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Siaya Governor James Oren-go at Aga Khan, Kisumu, on Wednesday, consoling Senator Osotsi, who was later airlifted to Nairobi

DCI arrests three suspects over Kisumu attack on Vihiga Senator Godfrey Osotsi amid social pressure. The suspects, identified as Carlos Owiti, also known as Kalonje (24) from Nyalenda, Eric Otieno, alias Dude (39) from Manyatta, and Vincent Odhiambo, alias Tinga (27) from Nyalenda, are currently in police custody and are being processed for arraignment in court, the DCI confirmed.

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DCP leader Rigathi Gachagua addressing mourners in Laikipia yesterday. Photo | Courtesy.

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Ruto unveils major Nairobi transformation plan in historic assembly address

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Some of the moments as captured in pictures

President William Ruto yesterday outlined an ambitious plan to transform Nairobi through a broad partnership between the National Government and Nairobi City County Government.

Speaking during a special sitting of the Nairobi County Assembly; becoming the first Head of State to address the House, Ruto said the cooperation agreement aims to resolve long-standing urban challenges and restore order in the capital.

The President highlighted key projects under the initiative, including the installation of 50,000 street lights, increased water supply by 50,000 cubic metres daily, and expansion of sewerage infrastructure through two 27-kilometre trunk lines along the Nairobi River.

A new treatment plant with a capacity of 60,000 cubic metres per day is also planned.

Additionally, the government is constructing 247 kilometres of roads, rolling out a comprehensive solid waste management system, and establishing a Nairobi Metropolitan Police Unit to enhance security and enforcement.

Ruto further revealed that 180,000 housing units and market stalls are under development, with 112,000 already under construction. Other flagship projects include the Talanta Sports City Stadium, the Bomas International Convention Complex, and the planned modernization and expansion of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

He called on leaders and residents to support the transformation agenda, urging collective action against lawlessness, cartels, and impunity, while emphasizing the need for order, reform, and accountability in the city.

He was hosted by the county leadership led by governor Johnson Sakaja.

After the address, the president alongside some other elected leaders addressed members of public in the city streets.



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Three suspects linked to the attack on Senator Godfrey Osotsi in Kisumu on Wednesday were arrested yesterday. They include Carlos Owiti alias Kalonje, Eric Otieno alias Dude, and Vincent Odhiambo alias Tinga. The DCI said a manhunt for more suspects was ongoing with Kenyans calling for those who financed the attack to be identified and held accountable.



As part of the ongoing Kazi na Boda initiative in Kiambu county, governor Kimani Wamatangi has distributed empowerment cheques to boda-boda Saccos in four Gatundu South wards. The program aims to boost the economic prospects of Kiambu's transport sector by providing direct financial support to organized Saccos. The funds will benefit Saccos in Ndarugu, Kiganjo, Kiamwangi, and Ngenda wards, with resources designed to enhance member savings, provide access to affordable loans, and create new business opportunities for riders. The initiative underscores the county's commitment to strengthening financial inclusion and economic empowerment for the local transport community.



KUPPET Vihiga Branch Executive Secretary, Charles Otiende, has raised concerns over delays in Social Health Authority (SHA) payments, which have left teachers struggling to access healthcare. He revealed that arrears totaling KSh4 billion, promised by SHA officials, have yet to be disbursed. As a result, some hospitals are turning away teachers, citing unpaid bills of up to Sh50 million for services provided between December 2025 and March 2026. Otiende urged President William Ruto to intervene and ensure funds are released promptly, warning that the current situation is causing significant suffering among educators.

Kenya has recorded a major increase in certified seed production, boosting food security and reducing reliance on imports. Purity Wangui Ngrici (left) said Kenya Seed Company has produced 45 million kilogrammes of certified seeds in the first three quarters of the 2025/2026 season, with output expected to reach 50 million kilogrammes by June. The surge aims to address past shortages and eliminate counterfeit seeds, ensuring farmers access high-quality inputs.



Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe (right) praised the milestone and highlighted collaboration among agencies like Kenya Seed, ADC Farms, and the National Cereals and Produce Board. Over seven million farmers are registered to benefit from government support, while strategies are underway to further strengthen food security and reduce the nearly Sh500 billion annual food import bill.



President of Athletics Kenya (AK) Jackson Tuwei (Second Left), the Head of Corporate Affairs and Brand Marketing Joyce Kibe (Far Right) presents athletes with a novelty cheque during the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon 2025 Winners' Award Ceremony in Nairobi on Wednesday where top athletes of the 2025 edition were recognised and awarded their prize money. Looking on is David Mwindi, the Local Organiser Committee Chair of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon (far Left).

Tarmacking has begun on the Maiti-ni to John Kagai Road in Ting'ang'a, Kiambu Town Constituency, with engineers carrying out initial leveling and preparing for proper drainage installation to ensure durability and all-weather access. The project, spearheaded by area MP Machua Waithaka, is expected to improve transportation, boost business activities, and enhance connectivity in Ting'ang'a and surrounding areas. Residents have welcomed the upgrade, describing it as transformative for the community. Waithaka has prioritized infrastructure development across the constituency to drive economic growth and improve living standards, with assurances that construction will progress efficiently while adhering to high-quality standards.



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Senator Osotsi was airlifted to Nairobi's Karen Hospital where he is recuperating.

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations yesterday arrested three suspects over the incident.

Gachagua, speaking during a burial of his sister-in-law in Laikipia East, asserted that such acts of violence have no place in Kenya's democratic framework and called on the National Police Service of Kenya and the Inspector General to take thorough action against perpetrators.

He also attributed blame to Principal Secretary for Interior Raymond Omollo, alleging a purported scheme to deploy goons to prevent opposition members from accessing the Nyanza region.



Former DP Rigathi Gachagua and other pallbearers in Laikipia yesterday.

Gachagua further claimed intelligence suggesting that Majority Leader in the National Assembly of Kenya, Kimani Ichung'wa, intends to disrupt an upcoming United Alternative Government meeting in Kikuyu Constituency on Saturday.

The attack on Osotsi has drawn condemnation from across the political divide.

Orange Democratic Movement leadership denounced the assault, with Chairperson Gladys Wanga calling for swift police action and prosecution of those responsible, insisting violence has no place in political discourse.

Siaya Governor James Orenko described the incident as a coordinated attempt to intimidate opposition voices and urged the release of CCTV

footage to aid investigations, while other senior leaders stressed the need for accountability to protect democratic freedoms.

Gachagua also referenced his earlier remarks on Wednesday during the requiem service of former Ol-Kalou MP, David Kiaraho, defending his

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candid critique of President William Ruto. He reiterated concerns over deteriorating security, warning that the country was becoming a haven for lawlessness, with even churches and public spaces no longer exempt from violence.

As part of his broader political messaging, he cautioned the Orange Democratic Movement to guard against internal vulnerabilities and ensure zoning and strategic leadership to preserve the party's influence.

In an appeal that went beyond politics, Gachagua urged unity within his own family, stressing that personal disputes should not be manipulated by political actors to sow discord.

Women face higher risk of sexual coercion for services, new EACC report



EACC CEO Abdi Mohamud during a past address.

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Women in Kenya are significantly more likely than men to be asked for sexual favours in exchange for public and private services, according to the Kenya National Gender and Corruption Survey 2025, released by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and its partners.

The findings are stark. Of women surveyed, 73% reported being solicited for sexual favours on more than three occasions in the past 12 months, with healthcare workers — doctors, nurses, and midwives — accounting for the highest proportion of perpetrators at 44.5%, followed by teachers and lecturers at 31.2%. Women were more than twice as likely as men to face such demands.

In the private sector, 5.2% of respondents aged 18 to 44 said they were made to understand that services were conditional on sexual compliance. Of officials making such demands, 80% were men. Sextortion

was most prevalent in employment, health, education, insurance, banking, and land surveying services.

The report does not spare men. Eighteen percent reported being solicited once in the past year; 27% at least three times — figures that challenge the assumption that sexual coercion is exclusively a women's issue.

On bribery, police officers attracted the highest cash payments, while court magistrates commanded the largest average bribe at Ksh 164,367. Kakamega, West Pokot, Isiolo, and Vihiga recorded the most bribery cases nationally.

The survey — a joint initiative of the EACC, UNODC, KNBS, NGECC, and Transparency International Kenya — covered 16,858 respondents across all 47 counties. It recommends urgent gender-responsive anti-corruption interventions, mandatory supervisor training on sextortion, and direct support services for victims, particularly young women seeking employment and medical care.

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PSC CEO grilled over delays in health internship policy



Some of the Parliamentary and public officials after the grilling session.

BY MKT Correspondent
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The Chief Executive Officer of the Public Service Commission Paul Famba yesterday appeared before the Parliamentary Committee on Implementation to outline progress in developing a policy framework for managing health sector internships.

The session focused on the status of recommendations made by the National Assembly Health Committee, which were adopted by Parliament to address persistent challenges facing medical interns, including placement disparities, delayed postings, and inconsistencies in stipend payments.

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During his presentation, Famba highlighted the Commission's role in supporting the formulation of the policy and aligning public service human resource practices with the proposed reforms aimed at improving efficiency and fairness.

The meeting was also attended by senior government officials, including Public Health and Professional Standards Principal Secretary Mary Muthoni, Public Service and Human Capital Development Principal Secretary Jane Imbunya, as well as representatives from the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

Members of the Implementation Committee expressed concern over delays in executing the recommendations, urging the relevant institutions to expedite the process to ensure a more transparent and equitable system for medical interns.

They emphasized that timely implementation would help address long-standing grievances in the sector, improve working conditions, and ensure fair deployment across the country.

The appearance forms part of Parliament's oversight role in holding government agencies accountable and ensuring that resolutions passed by the House are effectively implemented.



Bungoma Governor Kenneth Lusaka addressing his residents in the past. | Photo: Courtesy.

Lusaka dissolves Bungoma Executive amid impeachment storm

BY MKT REPORTER
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Bungoma county governor Kenneth Lusaka has dismissed all members of the County Executive Committee (CECs), alongside the County Attorney and County Secretary, in a sweeping reorganization announced yesterday.

In a press release, Lusaka said the decision was aimed at enhancing efficiency and safeguarding the integrity of county institutions.

The move, effected immediately, cites provisions under Section 40(1)(a) of the County Government Act.

"This decision has been taken in good faith and in the broader public interest," Lusaka stated, assuring residents that measures have been put in place to ensure continuity of essential services.

The drastic shake-up comes against the backdrop of rising political tension within the county assembly, where Members of County Assembly (MCAs) are reportedly preparing an impeachment motion against the dismissed officials.

Sources within the assembly indi-

cate that the action may be linked to internal political realignments and growing friction between the executive and legislative arms of the county government.

Nationally, the developments are also seen through the lens of



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shifting political alliances. Lusaka recently aligned himself with the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), led by President William Ruto, after exiting FORD-Kenya.

He was in January appointed to spearhead UDA's Western Region coordination team ahead of the 2027 General Election.

His move has reportedly drawn scrutiny from key regional leaders, including National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula, who has been asserting his political influence in the region.

Meanwhile, Kakamega Deputy Governor Ayub Savula, who serves as Lusaka's deputy in the UDA Western coordination team, has yet to publicly comment on the unfolding situation.

Lusaka, however, maintained a conciliatory tone, thanking the affected officials for their service and reaffirming his administration's commitment to constitutionalism, due process, and effective governance.

Further announcements regarding interim appointments and restructuring of the executive are expected in the coming days.

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Mudavadi: Africa must begin to prepare for the world beyond the current global order

BY OPCS

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Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said the African must confront hard truths about the current global landscape and its implications for continent’s security architecture.

Mudavadi who opened the Mashariki Cooperation Conference in Diani, said multilateralism was under strain as unilateralism resurges and intensifies.

“The fundamental principles of diplomacy are being eroded, with militarism re-emerging as a common instrument of foreign policy,” said Mudavadi.

In such a world, PCS and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs said clarity of national interests was often blurred, highlighting the need for advanced intelligence-led geoeconomics and geopolitical decision-making.

“We must begin to strategically prepare for the world beyond the current global order,” said Mudavadi.

PCS said It was now apparent that no single nation can fully address these challenges in isolation.

“Therefore, as leaders and practitioners, we are called upon to respond to challenges of our times by strengthening coordination across borders, institutions, and partnerships,” he said.

PCS said Teamwork was the hallmark of success, and collaboration across borders will make the continent stable and strong to confront the emerging security challenges.

“This is the foundation of successful intelligence work. This is what will underpin the integrity and confidence in which citizens vest in your service,” said Mudavadi.

“We must anticipate risks, strengthen cooperation, and support the development of resilient institutions.”

He said collaboration among African states remains an important component in addressing shared challenges.

He urged the Mashariki Cooperation Conference to go beyond dialogue by encouraging and actualising intelligence cooperation and policy coordination.

PCS said Africa was witnessing a convergence of complex and evol-

ving challenges, including high-intensity conflicts, emerging technological perils such as misuse of Artificial Intelligence.

He also identified the resurgence of unconstitutional changes of government, environmental degradation, the mutating face of terrorism, demographic shifts and migration, and disruptive geopolitical rivalry over the continent’s immense natural resources as other challenges.

“In addition, I wish to draw the attention of this gathering to two emerging trends for deeper reflection,” he said.

First, Mudavadi said the notion of Privatization of Peace noting that with multilateralism in crisis, transactional approaches to peace and security are emerging.

This, he said was manifesting in incentivised peace, the pursuit of private gain in peace initiatives, and the growing treatment of peace as an economic asset.

“In fact, in some quarters, it is opined that Foreign Policy increasingly treats diplomacy as a transaction and sovereignty as a negotiable property,” he said.

“We are witnessing rearmament instead of post-conflict reconstruction that delivers “peace dividends,” intended for economic development of the citizens.”

Broadly, PCS said, some diplomacy scholars and commentators contend

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PCS Musalia Mudavadi addressing the forum yesterday.

that traditional diplomacy is gradually being supplanted by deal-making, effectively turning peace into a private enterprise.

Second Mudavadi said was the privatisation of security.

“There is a growing trend towards

outsourcing of security interventions as demonstrated by the proliferation of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs) as well as mercenaries on the continent,” PCS said.

“In this regard, the question that arises is: how should intelligence ex-

perts respond to these developments and the emerging context?”

Mudavadi said ultimately, Africa’s comprehensive security must be collective, proactive and preventive, and deeply intertwined with justice and human dignity.



Some of the delegates in a group photo | Photo: OPCS

IDs Immigration PS Kipsang said the backlog has grown amid ongoing voter registration by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.

Over 400,000 uncollected IDs raise concern as government speeds up processing

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The government has urged Kenyans to collect more than 400,000 national identity cards lying unclaimed at registration centres across the country, even as reforms cut processing time to as little as one day.

Immigration and Citizen Services Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang said the backlog has grown amid ongoing voter registration by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.

Nakuru County alone has about 34,000 uncollected IDs. To address the issue, the government plans to move uncollected IDs from registration bureaus to chiefs' offices, where local administrators will help trace owners.

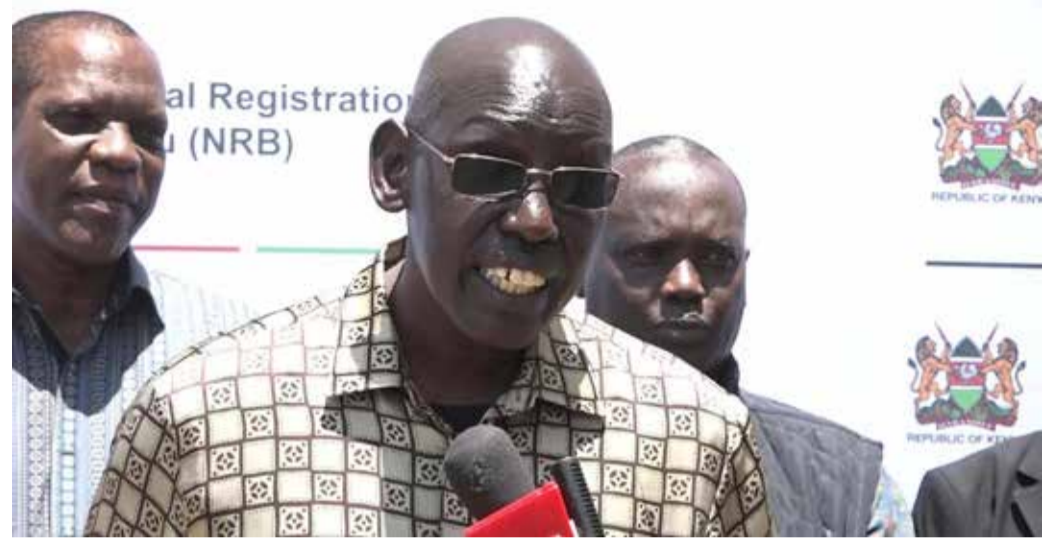
Kipsang said chiefs are best placed to identify residents since they are not transferable and understand their communities well.

At the same time, the government has overhauled the ID issuance system through investment in modern technology, significantly reducing

waiting times. Applicants in Nairobi can now receive IDs the same day, while those in other regions can expect delivery within three to seven days.

The reforms also include the abolition of all application and replacement fees, following a directive by President William Ruto. Previously, new applicants paid Sh300 while replacements cost KSh1,000.

Speaking in Rongai during an "Integrated Population Registration Services" sensitisation forum, Kipsang said the government has also



PS Belio Kipsang

rolled out mobile registration targeting hard-to-reach areas.

The exercise has already covered Narok, West Pokot, Baringo, Turkana and Elgeyo Marakwet, and will extend to Kajiado, Isiolo, Samburu and Marsabit.

So far, 56 vehicles have been deployed and 200 out of 600 planned live capture kits delivered to support the initiative. The targeted counties were previously affected by strict vetting processes and

have accessibility challenges.

Kipsang noted that national IDs are critical for accessing government services, including registration for the Social Health Authority (SHA) and participation in elections.

He clarified that foreigners, including refugees and asylum seekers, are issued alien cards through a separate legal process and are not eligible to vote.

The Principal Secretary expressed concern over low ap-

plication rates, particularly in arid and semi-arid regions and among elderly citizens, urging all eligible Kenyans to apply for and collect their IDs.

He said improved access to identification documents would enhance service delivery and stimulate economic growth, while assuring the public that systems are in place to support smooth voter registration ahead of upcoming elections.

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NYOTA The completed mentorship programme focused on guiding young entrepreneurs through the early stages of establishing their businesses

NYOTA mentorship phase ends as youth set for training and second funding boost

BY MKT REPORTER

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The mentorship phase of the NYOTA Project has officially concluded, marking a key transition to the next stage of classroom-based business training and the release of a second tranche of KSh25,000 in start-up capital to beneficiaries.

The completed mentorship programme focused on guiding young entrepreneurs through the early stages of establishing their businesses.

It played a crucial role in sharpening entrepreneurial skills, strengthening enterprise management, and supporting the successful launch of new ventures across the country.

In Kirinyaga County, the programme recorded full participation, with 100 per cent of beneficiaries



PS Susan Mang'eni when she met NYOTA beneficiaries in Kirinyaga county yesterday. | Photo: Courtesy.

who received the initial KSh25,000 actively engaging in the mentorship sessions; an indicator of strong uptake and commitment among young entrepreneurs.

Speaking after a meeting with 40 beneficiaries at the Kirinyaga County Commissioner's Office in Kerugoya,

Principal Secretary in the State Department for MSMEs Development, Susan Mang'eni, officially declared the mentorship phase closed.

She reiterated the government's commitment to supporting participants as they transition into the next phase of the initiative.

Mang'eni announced that the second round of classroom business training will begin Wednesday next week, and will run for three days across the country. The training is expected to further equip beneficiaries with practical business skills ahead of the next funding cycle.

She also revealed that the Ministry of Cooperatives and MSMEs Development is collaborating with county governments to develop a framework for business licence waivers for NYOTA Project beneficiaries.

The mentorship process, she noted, has enabled verification of the enterprises established by participants, paving the way for tailored support interventions to help them grow.

In addition, the State Department for MSMEs is working on a legal framework aimed at institutionalising support for start-ups and small businesses.

The proposed framework will introduce incubation periods, allowing emerging enterprises to benefit from targeted exemptions and access to designated workspaces; measures designed to ease the burden during the critical early stages of business development.

The upcoming training will precede the disbursement of the second KSh25,000 tranche, expected before the end of this month. This will usher in a second mentorship phase, which will link beneficiaries to the broader MSME ecosystem, including financial institutions, markets, and business development services, to further strengthen their enterprises.

Mau Mau Original Trust intensifies push for compensation, calls for national mobilisation

BY Herman Ngatia

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The Mau Mau Original Trust is turning up the heat in its long-running quest for justice. Under the leadership of Dr. Field Marshall Ngacha, the Trust has renewed its call for compensation over historical injustices suffered during Kenya's colonial era — and it's urging all Kenyans to stand together in pursuit of what it describes as long-overdue reparations.

Speaking ahead of a major public gathering planned for Uhuru Park, Dr. Ngacha was clear and impassioned: the struggle for compensation is deeply rooted in decades of dispossession, violence, and economic exploitation inflicted under British colonial rule. For members of the Trust, this is not ancient history — it is a wound that has never truly healed.

“The enslavers were the British, and wealth was taken through fear and the suppression of resistance by the gun,” Dr. Ngacha said, giving voice to the enduring grievances that continue to fuel the Trust's demands.

Despite the passage of time, justice has remained frustratingly out of reach. Dr. Ngacha expressed concern that the Trust's efforts have too often been overlooked, even as survivors and descendants of those who suffered continue to seek recognition and restitution. He did, however, welcome recent moves by the government to formally recognise the Mau Mau Original Trust — a development he described as a positive signal of growing institutional acknowledgment of the group's place in Kenya's liberation history.

At the heart of the Trust's position is a compensation claim estimated at 395 trillion British pounds — a figure derived, they say, from historical losses and benchmarked

against national data, including the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census. Under their proposal, individual beneficiaries could receive up to KSh 1.2 billion, a projection that underscores the sheer scale of restitution being sought.

Dr. Ngacha also revealed that engagement efforts are ongoing at the international level. He referenced sentiments attributed to the British monarch, suggesting a preference for preserving a cordial status quo even as broader conversations around historical accountability continue to gain traction globally.

To build public awareness and galvanise support, the Trust has organised a national meeting at Uhuru Park on the 10th. The gathering is expected to draw members from across the country — especially those whose families were directly affected during the colonial period. Organisers say the forum will serve as a platform to educate, enlighten,



Dr. Field Marshall Ngacha (centre) pictured with members of the Mau Mau Original Trust ahead of their planned national forum at Uhuru Park.

and empower Kenyans on their rights under international law, including provisions they link to frameworks such as the Geneva Convention.

“We want to remove the incapacity and the belief that one cannot claim their rights,” Dr. Ngacha said. “This is about correcting historical wrongs and ensuring that justice is not denied simply because time has passed.”

He also pointed to a notice published in the Kenya Gazette dated March 6, which he said affirms that all Kenyans have a stake in this matter — reinforcing the national significance of the compensation discourse.

Organisers have extended an open invitation to all Kenyans, particularly those who believe their ances-

tors suffered under colonial rule, to attend and engage with the issue. The planned forum is expected to draw wide participation, reflecting a growing national appetite for conversations around historical justice and reparations.

As Kenya continues to grapple with its past and chart a path forward, the renewed push by the Mau Mau Original Trust adds meaningful momentum to ongoing conversations about accountability, restitution, and national healing.

For Dr. Field Marshall Ngacha and his fellow advocates, the message is unambiguous: the quest for justice may have taken decades, but it remains as urgent — and as necessary — as ever.

PPP NTSA Director General Nashon Kondiwa defended the shift to a PPP model, citing chronic underfunding from the National Treasury

Public Debt and Privatization Committee demands review of the 21-year NTSA Smart Licence deal

BY PSC

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Members of the National Assembly's Public Debt and Privatization Committee have sharply criticised a 21-year Public-Private Partnership (PPP) agreement between the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) and a private consortium led by PesaPrint, terming the revenue-sharing framework "grossly unfair" and tilted against the public interest.

Chaired by Abdi Shurie, the Committee raised concerns that the agreement—covering the rollout of second-gener-

ation smart driving licences and an automated "instant fine" system—would allow private partners to retain approximately 77.4 per cent of projected revenues, leaving the Government with less than a quarter over the contract period.

Appearing before the Committee, NTSA Director General Nashon Kondiwa defended the shift to a PPP model, citing chronic underfunding from the National Treasury. He noted that under the previous government-funded model, only 2.7 million licences had been issued over nearly nine years, far below the five million target.

"We were clearly disadvantaged in terms of ability to negotiate because we are not even negotiating our own money; we are negotiating our services and the revenue is going elsewhere," Kondiwa told MPs.

He further disclosed that 60 per cent of NTSA's revenue is remitted to the Exchequer, limiting the Authority's capacity to reinvest in critical road safety infrastructure.

However, lawmakers dismissed the justification, pointing to the strong returns under the previous system. Between 2017 and 2024, the Government invested KSh1.2 billion and generated KSh6.7 billion;



Nashon Kondiwa

figures that, MPs argued, demonstrate the viability of a fully public model.

MP Aden Daudi was particularly critical of the financial projections underpinning the deal. "This is a PPP that is so unfair to the public and so fair to the private part of the equation. Over 21 years, projected revenues are about KSh900 billion against costs of KSh300 billion; that is a 300 per cent profit," he said.



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The consortium backing the deal includes KCB Bank, following its acquisition of the National Bank of Kenya. MPs argued that the technology required for smart licence production is comparable to that used in national ID issuance, which is managed under a traditional public model.

The project also proposes installation of 1,000 surveillance cameras nationwide to automate traffic enforcement. While legislators acknowledged the urgent need to curb road carnage; estimated to cost the economy KSh460 billion annually, they questioned the proportionality of

the deal.

"Who in their right mind negotiates away revenue from the Kenyan public? Seventy-seven per cent going to a private entity for 21 years makes no sense," Daudi added.

The Committee resolved to obtain the final contract and summon the PPP Unit at the Treasury to explain the apparent bypassing of competitive procurement.

Kondiwa pledged to review the agreement's "architecture" and re-engage stakeholders, conceding that the terms warrant fresh scrutiny.



Aden Daudi

Cliamte Ng'eno explained that the regulations provide a structured system for designing, implementing, and coordinating climate initiatives

Kenya adopts non-market climate strategies to boost sustainability and growth

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Kenya is shifting focus to non-market approaches in tackling climate change, with the government unveiling a framework aimed at accelerating climate action while driving socio-economic transformation.

Environment and Climate Change Principal Secretary Festus Ng'eno told the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Delegated Legislation that the proposed regulations under the Climate Change Act, 2026 are designed to operationalize Kenya's participation in non-market mechanisms under Article 6.8 of the Paris Agreement.

Appearing before the committee chaired by Githinji Robert Gichimu, the PS said the framework aligns Kenya's climate goals with interna-

tional obligations while promoting voluntary cooperation among countries to enhance sustainable development and resilience.

Ng'eno explained that the regulations provide a structured system for designing, implementing, and coordinating climate initiatives that directly support Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The framework also promotes inclusivity by encouraging participation from government agencies, private sector players, civil society, and local communities.

He emphasized that all projects will be required to uphold human rights, promote gender equity, and protect vulnerable groups including youth, children, and persons with disabilities. Environmental safeguards such as impact assessments, public participation, and free, prior, and informed consent—especially on community

land—will be mandatory.

To enhance transparency and coordination, the government plans to establish a National Non-Market Approaches Platform. This digital system will track climate projects, including their financing, implementation, and beneficiaries, while also supporting collaboration and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders.

Priority areas under the framework include climate-smart agriculture, ecosystem restoration, renewable energy, sustainable waste management, and climate-resilient infrastructure. These interventions will be implemented through the National Climate Change Action Plan.

On governance, project proposals will undergo a rigorous review process led by a Directorate and supported by a multi-stakeholder committee drawn from national and county governments, civil society,



PS Festus Ng'eno when he appeared before the parliamentary committee. |

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and research institutions to ensure alignment with national priorities and accountability standards.

Ng'eno added that qualifying projects could attract international recognition and support, particularly those demonstrating strong mitigation and adaptation outcomes, and the ability to mobilize finance and technology.

Project proponents will also be required to submit annual progress

reports covering implementation, financial performance, and environmental and social safeguards, strengthening oversight through reporting to Parliament.

Disputes arising from the implementation of the regulations will be handled in line with the Climate Change Act, ensuring compliance and accountability.

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Food security and sustainable agriculture, no adulteration



Globalization, Industrialization
Are the main causes of decreasing cultivation.
The real estate business is also another cause
for this.
Farmers faces difficulties to sell their products.

In the shortest duration
farmers want to grow and yield
More and more
For that they use boosters.

Papaya seeds in pepper,
Tamarind seed powder in tea dust,
Sugar paste in honey and
Palm oil in groundnut oil,
Vanaspathi in ghee
Are the few examples in adulteration.

For Ripening the fruits, colouring the vegetables,
adding colours in watermelon,

Giving injections to the cows for getting more
milk
People use some illegal activities like the above.

Food colours are having the major role
in adulteration of food.
It causes the incurable diseases cancer, defects
in fertilisation, etc.

Agmark, ISI, fssai are some government
authorities
To regulate the quality, food safety and hygiene.
BIS and Hall mark, 916 are gold regulations
marks
Ensures that the quality of Gold.

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Small victories



Small victories,
they may look tiny to the world,
but to me,
they are steps that keep me moving.

Encouragement comes quietly,
lifting me when I doubt,
pushing me to give my best
even on ordinary days.

Sometimes advice feels like an order,
sometimes truth feels hard to

accept,
but deep inside,
I know it shapes me stronger.
Through all this,
one presence never fades—
my sister,
my constant strength.

She stands beside me,
not just in my success,
but in every small win
that builds my future.

My sister,
my power.

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There are very few people who ask, “Are you okay?”



There are very few people who ask, “Are you okay?”
We have many friends and relatives.
However, they rush towards their schedules, even
family members.
A city has lakhs of people.
They don't know who lives here or there.
They are busy with their jobs and always looking

at their mobile phones.
Only a few remember their friends and relatives
And often ask, “How are you? Take care of your
health.”
These are the people who truly care about you.
You should keep such relationships and not lose
them.
Love is God. Without love, nothing else matters.
You should be one among those few
Who ask, “Are you okay?”
That is the philosophy that keeps the world alive.

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Mother – My Angel



Mother, you are a shining light,
Guiding me through darkest night.
Your heart is pure, your love so wide,
You lead me always to the bright side.
For all your kindness, I am grateful,
Your prayers give me strength so powerful.

I cherish you every single day,
Without you, life would lose its way.
Mother, you are my strongest support,
Beside me in every hard moment.
When my heart was broken and torn,
You healed it with love so warm.
In your eyes, there's endless care,
Every glance — a spring so fair.
With you, my soul is calm and free,
Life feels like a bright, sweet dream to me.
Your presence is my greatest gift,
With you, every moment feels so blessed.
Mother, my love for you will stay,
Forever in my heart, come what may.

Davlatova Zebanda Sherali qizi

The Criterion



I realized, at this ultimate height,
Finding oneself is the hardest way.
Scratched dreams and feelings wounded deep,
All found their final end upon this stone.
I learned: it's not the world you seek to keep,
But conquering yourself is the greatest goal
alone.

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literary websites and global platforms.

ran to outrun my own very soul,
Leaving everything behind in my race.
I strived to reach the highest peak of all,
To see the smallest atom's hidden face.
The world below faded from my sight,
All worries stayed beneath the clouds so gray.

Are you okay?



There are very few people
Who truly ask, “Are you okay?”
The first and foremost
Is always a mother.

She understands your silence
Even before words are born,
And when your heart feels heavy,
She gently asks, “What happened?”

The purest heart you will ever find
Does not search the world
It lives within your home.

She is your mentor,
Your strength, your guiding light,
Standing beside you
In every step of life.

If you care for your mother,
You need not fear your future,
For she shapes your path
With love, patience, and grace.

Whenever you fall,
She is there to hold your hand
And help you rise again.
A mother may not ask every day,
But her heart listens always.

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Farming The legal status of Bt maize has been marked by years of uncertainty, with shifting court rulings following the government's 2022 decision to lift a decade-long ban

Farmers demand lifting court cases to allow Bt maize

Farmers and industry stakeholders stress that the technology is vital for boosting yields, reducing the cost of production and losses associated with the insect pest, especially FAW, and strengthening resilience against climate change.

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Maize farmers across Kenya are calling for an end to the prolonged legal battles over genetically modified (GMO) crops, specifically Bt maize, and urging the courts to lift the ban that has stalled its adoption.

Farmers and industry stakeholders stress that the technology is vital for boosting yields, reducing the cost of production and losses associated with the insect pest, especially FAW, and strengthening resilience against climate change.

The legal status of Bt maize has been marked by years of uncertainty, with shifting court rulings following the government's 2022 decision



Dr. James Karanja, Centre Director at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) Njoro and a maize breeder, during CFT trials of Bt maize at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) Kiboko.

to lift a decade-long ban on GMO cultivation and importation.

That decision was later overturned in 2025, reigniting disputes that continue into 2026.

Despite the stalemate, farmers remain eager to embrace Bt maize. During a recent

meeting organised by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) and the Cereal Growers Association (CGA), farmers emphasised that the technology is not a replacement for conventional crops but a voluntary tool to combat devastating pests such as stem borers and fall armyworms.

Speaking at the Agri-Tech Forum in Kitale, smallholder farmers stressed the urgent need for improved seed varieties.

Pauline Choge, one of the farmers, noted that climate change has severely reduced yields: "It is high time farmers are given a chance to access improved maize varieties that can withstand harsh conditions, pests, and diseases and deliver better harvests," she said.

Farmers at the workshop expressed growing confidence in biotechnology, with some admitting they had shifted from scepticism to support after learning how Bt maize builds on natural processes to manage pests.

Scientists reinforced this message, pointing to TELA maize, a drought-tolerant, insect-resistant maize hybrid, as a proven solution capable of delivering 30–50% higher


yields under stress conditions. Dr. James Karanja of KALRO, Njoro, warned that Kenya's maize demand is projected to more than double by 2050, underscoring the need for innovation.

"Bt technology reduces pesticide use, improves harvests, and strengthens resilience. This is not just science; it is about equity, sustainability, and securing our food future," Dr. Karanja said.

Farmers in Kenya argue that continued delays in adoption risk leaving the country behind, costing billions annually in crop losses and imports.

Countries like Nigeria, Ethiopia, and South Africa have successfully adopted this technology. Kenya must act now to unlock similar benefits for farmers and the economy.

Industry leaders and farmers alike are united in their call: end the legal battles, lift the ban, and allow Kenya's farmers and the nation to benefit from modern agricultural technologies.




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Coffee The auction, held on Wednesday recorded 16,290 bags of coffee traded; equivalent to 1,001,954 kilograms at an average price of USD 249.71 per 50-kilogram bag.

Mbuni grades depress coffee prices as auction sales hit KSh645 million



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Coffee beans..

Coffee prices remained subdued at this week's auction at the Nairobi Coffee Exchange, even as total sales hit about Sh645.5 million.

This is a reflection of the growing impact of lower-grade beans on the market.

The auction, held on Wednesday recorded 16,290 bags of coffee traded; equivalent to 1,001,954 kilograms at an average price of USD 249.71 per 50-kilogram bag.

The figures point to continued price softness as the coffee season progresses into its late stages.

A key factor behind the weak prices was the dominance of mbuni grades in the catalogue. MH grade led with 5,404 bags (33.2 percent), while ML contributed 1,352 bags (8.3 percent), bringing the combined share of buni coffee to 41.5 percent.

This means nearly four in every ten bags traded were lower-grade beans, which typically attract lower bids.

Other grades offered included AB at 3,151 bags (19.3 percent), AA at 1,439 bags (8.8 percent), UG1 with 1,217 bags (7.5 percent), and C grade at 1,190 bags (7.3 percent). Smaller volumes were recorded for PB (570 bags), UG2 (504 bags), TT (407 bags), and T grade (368 bags).

On the demand side, buying remained heavily concentrated among a few key dealers.

Ibero Kenya Ltd emerged as the top buyer, purchasing 5,085 bags (31.2 percent). It was followed by Kenyacof Limited with 2,330 bags (14.3 percent), Global Mark Foods Ltd at 2,045 bags (12.6 percent), and Taylor Winch (Coffee) Limited with 1,180 bags (7.2 percent).

Other notable buyers included Sasini (K) Limited with 995 bags (6.1 percent) and Sondhi Trading Limited with 814 bags (5.0 percent). Together, the top six buyers accounted for 76.4 percent of

all purchases, underscoring the concentration of market power.

A total of 17,022 bags had been presented for sale, down from 19,161 bags recorded in last week's sale; a decline of 2,139 bags or about 11 percent. The drop signals tightening supply as the season advances and available stocks diminish.

On the supply side, Kirinyaga Slopes Coffee Brokerage led as the top broker, presenting 5,108 bags. It was followed by Alliance Berries Limited with 2,565 bags, New KPCU PLC with 2,290 bags, and KCCE Marketing Agency at 2,191 bags.

Other brokers included Min-

nesota Coffee Marketers (1,421 bags), Kipkelion Brokers (1,259 bags), CEBBA (1,052 bags), Kiambu Coffee Marketing Agency (690 bags), United Eastern Kenya Coffee Marketing Company (395 bags), and Baringo Kawa, which presented 51 bags.

Notably, several brokers; including Meru Union, Murang'a County Coffee Dealers, Kinya Coffee, Meru South, Bungoma Union, and Mt. Elgon Coffee did not present any coffee in this sale.

Overall, this week's sale highlights a persistent trend in Kenya's coffee sector: while trading volumes remain relatively strong, prices continue to struggle under the weight of lower-quality beans. Market observers note that until the share of premium grades improves, stronger price recovery is likely to remain out of reach.

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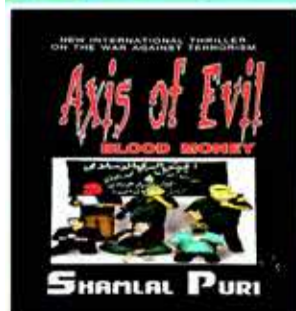
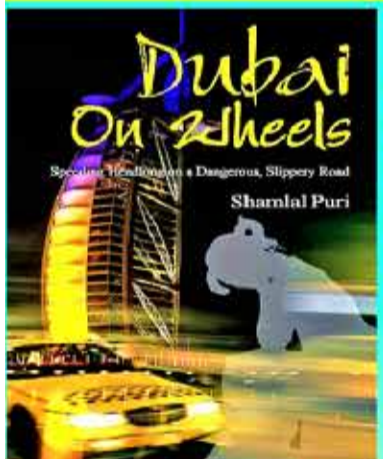
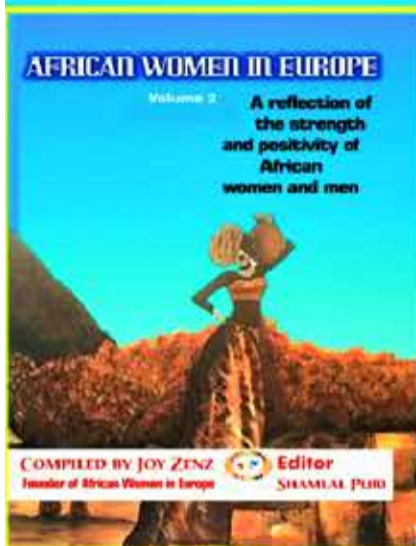
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Graft Corruption remains deeply entrenched in public and private sectors, with 96% of citizens recognizing it as a major problem and over 77% believing the government has failed to fight it.

From pronouncements to action: Building grassroots-to-national integrity systems to defeat corruption in Kenya



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Based on reports from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the African Development Bank (ADB) for 2024-2025, corruption and related economic crimes cost the Kenyan Economy an estimated 608 billion to 1 Trillion annually. According to corruption perception index (CPI) 2024 released by Transparency International (TI), Kenya scored 32 out of 100 ranking 121 out of 180 countries. Some studies have suggested that a 1% increase in corruption reduces the rate of economic growth by 0.72%. Corruption is therefore a cancer that destroys society's by undermining democracy and stealing from the poor, it is characterized by a systemic abuse of power for selfish gains. Kenya officially holds a zero tolerance to corruption with robust constitutional and legal framework like chapter six and Anti-Corruption and Economic crimes act.

In practice however, corruption remains deeply entrenched in public and private sectors, with 96% of citizens recognizing it as a major problem and over 77% believing the government has failed to fight it. The world over corruption has been condemned, cursed and even crucified with little or no success. In our holy book, the bible proverbs 17:23 "The wicked accept bribes in secret to prevent the course of justice". This fact shows the extent to which this cancer has become a normalized practice with all hopes and efforts seeming exhausted or non-effective. By agreeing with this state of affair, means we have surrendered all our resources, strength including sovereignty to these dark powerful and invisible forces that seems to overwhelm every effort.

Corruption therefore remains the single greatest impediment to Kenya's socio-economic and political transformation. It erodes public

trust, diverts resources intended for development, and weakens the very institutions designed to safeguard the public interest frustrating the aspiration of ordinary citizens especially the youth. The persistence of corruption in Kenya reveals a troubling reality: the anti-corruption struggle has often been waged at the level of declaration rather than at the level of sustained, structured action. While the legal, policy frameworks and institutional mandates exist, the implementation of accountability mechanisms has not sufficiently penetrated to the grassroots level where public resources are seen, felt and actualized.

Development in Kenya largely unfolds within communities, through roads constructed in wards, water systems installed in villages, classrooms build in rural areas and health centers serving the populations. Yet the citizens who interact daily with these projects are rarely equipped with the information, authority or institutional support necessary to oversight their taxes effectively. This disconnects between national and county oversight institutions and the grassroots realities creates fertile grounds for corruption.

In recognition of this gap late President Mwai Kibaki in 2004 created the National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee (NACCSC) to corruption spearhead nationwide public education and awareness campaign against corrup-

tion. The efforts gained some results and citizens could be seen publicly denouncing corruption and the government made some notable development progress. In 2014, NACCSC expanded to counties through County Anti-Corruption Civilian Oversight Committee (CACCOCs). The initiative sought to mobilise citizens and building grassroots oversight structures through the County Oversight Civilian Oversight Committees. The Committees were intended to promote awareness, conduct social audits, and channel structured reports of governance irregularities or any noted corrupt practices as well as awareness progress reports. The expansion faced challenges operating with no clear legal, regulatory framework and the requisite financial and mobility resources necessary for any anti-corruption related tasks. Corrupt syndicates operate under well-funded and resourced influential environments and sophistication that requires a better or corresponding force to make any realistic impact.

If Kenya is to make any meaningful progress in confronting corruption especially at the grassroots level, it must move beyond fragmented initiatives and establish a comprehensive integrity system that operate seamlessly from grassroots to national level. Such systems should be anchored on a coordinated national anti-corruption strategy built around four central pillars: empowerment,

coordination, transparency and inclusivity. Legally recognized and empowered committees operating within clear statutory frameworks that grants them the authority to access public development information, monitor project implementation with the community and report irregularities without fear of intimidation. The grassroots structures must be integrated into a coordinated reporting and response system. Information gathered at the village, ward, sub-county and county level should move through structured to county and ultimately to national investigative or responding institution. This coordination ensures that corruption signals detected at the local level translated into timely audits, investigations and corrective action. Transparency must become the backbone of the anti-corruption system. Development plans, budgets, procurement contracts, and implementation schedule should be publicly accessible through digital platforms and community information centers.

Kenya possesses the legal framework and institutional foundations necessary to build such systems. What is required is the courage to operationalize these frameworks with sincerity and consistency. Political leadership plays a decisive role in this process/ The fight against corruption cannot rely solely on pronouncements from podiums or declarations issued during public forums. While such statements may

signal intent, citizens judge leadership not by strength of rhetoric but by consistency of action.

True and verifiable commitment to the anti-corruption struggle must be demonstrated through practical measures: empowering oversight institutions, protecting whistleblowers, supporting citizens monitoring structures, and ensure that corruption cases are investigated and prosecuted without fear or favor. Leadership must be visibly to transparent in its own conduct. When leaders openly address accountability: declaring assets, welcoming audits and responding to public scrutiny, they send a powerful that integrity is not merely expected of citizens but also with those entrusted with authority.

The cost of corruption is no longer abstract: it is visible in stalled projects, under-resourced hospitals, unfinished roads and frustrated communities whose hopes for development remain unfulfilled. Every shilling lost to corruption represents a class not build, a medical facility not built and equipped or a livelihood opportunity lost. Yet there is also a reason for optimism. Across the country, citizens are increasingly demanding transparency, accountability and ethical leadership. Communities are willing to participate in safeguarding public resources if they are given the tools and institutional backing to do so.

The time has therefore come to move beyond isolated anti-corruption campaigns and build a truly national integrity system, one that empowers citizens at the grassroots, coordinates oversight across governance levels, embraces transparency as a guiding principle, and includes every segment of society in the defence of public resources. If political leaders match their pronouncements with genuine action, Kenya can transform the anti-corruption struggle from periodic campaign into sustained national movement/

Corruption may be deeply entrenched, but it is not invincible. When institutions are strong, information is open, and citizens are empowered, integrity can prevail. The future of Kenya's development, and indeed the credibility of its governance, depends on whether the country chooses to confront corruption with bold coordinated and genuine visible action. The choice remains ours

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Court Justice Mwilu noted that registries are often the public's primary point of interaction with the Judiciary, making them the face of the institution.

Mwilu urges Deputy Registrars to reform court registries



Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwilu

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Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwilu has called on Deputy Registrars to transform court registries into efficient, accountable, and responsive units, noting that such reforms are critical to realizing the constitutional promise of access to justice under Article 48.

Speaking while officially opening the Annual Deputy Registrars' Conference, themed "Transforming Court Registries: Enhancing Efficiency, Accountability, and Service Delivery," the DCJ noted that registries manage the entire lifecycle of a case from filing to execution. She warned that dysfunctional registries contribute to case backlogs, frequent adjournments, missing files, disorga-

nized proceedings, and even corruption.

"Registries are the gateway to justice; every case begins at the registry. If this first point of contact is inefficient, confusing, or inaccessible, access to justice is immediately compromised. Indeed, for many litigants, the registry is the court," she said.

Justice Mwilu noted that registries are often the public's primary point of interaction with the Judiciary, making them the face of the institution. A professional, accessible, and service-oriented registry, she said, is key to building public trust and confidence in the courts.

"Registries are the Judiciary's anchor for accountability and transparency. By ensuring that processes are documented, actions are traceable, and decisions are accessible, they strengthen accountabil-

ity mechanisms from performance management to audits and complaints handling," she added.

The DCJ emphasized that courts cannot effectively deliver justice through judgments and rulings if registry systems remain inefficient, dysfunctional, or compromised. Efficient registries, she said, enable a justice system that is orderly, predictable, and fair.

She commended the conference for placing registries at the center of judicial transformation, underscoring that administrative excellence is inseparable from substantive justice and that efficient systems are essential for the delivery of constitutional rights and remedies.

On digital transformation, Justice Mwilu highlighted ongoing efforts within the Judiciary, including e-filing,

case tracking systems, transcription services, and registry automation. She urged Deputy Registrars to ensure that technology is effectively implemented and supported through discipline, training, and accountability.

"Technology must simplify processes, enhance transparency, and improve access but it will only deliver results if properly implemented, monitored, and continuously improved," she said.

She described Deputy Registrars as occupying a central and indispensable role at the intersection of technology and justice, ensuring that innovation translates into tangible improvements in service del-

ivery for litigants, advocates, and other court users.

Justice Mwilu further noted that Deputy Registrars are responsible for establishing and maintaining registries, managing court records, and preserving institutional memory with accuracy, integrity, and accessibility, functions that are foundational to the proper functioning of the courts.

Chief Registrar of the Judiciary Winfridah Mokaya noted that a Deputy Registrar is placed at the very center of the wheel of justice. She explained that judges cannot proceed unless properly filed, organized, and case-managed matters are placed before them. Likewise, litigants

cannot meaningfully advance their cases without efficient, responsive, and accessible administrative pathways.

"Behind every file in our registries is a human story: a widow waiting for succession, a child waiting for maintenance, an employee waiting for dues, an accused person waiting for release. When we delay or mishandle processes, we are not merely handling files—we are affecting lives. This means that we must be deliberate in eliminating preventable inefficiencies," said Mokaya.

The conference brings together Deputy Registrars from the High Court, the Environment and Land Court, and the Employment and Labour Relations Court to reflect on emerging challenges, share practical experiences, and develop strategies to strengthen registry performance—positioning registries as centers of excellence.

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Ceasefire buys time, not trust, in U.S.-Iran standoff

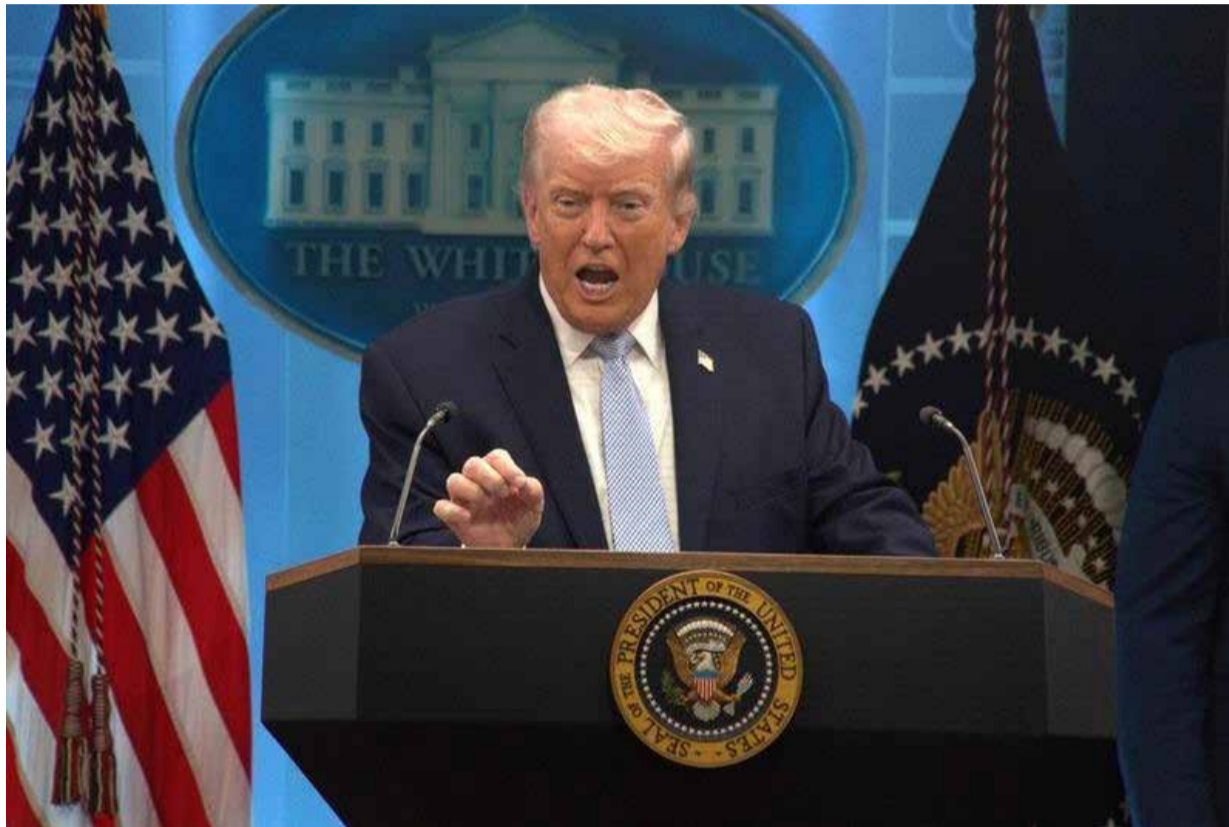
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A two-week ceasefire between the United States and Iran has paused hostilities, but analysts warn it has not built the trust needed to prevent conflict from resuming, given decades of rivalry between the two countries.

Sharp words despite truce

Washington and Tehran exchanged pointed remarks on Wednesday even as the truce held. U.S. President Donald Trump told Sky News the deal “is good,” but warned that military action could resume quickly if it fails. Iranian military advisor Mohsen Rezaee wrote on social media that Tehran’s armed forces “remain on the trigger until complete assurance of safeguarding national interests is achieved.” International reaction was cautiously positive. Omani Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi said serious negotiations were now required for lasting peace. “For now, the world has stepped back from disaster,” he wrote on social media. Markets responded sharply to



U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a press conference at the White House in Washington, D.C., the United States, on Monday | Photo: Li Yuanqin.

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the truce: crude oil prices fell while stocks rose. Analysts, however, urged caution. Charu Chanana, chief investment strategist at Saxo Bank, said the truce remained only a pause. “The real test is whether strikes truly end, negotiations progress, Hormuz remains open, and Israel aligns with de-escalation,” she said. Shipping company Maersk said the ceasefire may create transit opportunities but cautioned it did not yet provide full maritime certainty.

Wide gaps remain

Trump announced on social media that Washington had received a 10-point proposal from Tehran, calling it “a workable basis on which to negotiate” and saying the two-week window would allow a final agreement to be reached. Iran’s semi-official Mehr News Agency reported the proposal includes a U.S. commitment to halt further acts of aggression, continued Iranian control of the Strait of Hormuz, recognition

of Iran’s right to nuclear enrichment, and the lifting of sanctions. Iran’s negotiating team is expected to begin talks with a U.S. delegation led by Vice President JD Vance in Islamabad, Pakistan on Friday.

Palestinian analyst Ahmed Rafiq Awad said both sides had strong incentives to reach an agreement. “Washington seeks reassurance for its public, the oil market, and the midterm elections,” he said. “Iran wants to avoid military and economic damage. If we set aside Israeli actions, a settlement is very possible.” However, some analysts warned that major disagreements persist despite the diplomatic shift. “The current agreement is meant to contain escalation, not resolve the underlying conflict,” said Palestinian analyst Akram Atallah. “It opens a diplomatic window, but structural issues remain.” The core disputes center on Iran’s nuclear program, economic sanctions, and regional influence.

Washington regards Iran’s nuclear ambitions as a major security threat; Tehran insists it does not seek nuclear weapons and enrichment is a sovereign right. Iran is seeking substantial sanctions relief, while the United States prefers to retain economic leverage. Washington has long sought to curb Iranian influence in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen, while Tehran views its regional role as essential for deterrence. “The disagreements are rooted in decades of political, ideological, and strategic rivalry,” Atallah said. “Deep mistrust means any agreement will likely remain fragile.” Israel’s position adds a further layer of uncertainty. The country may continue to influence the course of U.S.-Iran negotiations. The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported that four Israel-related issues remain unresolved, including questions over Iran’s nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politics in mourning: Ol Kalou by-election sparks debate in Mt. Kenya

When a legislator dies, the decent thing is to bury him first.

That simple expectation is now at the centre of a charged debate in Nyandarua County, where the death of Ol Kalou MP has collided awkwardly with the political ambitions of two of Kenya's most powerful figures — former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua and his successor, Kithure Kindiki.

Before burial rites were complete, political operatives were already staking claims on the vacant seat. The optics were jarring. In Mt. Kenya, funerals are sacred. Grief is not a campaign backdrop.

Gachagua was blunt. "We don't discuss inheriting anybody until he is buried," he said — positioning himself, shrewdly, as the custodian of cultural propriety. Kindiki struck a more measured tone, urging leaders to "put down



political temperatures to allow mourning." Both men said the right things. Whether their foot soldiers listened is another matter.

The Ol Kalou seat carries weight beyond Nyandarua. Mt. Kenya remains a decisive force in national politics, and control of this constituency feeds into a broader contest for regional influence between two men whose rivalry has been simmering since Gachagua's dramatic impeachment.

Ordinary residents are caught in the middle — grieving a

representative while watching politicians circle overhead like hawks.

Kenya's democracy has matured considerably. But maturity also demands knowing when to pause. A community deserves the right to mourn without the noise of megaphones and manifestos drowning out their prayers.

The ballot can wait. The burial cannot.

By Diana Thyaka, Laikipia University

Fuel crisis: When a nation slows down

Kenya is grinding to a halt — one empty pump at a time.

Across the country, refuelling a car has become an exercise in patience and luck. In Nyahururu, Nakuru, Nyeri, and parts of Nairobi, motorists are spending hours in snaking queues while some stations have shut their pumps entirely. What was once routine has become a daily ordeal.

The trigger is global. Ongoing conflict in the Middle East has disrupted supply chains and driven oil prices upward. Kenya, heavily dependent on imported fuel from the region, is absorbing the full shock. But vulnerability on this scale was not inevitable — it was a policy choice, years in the making.

The ripple effects are swift and punishing. Matatu fares are climbing. Boda boda riders are counting every litre. Traders are watching delivery costs eat into razor-thin margins. Food prices are creeping upward. Recent economic data



already signals reduced business activity tied directly to rising fuel and transport costs.

Behind every statistic is a human story — the student who skips school because transport is unaffordable, the hawker whose daily hustle is upended, the worker who spends two hours in a fuel queue instead of earning a living.

This crisis is not merely an inconvenience. It is a stress test Kenya is failing. The country cannot afford to have its economy hostage to every flare-up

in a region thousands of kilometres away.

The pumps will eventually flow again. The question is whether Kenya's leaders will use this moment to wean the nation off its dangerous dependency — or simply wait for the next crisis to arrive.

By John Mutharimi Edwin, Laikipia University

President issues stern warning to leaders, calls for accountability and action

Words are cheap. The president knows it — and he said so.

In a pointed address that cut through the usual diplomatic niceties, President William Ruto put leaders on notice: deliver or face consequences. The warning, directed at officials across government sectors, arrives at a moment when public patience with underperforming leadership is running dangerously thin.

The message was unambiguous. Complacency will not be tolerated. Negligence will not be excused. "Each one of us has a role to play," the president stated — a deceptively simple line that carries real weight when spoken from the top of the executive chain.

Crucially, Ruto did not exempt himself. He pledged to lead by example, framing accountability not as a demand directed



downward, but as a standard that must flow from the very top. That is the right posture. A president who holds others accountable while shielding himself from scrutiny is not a reformer — he is a hypocrite in a suit.

Political analysts have welcomed the address as a necessary jolt to a system prone to inertia. Citizens, many of whom have grown weary of grand promises and modest results, are cautiously optimistic. Some see it as posturing. Others

hope it signals a genuine shift in how government business is conducted.

The test, as always, will be in the follow-through. Sternness in a speech costs nothing. Structural accountability — enforced, consistent, and blind to political loyalty — costs considerably more.

Kenya has heard the warning. Now it wants to see the receipts.

By Wicklif Achieng, Laikipia University

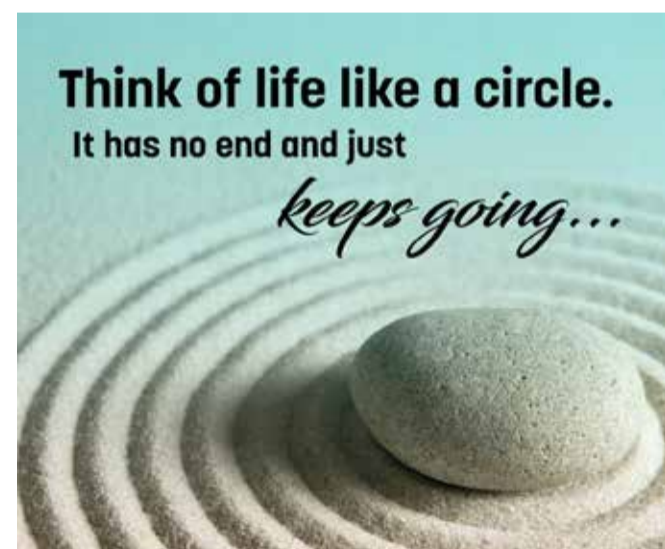
Life is just circular

Nothing in life is ever truly finished — it simply changes shape.

We are conditioned to think of life as a straight line: birth, growth, achievement, decline, end. But that is not how life actually moves. It spirals. It loops. It folds back on itself in ways that surprise us, humble us, and occasionally redeem us.

The evidence is everywhere. Nature does not move in straight lines — it breathes in cycles. Trees shed and regenerate. Rivers return to the sea only to rise again as rain. Seasons do not end; they rotate. And human experience is no different.

We grow into adulthood convinced we have outgrown certain lessons, only to meet them again, dressed differently, in a new relationship or a fresh crisis. Joy follows grief. Clarity follows confusion. The people who drift out of our lives sometimes drift back in, carrying echoes of who we once



were and mirrors of who we have become.

This is not pessimism. It is, in fact, deeply comforting. If life is circular, then no ending is truly final. The difficult season you are enduring is not a permanent destination — it is a point on a turning wheel. Mistakes are not dead ends; they are lessons in disguise, returning until we are finally ready to understand them.

Dreams, too, are circular.

They fade, lie dormant, and resurface in forms we did not anticipate.

Understanding this changes how we move through the world. With more patience. With less panic. With the quiet confidence that the wheel, however slowly, keeps turning.

By Alex Mutisya, Laikipia University

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Sports >> *Limuru Country Club professional John Karichu moved into the outright lead after round three of the Sunshine Development Tour – East Africa Swing Qualifying School

Karichu Climbs To The Top After Round Three Action Of Sunshine Development Tour Q-School



Limuru Country Club's John Karichu in action during the Sunshine Development Tour Qualifying School

Limuru Country Club professional John Karichu moved into the outright lead after round three of the Sunshine Development Tour – East Africa Swing Qualifying School, capitalizing on a dramatic shift at the top of the leaderboard Friday.

Karichu carded a composed 1-under par 71 to move to a total of 1-under par 215, taking a slender one-shot advantage into the final round.

His round featured five birdies at the 1st, 6th, 8th, 15th, and 18th holes, as he steadily climbed past the overnight leaders with a measured display of consistency.

His late birdie on the 18th capped off a strong finish and handed him control heading into Friday's decisive final round.

Speaking after his round, Karichu said: "It was a solid day for

me. I stayed patient, especially early on, and tried to keep putting myself in good positions. I knew the course would test everyone today, so the key was to stay disciplined and take the chances when they came."

Getting those birdies, especially coming home, was important. But there's still one more round to go, so nothing is done yet. The focus now is to stay calm, stick to my game plan, and try to finish the job tomorrow," he added.

Karichu's rise came as overnight leader Ali Wasim endured a difficult third round. The elite amateur, who had led after each of the first two rounds, returned a 3-over par 75 to slip into second place at level par 216.

Wasim's round saw him struggle to maintain the momentum that had carried him through

the opening two days, wiping out the three-under cushion he had built. Despite the setback, he remains firmly in contention heading into the final round.

Reflecting on his round, Wasim said, "It was one of those days where a few things just didn't go my way. I made some mistakes that cost me, but that's golf. The important thing is that I'm still right there and still have a chance going into the final round.

He added, "Tomorrow is all about resetting mentally, staying patient, and trusting my game. I've put myself in a good position over the first three days, so it's about giving it one more strong push."

Round one co-leader William Odek sits third after carding a 2-over par 74, taking his total score to 2-over par 218. Odek

remains within striking distance and could still mount a final-round challenge.

American professional Andrew Procter is fourth on 3-over par 219, while elite amateur Sammy Mulama occupies fifth on 4-over par 220. India's Sujana Shah is sixth at 7-over par 223, keeping the leaderboard tightly packed heading into the final round.

With the final round set for Friday, the Qualifying School remains finely poised, with several players still in contention for top honours and valuable ranking positions as they chase Sunshine Development Tour status for the 2026/27 season.

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Nanyuki hosts NCBA Golf Series as Muigua eyes Winston Churchill Three-Peat in Thika



Muthaiga Golf Club's Jay Sandhu in action during the 2026 NCBA Muthaiga Open .

The seventh leg of the 2026 NCBA Golf Series will take place this Saturday at Nanyuki Golf Club, with more than 100 golfers expected to compete in the latest qualifier of the East Africa region series.

The event is anticipated to draw a strong field of club golfers looking to secure their places at the NCBA Golf Series Grand Finale, set to take place later in the year at Karen Country Club.

Golfers at Nanyuki will battle for top honours across multiple categories including Overall Gross Winner (Men and Lady), Overall Gross Runners-Up (Men and Lady), Third and Fourth Best Overall Gross, as well as the Junior Winner, reflecting the competitive and inclusive nature of the series as it continues to traverse clubs across the country.

The Nanyuki event follows the Kenya Railway Golf Club qualifier where Franklin Kipyator and Aisha Duba emerged as the top performers, delivering standout rounds to headline Division I in a tightly contested field.

Kipyator fired an impressive 69 gross to clinch the Overall Men's Gross title, setting the pace with a composed round marked by accuracy and consistency.

In the ladies' category, Duba carded 89 gross to secure the Overall Lady's Gross title, navigating the course conditions with steady play to emerge top among the women competitors.

-Kenya Amateur Golf Championship-

Elsewhere, the seventh leg of the Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC) Series, the NCBA Winston Churchill 2026, will also take place at Thika Sports Club from Friday April 10 through to Sunday April 12.

A field of 80 golfers will compete for valuable Order of Merit points as well as for a share of the Ksh 500,000 prize pool up for grabs.

Defending champion Elvis Muigua returns in pursuit of a third consecutive title after winning the 2024 and 2025 editions, headlining a strong entry list that

also includes Isaac Makokha, Michael Warigia, and Maahir Patel, among others.

Speaking ahead of the two events, NCBA GMD John Gachora reiterated the bank's commitment to supporting the growth of golf in Kenya.

"The NCBA Golf Series continues to play an important role in growing the game by providing golfers across the country with a platform to compete and connect. We are encouraged by the increasing participation at every leg of the series, and we look forward to another exciting weekend of golf in Nanyuki as players pursue qualification for the Grand Finale," Gachora said. "At the same time, the continued momentum of the Kenya Amateur Golf Championship circuit reflects the strength and depth of amateur golf in Kenya, and we are proud to see more players competing at the highest level across the country."

Jay Sandhu currently leads the 2026 KAGC standings with 560 points, followed by Junaid Manji

on 334.02 points. Kamoza Longwe sits third with 246.30 points following his win at the inaugural NCBA Ulinzi Invitational last month, narrowly ahead of Michael Karanga on 243.52.

John Lejirma rounds out the top five with 230.05 points as the championship battle gathers momentum.

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The synonymic, antonymic, and metaphorical dimensions of adjectives: The expressive power of language and speech strategy



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Language is the most delicate yet powerful reflection of human thought. Sometimes it presents reality as it is, while at other times it exaggerates, embellishes, or transforms it entirely. In this process, adjectives play a special role. As words that answer the question “what kind?”, they determine the expressiveness, emotional tone, and imagery of speech.

At the graduate level, language should be analyzed not only as a grammatical system, but also from the perspectives of meaning, context, and communicative strategy. Within such an approach, three key semantic aspects of adjectives—synonymy, antonymy, and metaphorical usage—become especially important. Through these aspects, adjectives move beyond simple description and turn into powerful tools of influence in artistic, journalistic, and sci-

entific discourse.

Main Part

The analysis shows that synonymy enriches speech by providing variation and stylistic flexibility. Adjectives that seem similar in meaning often differ in intensity, emotional coloring, and usage context. For example, instead of “good,” one may choose “excellent,” “effective,” or “appropriate,” depending on the communicative intention. Thus, synonymy reduces repetition and enhances the rhythm and expressiveness of a text.

Antonymy, on the other hand, creates contrast and strengthens evaluation. Oppositions such as “big–small,” “hot–cold,” or “good–bad” sharpen meaning and make statements more impactful. In journalistic discourse especially, contrasting expressions help engage the reader and encourage critical thinking. The presence of opposites introduces tension and dynamism, making the text more persuasive and memorable.

Metaphorical usage represents the highest level of expressive potential in adjectives. Metaphorical adjectives do not merely describe a feature; they create imagery

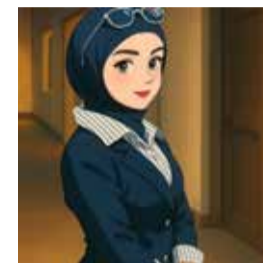
and evoke deeper associations. Expressions like “iron will,” “cold gaze,” or “bright future” demonstrate how abstract qualities are understood through concrete experiences. Such metaphors rely on conceptual mappings—hardness as strength, coldness as indifference, brightness as hope—and significantly enhance the emotional and aesthetic power of language.

Conclusion

The findings indicate that adjectives are not merely decorative elements of language, but strategic instruments of communication. Synonymy allows flexibility and stylistic adaptation, enabling speakers and writers to tailor their message to different audiences. Antonymy intensifies evaluation and introduces contrast, which is essential for persuasive and engaging discourse. Metaphorical adjectives, in turn, transform simple descriptions into culturally rich and imaginative expressions.

In conclusion, the synonymic, antonymic, and metaphorical aspects of adjectives reveal their vast paradigmatic potential and confirm their crucial role in shaping the expressive power and communicative effectiveness of language.

Pragmatic features of politeness in workplace conversation between men and women



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This article examines how men and women use politeness differently in professional settings. Drawing on pragmatic theory and gender linguistics, it argues that awareness of these differences is essential for building respectful and effective workplace communication.

Language in the workplace is never neutral. Every utterance reflects social meaning — hierarchy, solidarity, and identity. Among the most important pragmatic dimensions of professional talk is politeness: the strategic use of language to maintain harmony and manage relationships. Gender significantly influences how politeness is expressed, interpreted, and sometimes misunderstood between colleagues.

Indirectness and hedging are notably more common in women’s workplace speech. Requests such as “Could you possibly help me with this?” soften the imposition on the listener. Women also use hedging words — I think, perhaps, maybe — to avoid sounding overly forceful. While these strategies support cooperative dialogue, they can sometimes be misread as uncertainty rather than courtesy.

Men, by contrast, tend toward more direct, assertive language. Statements like “Send me the report by Friday” are efficient and clear, but in mixed-gender interactions they may occasionally come across as blunt or dismissive to those who value relational communication.

Apologies and compliments are used more frequently by

women in professional contexts. Phrases like “Sorry to interrupt, but...” or “That was a great idea” serve important pragmatic functions — they acknowledge others and reinforce team solidarity. However, excessive use of apology forms can unintentionally signal submissiveness rather than genuine politeness.

Small talk and rapport-building before getting to the main point is another feature more commonly observed in women’s professional communication. Men more often move directly to task-oriented content, which can be efficient but may feel abrupt in relationship-sensitive workplace cultures.

Politeness in the workplace is not always symmetrical. A male manager may issue direct commands without social consequence, while a female manager of equal rank may feel pressure to soften the same message. Women in leadership frequently face a double bind: being too direct risks being labeled aggressive, while being too polite risks being perceived as indecisive. This tension reflects broader cultural expectations rather than individual communicative shortcomings.

Politeness in workplace conversation is a pragmatically rich and gender-sensitive phenomenon. Men and women bring different but equally valid strategies to professional interaction. Rather than treating these differences as problems, workplaces should develop pragmatic awareness — a genuine understanding that language choices are shaped by culture, gender, and context. When this awareness is present, communication becomes not only more polite, but more equitable and effective.

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