as he was inspiring hope for millions of Kenyan poor yearning for a better future.

- He left behind a big family he tutored and inspired that crisscrosses vast lands and high seas stretching from Africa to Asia, America to Europe and Australia to Mideast.
- A truly homegrown son of Great Rift Valley of East Africa lying beneath the twin mounts of Kenya and Elgon towering over and above the calmly flowing Great Lake Victoria.

of Grand Jomo, unifying peaceful warmth of Daniel Moi's Nyayo, Kibaki's economic leap forward, Uhuru gentlemanly politics, Ruto galvanizing oratory and Raila Odinga's breathtaking social justice crusade. Became living witness of dynamic politics of young turks among whom Raila Odinga, George Anyona, Michael Kijana Wamalwa, Professor Peter Anyang Nyong'o, James Orengo, Paul Muite, Kiraitu Murungi, Gitobu Imanyara, Mukhisa Kitui were the senior most. It is not an exclusive men's club shaping Kenya alone into mesmerizing wonder it is today. Some notable and fearless women of high calibre were and are still in tow in late Professor Wangari Maathai of green belt movement, Martha Karua and Charity Ngilu. Not forgetting Dr. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka who in 2002 with his fine touch of servant leadership crossed over from ruling KANU to claim his rightful space in the young turks corner that was gradually growing older in age, social stature and immense political influence. Outside Raila's open classroom sessions, I and fellow South Sudanese have known Raila's Kenya as land of many firsts in discovery as a cradle of

mankind and in innovation through revolutionary banking in Mpesa. While to Africa, a beacon of Africa second liberation and hard-won democracy thanks to Odinga family's combined patriotism and zeal in the face of once sustained physical perils, social isolation and economic deprivation. Raila's Kenya is where the world's second and Africa's longest civil war was brought to an end through an equally more complex, but successfully implemented and concluded Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement, CPA in 2005 that culminated in today's independent South Sudan attributed to Moi's loving kindness, Kalonzo Musyoka stud diplomacy and Major-Gen Lazarus Sumbeiywo's military discipline.

Raila's Kenya is intertwined in destiny with South Sudan in a variety of more obvious ways beyond culture and memory. South Sudan is Kenya and Kenya is South Sudan. We both share the land border and Great Lake Victoria sourcing the Mighty River Nile and delicious Nile perch, shifting sands of Ilemi Triangle and hallow of Gregory rift, gains and losses, ancestry and families, home and away longings and feelings.

The same home and away feelings and longings I and many silent, but grieving South Sudanese share today to say sorry for unexpected departure of our leader, elder and father figure Tinga, Jakom, Nyundo, Agwambo, ROA and finally Baba the Statesman, the Right Honorable Prime Minister Raila Amollo Odinga.

Last but not least, people of Kenya remember Raila and entire Odinga family's good deeds than a few bad ones.

Take note one day, one time of repaying Odinga family with desired servant leadership Raila and father Jaramogi couldn't secure when alive as the only reward they can appreciate and bless with fullness of their hearts, while looking down over Kenya in spirit.

God bless Kenya! God bless South Sudan!

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Lebanon's All Girls Code Initiative Empowers Young Women To Lead In Tech

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Worth Noting:

- This year, All Girls Code was recognized with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Prize for Girls' and Women's Education, sharing the award with Kenya's Nashipai Maasai Community Projects.
- Funded by the Chinese government, the prize awards 50,000 U.S. dollars to each laureate to help further their work in the area of girls' and women's education. Since its establishment in 2015, the prize has recognized 20 projects in 19 countries over the decade, highlighting programs that advance girls' education and leadership worldwide.
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In a sunlit classroom in the Lebanese capital Beirut, Yara Noun talked about how an initiative changed the course of her studies. A first-year student at the American University of Beirut (AUB), she never expected coding to become central to her academic path.

"All Girls Code introduced me to computer science, which inspired me to major in communication and computer engineering," Noun said. Beyond technical skills, the program taught her public speaking, CV writing, and creative thinking, giving her the confidence to take on leadership roles and expand her network. Noun is one of more than 2,500 girls across nine countries reached by All Girls Code, a Lebanese initiative founded in 2017 by Aya Mouallem and Maya Moussa. Run by volunteers, the program provides coding, technology, and leadership training, especially to underserved communities and refugees. "The program gave me not only coding skills but also the ability to approach people confidently," Noun said. "Whenever I post about the program's events on social media, I see other women in my community inspired to learn and join."

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computer engineering.

Mariam Dandachli, a fifth-year medical student, highlighted the program's mentorship and community-building approach. "All Girls Code doesn't only teach coding; it prepares girls to integrate into university life, develop soft skills, and work effectively in teams," she said. Leading teams and mentoring others helped Mariam build leadership skills while supporting girls pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields. Across Lebanon and the Arab region, women are still underrepresented in STEM fields. According to UNESCO, women account for only 35 percent of STEM gradu-

ates. "Having someone depend on you is a responsibility," she added. "It showed me that the work we do isn't just for one event but for helping someone build their future." Describing the UNESCO recognition a milestone for the program, co-founder Moussa told Xinhua, "The award enables us to strengthen our curricula, both online and in-person, and ensures a sustainable path forward for empowering girls with STEM and leadership skills." According to Moussa, the program builds a sense of community. "Alumni continue volunteering, mentoring new participants, and taking part in events that connect culture and technology... This growing network ex-

tends the impact of All Girls Code far beyond individual classrooms or workshops," she said. Thanks to the UNESCO recognition, the support of China, and a growing community of alumni and volunteers, All Girls Code "is preparing young women to thrive in a digital world, take on leadership roles, and mentor the next generation," Moussa said, hoping that the program would create a lasting ripple effect across the region.

Uganda's Election Season: When Chaos Threatens Women's Voices

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Uganda is once again in an election season a time meant for citizens to shape the destiny of their nation through the power of the ballot. But as posters go up and campaigns heat up, an unsettling reality begins to emerge: for many women, elections are not a moment of empowerment, but a season of fear.

Across the country, we have witnessed scenes of tension during past elections — tear gas in towns, clashes between supporters, and cases of intimidation. While political actors often treat this as the “heat of democracy,” the ripple effects are devastating, especially for women.

When violence breaks out, it is women who suffer most. They close their market stalls early to avoid

chaos, miss out on daily income, and shoulder the burden of caring for children at home. Some are harassed or attacked while trying to vote, while others stay away altogether silenced by fear. In rural communities, where women form the backbone of economic life, such instability deepens poverty and widens gender inequality.

Uganda cannot claim to uphold democracy while half of its population feels unsafe participating in it. A peaceful election is not just the absence of war; it is the presence of dignity, security, and inclusion. The Electoral Commission, security agencies, and political leaders must prioritize the safety of women not as an afterthought, but as a core element of electoral integrity.

What Should Be Done

To protect women and promote inclusive democracy during elections,



several actions are urgently needed: Security agencies must be trained to handle election-related incidents with gender sensitivity, ensuring that women can vote and campaign without fear of harassment or violence.

The Electoral Commission, in partnership with civil society, should intensify voter education campaigns that emphasize peaceful participation, especially targeting women in rural areas.

Political parties should adopt internal policies that protect women candidates from intimidation and create safe spaces for them to campaign and engage the public freely.

Acts of election-related gender-based violence must be investigated and punished to end the culture of impunity that discourages women from participating in politics.

Uganda's democracy can only thrive when every citizen man or

woman feels safe to express their choice. Let this election season not be another chapter of fear, but a turning point toward peace and equality. When women are protected, empowered, and heard, the entire nation stands stronger.

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Kenyan's Unending Battle With The Cost Of Living

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Every time a Kenyan walks into a supermarket, fuels their car or checks the price of unga they are reminded of one truth: life has never been this expensive. The cost of living has become the silent national crisis that unites both the employed and the jobless in frustration. From Nairobi's bustling estates to rural shopping centers, ordinary Kenyans are feeling the sting of inflation and taxation policies that seem detached from reality.

It is no secret that the country's economy is under strain. The recent Finance Act, which increased taxes on essential goods and services, has made basic survival an uphill task. While the government insists that these levies are necessary to fund development projects and reduce debt, the burden on citizens has reached unbearable levels. For many families, it is not just about tightening belts it's about choosing a better option for themselves with the little penny at hand.

The youth, who make up the largest portion of Kenya's population, are bearing the heaviest brunt. Thousands of graduates roam the streets

without jobs while small businesses that once offered hope are closing under the weight of multiple taxes and high operational costs. The “Hustler Nation” slogan that once promised empowerment now sounds hollow when hustlers cannot even afford the tools of their trade.

In recent months, protests in various towns have become a familiar sight reflecting growing public frustration. From Gen Z demonstrations to boda boda operators blocking roads in anger, Kenyans are using their voices to demand accountability. Yet instead of listening some leaders have chosen to dismiss this pain as mere political noise. This dismissiveness only deepens the divide between the governed and those in power.

What Kenyans want is not sympathy, but sensible economic management? The government must strike a balance between revenue collection and citizen welfare. Overreliance on taxation is not sustainable especially when the public sees little improvement in services. There must be bold efforts to seal corruption loopholes, reduce wastage and redirect funds to projects that directly uplift livelihoods like affordable housing, agricultural support, free education and job creation.

Additionally, county governments must step up. Devolution was meant



to bring development closer to the people, but in many counties it has simply decentralized corruption and inefficiency. Governors and MCAs must prioritize real development roads, markets and healthcare over political showmanship and endless blame games.

Kenyans are resilient people. They have survived droughts, pandemics and political instability. But resilience should not be mistaken for acceptance. The rising cost of living is not just an economic issue it is a moral one. It tests the conscience of a nation that claims to value equality and justice. When teachers strike

over poor pay, doctors strike for pays, when civil servants take loans just to buy food, when mothers skip meals so their children can eat then something has gone terribly wrong.

It is time for the leadership to listen; economic policies cannot be made from air-conditioned offices alone; they must reflect the realities in open-air markets and matatu stages. Citizens too must demand transparency and hold their leaders accountable beyond tribal or partisan lines. The fight for a livable Kenya is not a fight against government it is a fight for dignity.

If the government wishes to re-

store public trust, it must start with empathy and action. Subsidies for essential goods, youth employment programs and genuine dialogue with citizens would be a good start. The cost of living may not drop overnight but a sense of shared responsibility can reignite hope.

Kenya does not need miracles it needs management. It needs leaders who feel the pain of the people they serve. Until then, every shopping basket, every empty wallet and every frustrated voice will continue to remind us that for many Kenyans today, survival itself has become a daily protest.

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The 31-year-old Kenyan, a former world marathon champion and a three-time winner of the Chicago Marathon, accepted the charges and sanction following a positive test for the banned diuretic from a sample on 14 March this year and a subsequent AIU investigation into the circumstances.

Whilst diuretics are known to be abused by athletes to mask the presence in urine of other Prohibited Substances, HCTZ has also been identified as a potential contaminant in pharmaceutical products.

It has been ascribed by WADA a minimum reporting limit of 20ng/ml, below which a positive test should not be reported. An estimated concentration of 3800ng/mL of HCTZ was found in the positive urine sample of Chepng'etich.

When initially interviewed by AIU investigators, on 16 April 2025, Chepng'etich could not provide an explanation for the positive test.

At this time, to rule out the possibility of contamination, evidence was collected from her including her detailed recollection of all the supplements and medications she had taken in the lead up to the positive test, and all available supplements and medications in her possession were immediately retained by the AIU for analysis.

Chepng'etich's mobile phone was also copied for analysis.

At a subsequent interview, on 11 July 2025, Chepng'etich was confronted with evidence acquired from her mobile telephone indicating a reasonable suspicion that her positive test



Ruth Chepng'etich celebrates after breaking the women's marathon world record in Chicago. PHOTO/World Athletics/X

may have been intentional.

She was also informed that all the supplements and medications that had been taken for analysis had been reported by a WADA-accredited laboratory as negative for HCTZ. Chepng'etich maintained her position at this second interview that she could not explain the positive test and that she had never doped.

On 31 July 2025, Chepng'etich changed her previous explanation. She wrote to the AIU to state that she now recalled that she had taken ill two days before the positive test and she had taken her housemaid's medication as treatment, without taking any steps to verify if it contained a prohibited substance.

She stated that she had forgotten to disclose this incident to the AIU investigators.

She sent a photo of the medication blister pack which clearly marked the medication as being 'Hydrochlorothiazide'.

While the AIU considered her new explanation to be hardly credible, for the purposes of the AntiDoping Rules (ADR), it

did not assist in mitigating the standard two-year sanction for a specified substance such as HCTZ. To the contrary, the ADR treats the type of recklessness described by Chepng'etich in taking her housemaid's medication as being indirect intent, for which an increased four-year sanction applies.

Therefore, on 22 August 2025, the AIU issued Chepng'etich with a Notice of Charge seeking a four-year sanction. Chepng'etich admitted the ADRV and, since she accepted the proposed sanction within 20 days on 10 September 2025, she was granted an automatic one-year reduction of the four years due to the Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction provision in ADR 10.8.1.

"The case regarding the positive test for HCTZ has been resolved, but the AIU will continue to investigate the suspicious material recovered from Chepng'etich's phone to determine if any other violations have occurred. In the meantime, all Chepng'etich's achievements and records

pre-dating the 14 March 2025 sample stand," said AIU Head Brett Clothier.

Meanwhile, AIU Chair David Howman noted this case underlines that "nobody is above the rules" and lauded the industry's commitment to the integrity of the sport.

"While disappointing for those who put their trust in this athlete, this is how the system is supposed to work. The road-running industry should be commended for collectively funding anti-doping efforts capable of uncovering doping violations committed by elite athletes in their Events," the AIU Chair said.

"The level of testing and investigative activity carried out in this case was possible because of the funding provided to the World Athletics Label Road Race Programme by many races such as the Chicago Marathon, athlete representatives, athletes and four contributing shoe brands, adidas, ASICS, On and Nike."

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88 Juniors Set For NCBA Lisle Shaw Memorial Interschool Golf Competition



Overall Gross Lady Winner Cheron Kipkorir in action during Royal Nairobi Golf Club leg of the 2025 NCBA Golf Series

Eighty-eight juniors representing 15 schools are set to tee off at the NCBA Lisle Shaw Memorial Interschool Golf Competition, to be held on Friday at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club.

Organized by the Junior Golf Foundation Kenya (JGF) in partnership with NCBA Bank, the Lisle Shaw Interschool event marks the final and most competitive leg of the Interschool Series, bringing together talented young golfers from schools across the country for a day of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

The tournament will feature two main categories:

- The Main Event (Gross): Com-

prising teams of four players (18-hole strokeplay)

- The Subsidiary Event (Net): Made up of teams of three players (18-Hole Strokeplay)

The Lisle Shaw Interschool Competition stands as a key platform in the JGF's Get into Golf Initiative, which aims to grow participation and accessibility of golf among school-going children across Kenya.

The tournament not only provides an opportunity for juniors to represent their schools but also prepares them for elite-level competition through structured team formats.

Speaking ahead of the event, JGF

President Vincent Mukiri noted: "The NCBA Lisle Shaw Interschool Competition is a celebration of both skill and community. It provides a pathway for juniors to experience competitive golf while learning teamwork, leadership and integrity, values that go beyond the game itself. We are grateful to NCBA Bank for their steadfast support in nurturing the next generation of Kenyan golfers."

NCBA Bank's continued partnership with JGF remains instrumental in the development of junior golf, empowering youth through initiatives that encourage inclusivity, discipline, and opportunity

both on and off the course.

The Royal Nairobi Golf Club event promises a thrilling conclusion to the 2025 interschool calendar, as young golfers compete for school pride, individual excellence, and a place in Kenya's growing legacy of junior golf success.

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Challenges In Moving From Teacher Support To Self-Reliance



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This article looks at challenges moving from teacher support to self reliance. Moving from teacher support to self reliance presents challenges like the learner's internal struggle with motivation and self-doubt, the lack of developed skills needed for independent learning, and the difficulty in transitioning away from the structure of a teacher-led environment. Students may find it hard to adopt new learning techniques, assess their own progress, or stay motivated without constant external guidance from teachers.

Keywords

Teacher support, autonomy, self-reliance, lack of confidence and motivation, self-doubt, independent learning, challenges and difficulties, advantages and disadvantages.

Introduction

Learning to be self-reliant is important to be taught when a child is at a young age so it can develop, as they grow older. Being self-reliant is presented to be the ability to take control over your life, being motivated from within, and being able to take care of yourself. Starting when a child is young it is important to not do everything for them. Gradually hand them tasks to complete making it known that they have the power to be independent. By teaching a child to be independent, as they grow older it will develop personal skills beneficial to their growth.

The balance between promoting autonomy and dependence on external resources (such as a teacher or textbook) is closely related to self-regulation. The support shown in the management of tasks and interaction and the objections that arise allow to analyze teaching styles, types of educational activities and motivational characteristics of students. In the process of modern education, the transition of students from complete reliance on the teacher to independent learning is an important stage. However, this change is often accompanied by various difficulties. Students are first accustomed to constant guidance, supervision, and

encouragement from the teacher, and when they switch to independent learning, they have problems such as lack of motivation, lack of self-confidence, and incomplete formation of study strategies. Also, it is difficult for students who are used to a clearly structured order and system under the guidance of a teacher to independently make plans, manage time, and evaluate results. therefore, the process of adaptation to studying without the help of a teacher requires not only knowledge and skills, but also psychological preparation. This article examines the main difficulties encountered in this process and their impact on the effectiveness of education.

Main body

Education for self-reliance is an approach to education that aims to equip individuals with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be self-reliant and contribute to their communities and societies. While this approach has its benefits, it also faces several challenges. Some of the key challenges of education for self-reliance include:

Curriculum Design: Designing a curriculum that effectively promotes self-reliance can be challenging. It requires identifying the essential knowledge and skills that individuals need to be self-reliant and integrating them into the curriculum. This process requires careful consideration of the local context, cultural values, and future job market demands.

Teacher Training: Teachers play a crucial role in implementing education for self-reliance. However, many teachers may not have the necessary training or experience to effectively teach self-reliance skills. Providing comprehensive and ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers is essential to ensure they are equipped to deliver this type of education.

Assessment Methods: Traditional assessment methods often focus on memorization and regurgitation of information, which may not align with the goals of education for self-reliance. Assessing self-reliance skills, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity, requires the development of new assessment methods that can accurately measure these competencies.

Infrastructure and Resources: Implementing education for self-reliance may require additional resources and infrastructure. For example, practical skills training may require specialized equipment or facilities. Ensuring equitable access to these resources can be a challenge, particularly in resource-constrained settings.



Societal Expectations: Education systems are often influenced by societal expectations and norms. In some cases, there may be a strong emphasis on academic achievement and standardized testing, which can overshadow the development of self-reliance skills. Shifting societal expectations and perceptions of education may take time and require advocacy and awareness campaigns.

Parental and Community Involvement: Education for self-reliance is most effective when there is strong support and involvement from parents and the wider community. However, engaging parents and communities in the education process can be challenging, particularly in contexts where there is limited awareness or understanding of the importance of self-reliance skills.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach involving collaboration between policymakers, educators, parents, and communities. It involves rethinking curriculum design, providing professional development for teachers, developing new assessment methods, allocating resources, and raising awareness about the importance of self-reliance skills in education.

However, In today's fast-paced and competitive world, building a strong sense of independence in children is more crucial than ever. Among the many values that help develop capable and confident individuals, Self-Reliance stands out as a foundational life skill. It empowers students to take ownership of their actions, make decisions with confidence, and face challenges with resilience. For school-going children, especially those in boarding schools, the early cultivation of Self-Reliance can be truly transformative. Boarding schools provide a structured environment that encourages students to manage their routines, take responsibility for their belongings, and navigate social relationships independently. Especially in boarding schools in Dehradun, where students come from diverse

backgrounds, children quickly learn the importance of adaptability and accountability. This environment, when supported by experienced mentors and a well-planned curriculum, becomes a powerful catalyst for developing Self-Reliance in students. At Shri Ram Centennial School Dehradun, the focus is not only on academic excellence but also on shaping emotionally and intellectually strong individuals. By integrating daily life skills training and student-led responsibilities into their system, they foster a culture where Self-Reliance becomes second nature. Self-Reliance is not about isolation or doing everything alone. Instead, it is about developing the confidence to take initiative while also understanding when and how to seek help. Boarding school children learn that seeking help is a strength, not a weakness. This balance of independence and interdependence makes students emotionally resilient. It also reduces anxiety and fear of failure. When students are taught that mistakes are learning opportunities, they become less afraid of challenges. This mindset helps them cope better with stress and transitions. Children who develop Self-Reliance tend to be more confident, resourceful, and motivated. They don't depend on constant supervision or validation to perform their tasks. Instead, they are driven by internal motivation and a desire to solve problems independently. In the school setting, this means they are more proactive in academics, more socially aware, and better equipped to handle peer pressure. Moreover, Self-Reliance nurtures critical thinking skills. When students are encouraged to explore, question, and reflect, they learn to trust their own judgment. This becomes particularly helpful when they face real-world situations that require them to act without immediate guidance. While academic assignments and project work help, real growth in Self-Reliance often comes from everyday responsibilities. These can include:

Managing personal time and hygiene.

Participating in school committees or leadership roles.

Handling money and budgeting pocket allowances.

Taking care of shared responsibilities like dorm cleanliness or community service.

These seemingly simple tasks build habits of independence, patience, and responsibility that last a lifetime. The benefits of self reliance stretch far beyond school years. Students who are independent thinkers and doers tend to transition smoothly into higher education and professional environments. They are often better decision-makers, stronger leaders, and more resilient in the face of setbacks. In an age dominated by distractions and digital dependence, cultivating Self-Reliance ensures that children remain focused, grounded, and true to their individual strengths.

Conclusion

Formation of independence in school-aged children is not only the goal of development, but also a necessary condition for preparing them for future life. boarding schools, in particular, create a unique environment where children are naturally formed as responsible, independent and conscious individuals. Through the right guidance, encouragement, and opportunities, students develop the skills to act with inner strength, good decision-making, and self-confidence. In this way, students are instilled with the value of independence and the ground is created for them to enter the society as courageous, potential and conscious citizens.

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