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Ruto, Kindiki urge values-based education as school unrest rises

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Some of the moments as captured in pictures

President William Ruto and Deputy President Kithure Kindiki have called for renewed emphasis on values and character formation in schools, saying education must go hand in hand with integrity and responsibility.

Speaking during the 60th anniversary celebrations of Burieruri Boys Senior School in Igembe Central, Meru County, President Ruto urged parents to take an active role in their children's lives and advocated reviving the African tradition of collective parenting, where communities shared responsibility for raising children. The President announced plans to improve the school's infrastructure by constructing 30 modern classrooms, well-equipped laboratories and a multipurpose hall to enhance learning and co-curricular activities.

Kindiki said the recent unrest in some boarding schools underscored the need to instil values that encourage dialogue over violence and arson in resolving grievances.

He said the government had prioritised education, allocating a record Sh784 billion this financial year. Since 2022, 100,000 teachers have been employed, with another 24,000 set to be recruited this year, surpassing the pre-election target of 116,000.

The Deputy President added that construction of 23,000 classrooms, 1,600 science laboratories and a student-centred funding model would strengthen access, affordability and quality in the education sector.



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Stakeholders in Kirinyaga County have called for stronger collaboration among government agencies, security agencies, communities and parents to combat drug trafficking and substance abuse. Speaking during activities to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Kerugoya, participants said drug and illicit alcohol abuse remains a major challenge despite ongoing interventions. Kirinyaga NACADA Coordinator Catherine Kimui said the event provided an opportunity to review progress, assess emerging challenges and develop strategies for the future. She revealed that stakeholders had signed a memorandum of understanding outlining joint efforts to make the county drug-free. Meanwhile, the county government highlighted progress in regulating liquor businesses through improved licensing and certification to curb alcohol abuse.



Suspected drug traffickers and illicit brew dealers risk losing property acquired through illegal trade under a new government crackdown targeting the proceeds of crime. Speaking during the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Eldama Ravine, Koibatek Sub-County Police Commander Benard Indeke said charge sheets of offenders will be forwarded to the Kenya Revenue Authority to facilitate identification and confiscation of illegally acquired assets. Security officials said the move follows growing public concern over illicit alcohol and drug abuse, particularly in Maji Mazuri and Saos. Authorities noted progress in reducing the vice in Poror and Mochongoi, warned traffickers of tougher action, and called for stronger grassroots enforcement, including establishing a NACADA office in Eldama Ravine.



Some of the bags with bhanga held as exhibits being transported to the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital incinerator for destruction. Speaking at the facility in Kisii town after the exercise, the Kisii Chief Magistrate Hon. Ada Obura said the drugs and impounded sugar were destroyed in accordance with court orders in various court files. Obura noted the activity had affirmed the Judiciary's commitment to combating drugs and substance abuse and will also create space within the courtrooms and institutions that have been holding them in custody for a long time.



The government, through the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, is developing pathways to connect talented Kenyan athletes with professional sports opportunities abroad. Speaking during the inaugural Kazi Majuu Football Tournament in Buuri, Principal Secretary Roseline Njogu said the initiative targets football, athletics, volleyball and other disciplines to help young people access the global sports market. More than 2,000 youths attended the event, where 60 community teams received football kits and balls, while participants were also sensitised on the Kazi Majuu programme and safe labour migration. Buuri MP Mugambi Rindikiri said his Ujuzi Mashinani programme equips youth with marketable skills and aims to help at least 250 young people secure employment abroad over the next two years.



The County Government of Trans Nzoia is strengthening human resource management to improve public service delivery through policy and HR reforms. Speaking during a two-day training for Public Service Board members and technical staff, Board Chairperson Joyce Wamalwa highlighted staffing imbalances, particularly in the health sector, as a major challenge affecting service delivery. She urged departments to finalize strategic recruitment plans to ensure qualified personnel are placed in the right positions. Wamalwa also emphasized the importance of succession planning, teamwork and collaboration, warning that working in silos slows progress. She said collective action, supported by clear strategies and strong leadership, is essential for achieving lasting improvements.



Farmers in Lugari are increasingly earning better incomes from indigenous vegetables such as black nightshade, amaranth, spider plant, cowpea leaves and pumpkin leaves due to rising consumer demand. These crops mature quickly, allow multiple harvests and are often bought directly from farms, providing a reliable income. Farmer Peter Wekesa says a 90-kilogram sack sells for Sh3,500 to Sh5,000, significantly more than kale and cabbage. Lugari Sub-County Agriculture Officer Kakai Wekesa attributes the shift to growing awareness of the vegetables' high nutritional value, including iron, calcium, vitamins A and C, and antioxidants, making them profitable while improving food security and nutrition.

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NCA Developers who add unauthorised floors face fines of up to Sh3 million or three years in jail

NCA intensifies crackdown on illegal building extensions to protect public safety

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The National Construction Authority (NCA) has stepped up enforcement against developers who illegally alter approved building designs by adding extra floors without obtaining fresh structural approvals, warning that such violations endanger lives and undermine confidence in Kenya's construction sector.

Developers found flouting construction regulations risk fines of up to Sh3 million, imprisonment for up to three years, or both, under the NCA Act.

The latest enforcement operation in Mombasa saw one developer arrested after allegedly extending a seven-storey building without the necessary regulatory approvals. The action forms part of the authority's nationwide quality assurance and compliance programme aimed at ensuring every construction project adheres to approved standards.

Speaking during the inspections, NCA Compliance Manager Stephen Mwilu said several buildings inspected had originally been approved for a specific number of floors but were subsequently extended without fresh structural assessments or authorisation from the relevant authorities.

Mwilu warned that altering approved designs without verifying whether the founda-



Executive Director Eng. Maurice Akech

tion and structural framework can safely support additional loads exposes occupants, construction workers and neighbouring communities to catastrophic risks.

"Our role is to oversee and coordinate the construction industry to ensure all legal requirements are met. Where we find non-compliance, we suspend projects until the issues are rectified," he said.

The intensified inspections come amid broader scrutiny of construction standards across Kenya, following a series of structural failures that have claimed lives and prompted emergency interventions by government agencies. Among the most

dramatic was the April 2025 controlled demolition by the Kenya Defence Forces of an 11-storey building at Kilifi Corner, Fayaz Estate, along Abdel Nasser Road in Mombasa, after the structure began sinking due to an unauthorised borehole drilled into its foundation. One man, Yusuf Ali Abdi, died after entering the building as it collapsed. The episode reinforced the need for strict regulatory oversight before, during and after construction.

The NCA's enforcement drive reflects a commitment to promoting professionalism, accountability and safety within Kenya's rapidly expanding construction

industry. Under Executive Director Maurice Akech, the authority has enhanced inspections, strengthened collaboration with county governments and industry stakeholders, and reinforced adherence to the NCA Act and national building standards.

As Kenya experiences rapid urbanisation, the authority has reiterated that public safety is non-negotiable. Compliance with approved building plans, professional standards and structural integrity, it says, remains the foundation of a safe and sustainable construction sector.

Mudavadi calls for peace, strong institutions and credible elections



PCS Musalia Mudavadi addressing the faithful yesterday.

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Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi, has urged Kenyans to safeguard peace, strengthen democratic institutions and reject divisive politics, Mudavadi said that peace is a critical component in building a nation.

Speaking during a fellowship service at Redeemed Church along Likoni Road in Nairobi

yesterday, he said conflict has also placed global governance institutions under immense strain.

"As we head into this election next year, we ask that every Kenyan maintains peace and ensure a peaceful and harmonious polls," said Mudavadi.

Turning to Kenya's political landscape, Mudavadi appealed to eligible citizens to register as voters and prepare to participate peacefully in the country's next General Election.

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General Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

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Uganda's Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) Muhoozi Kainerugaba forced the shutdown of NTV Uganda, Spark TV and Daily Monitor vowing a crackdown on free press.

NTV Uganda and Spark TV reportedly went off air in the wee hours of Sunday morning after an overnight security crackdown at the Nation Media Group (NMG) Uganda offices in Namuwongo, Kampala.

The shutdown came after General Muhoozi, President Yoweri Museveni's son, shared a series of alarming posts on X, vowing a crackdown on the aforementioned stations.

"Mzee has approved my plan to close both NTV and Monitor. We are moving immediately!," he wrote.

The crackdown is believed to be prompted by "bad stories" targeting the nation's top leadership, following a series of hard-hitting news reports and television features focusing on Uganda's political and security establishment.

"From now on ALL bad stories about Uganda have to be cleared by

my office!. In Uganda, I DO NOT believe in a free press! The press should be guided by cadres of the revolution," he added.

The CDF, known for his provocative online presence, has ordered that the stations will not re-open without his approval.

NMG Uganda owns 20-year-old NTV Uganda, Star TV, Daily Monitor, The East African, Dembe FM among others.

A similar dramatic raid was witnessed in Uganda in May 2013 when armed police officers raided Daily Monitor's offices after a publication of a letter claimed to be authored by Gen. David Sejusa, then Coordinator of Intelligence Services, alleging a plan to prepare Muhoozi as his father's successor.

It later became widely known as the "Muhoozi Project".

As the government strongly rejected the allegations, police sealed the newspaper's premises, suspended KFM and Dembe FM operations as officials argued that the operation formed part of criminal investigations into the leaked intelligence correspondence.

Media rights organisations condemned the raid as an attack on press freedom.



Illustration

The myth of green pastures in the city

The rush to urban centres has blinded many Kenyans to the quiet, steady wealth being built back home — and the land they left behind may hold more promise than the city ever did.

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For generations, the story has been the same: pack your bags, head to the city, and leave poverty behind. Nairobi beckons. Mombasa promises. The village can wait.

But can it?

A closer look at where Kenya's real wealth is being built tells a very different story. While young graduates queue for shrinking office jobs and urban rents consume half a monthly salary before the week is out, a growing number of Kenyans are quietly building fortunes in the countryside — from poultry sheds, dairy barns, greenhouse rows and fish ponds that city dwellers rarely think about until they sit down to eat.

The countryside is, in truth, the backbone of the Kenyan economy. Every day, the food that feeds the nation travels from farms far beyond the busy streets of Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu. Farmers rise before sunrise to tend crops and livestock. Cabbages, sukuma wiki, broccoli, potatoes, cauliflower — all of it begins not in a supermarket, but in soil that someone

chose to work. While many office workers wait anxiously for end-month, a successful farmer earns from each harvest. A well-managed farm does not wait for a payslip. It produces continuously, and often handsomely.

I have seen this firsthand. A neighbour from my rural area started with a modest flock of chickens. No corporate backing, no city connections — just land, patience and a clear-eyed vision. Through dedication and consistency, he built a thriving poultry business from the ground up. Today he is a millionaire, with rental flats in Nairobi, a beautiful home, cattle, sheep and an ever-expanding farm operation. His wealth did not begin in a boardroom. It began in a village, with a decision to stay and build.

His story is not exceptional. It is becoming a template. Across Kenya, dairy farming, horticulture, beekeeping, fish farming and small enterprise agriculture are generating incomes that rival — and in many cases surpass — white-collar salaries. The land that young people abandon in search of opportunity elsewhere often holds precisely the opportunity they are looking for.

None of this dismisses what cit-

ies offer. Urban centres remain essential engines of education, technology, trade and industry, and for many Kenyans they represent genuine pathways to progress. The argument is not against cities. It is against the unexamined assumption that success only lives in them.

One of the most undervalued advantages of rural life is access to land — a productive asset that can feed families, create employment and generate lasting income. Urban life, by contrast, frequently brings high rent, punishing transport costs, intense job competition and the grinding anonymity of a city that owes you nothing.

Perhaps it is time to redefine what success looks like. Agriculture is no longer merely a way of life. It is a business, an investment and, for a growing number of Kenyans, a pathway to genuine financial freedom.

The food on every city plate begins on a farm. The next time someone says all the green pastures are in the city, they should remember the farmers building fortunes from the land — and consider that the richest opportunities in Kenya may lie not among skyscrapers, but among the green fields they left behind.

The KSh12 billion shakedown: How Kenya's vehicle inspection scheme became a political firestorm

With nearly five million registered vehicles on Kenyan roads and the government standing to collect up to Sh12 billion annually in mandatory inspection fees, opposition leaders are crying foul — and one has told Kenyans to refuse to pay.

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The government's plan to subject millions of private vehicles to mandatory annual inspections has triggered a political and public storm, with opposition leaders calling for its suspension and one accusing President William Ruto of using the new policy to raise billions to bankroll his 2027 re-election campaign.

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From 1 July 2026, every privately owned vehicle more than four years old is required to undergo a compulsory annual roadworthiness inspection under the Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026, gazetted as Legal Notice No. 13 of 2026 in February and implemented by NTSA under Section 119(g) of the Traffic

Act. The opposition has not hesitated to frame it in the bluntest possible terms. Democracy for Citizens Party leader and former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, addressing supporters, was unsparing. "Nobody should take their vehicle for inspection and give William Ruto money," Gachagua declared, alleging the programme was designed to raise billions for political purposes ahead of the 2027 General Election. He went further still. "If William Ruto continues to harass people, continues to bring violence, chaos and kill people, we will not fight him with violence. I will issue a directive to Kenyans to suspend the payment of taxes until William Ruto comes to his senses," he said, threatening a full tax boycott if the government persists with what he described as intimidation of citizens. The allegation — that policy is being weaponised as a campaign finance vehicle — is unprovable before a court. In a public square already seething with distrust, it does not need to be.

Jubilee Party deputy leader and former Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i, equally in opposition, issued a sharply worded call for immediate suspension. "Road safety is a legitimate national objective. However, public policy must be evidence-based, proportionate, transparent and sensitive to the economic realities facing citizens. The proposed inspection regime fails that test," Matiang'i said. He challenged the government to disclose how many vehicles would be affected, what revenue it expects to collect annually, and what evidence exists that annual inspections of private vehicles reduce road accidents. "Vehicle condition is only one part of a much larger road safety strategy. Before imposing mandatory costs on citizens, Government must publish the data, the policy analysis, the cost-benefit assessment and the implementation plan that justify such a far-reaching decision," he said. DAP-Kenya leader Eugene Wamalwa, speaking at a church service attended by opposition principals including Kalonzo Musyoka and Justin Muturi, went further, vowing

to challenge the directive in court. "The inspection costs will increase expenses for vehicle owners, and those costs will eventually be passed on to wananchi through higher transport fares, on top of the already high fuel prices. We need to challenge this NTSA law because it is very oppressive," Wamalwa said.

There is an old and bitter adage in Kenyan political commentary: the rich steal through policy, while the poor steal through desperation. It is crude, but it lands — and the arithmetic makes it land harder. The Motorist Association of Kenya estimates that approximately 98 per cent of all vehicles on Kenyan roads fall within the four-year age bracket that triggers mandatory inspection, meaning there is virtually no exemption for the average motorist. "Many say there is no justification since the move is informed by revenue collection rather than safety. The present inspection is riddled in corruption where commercial vehicles get stickers without having met the specifics of a roadworthy vehicle. We would not want to roll out this graft to private vehicles," the association said. It added, with brutal economy, that "it is ironic to check vehicle worthiness while the roads themselves are not vehicle worthy."

NTSA Director-General Nashon Kondiwa has insisted the reforms are anchored in law and driven by road safety imperatives. "All motor vehicle owners with vehicles older than four years from the recorded date of manufacture are therefore expected to book for annual inspection through the NTSA service portal accessible through the eCitizen platform," he said. The authority has pointed to Kenya's devastating road carnage — thousands of deaths annually from preventable crashes — as justification for a tougher inspection regime. The argument is sound in principle. In practice, a regulator whose commercial vehicle inspection programme has for years been synonymous with bribery, and whose mandate covers roads that shred tyres and kill motorists through neglect, carries a formidable credibility deficit when it demands



The KSh12 billion shakedown

trust for an expanded remit. Kondiwa himself acknowledged that a 12-month inspection interval may not even be sufficient for heavy road users. "For users who are always on the road, 12 months is such a long time," he conceded — a remark that, whatever its intent, raises the question of whether the interval was designed around safety science or annual revenue cycles.

Faced with mounting public fury, NTSA attempted a partial retreat. In a statement issued on Sunday, the authority said traffic police have been instructed not to demand proof of mandatory inspection from private vehicle owners during roadside checks, and that the enforcement date will be communicated once the implementation framework is fully in place. The concession has done little to quiet the storm. The regulations remain law. The commercial and school vehicle rollout has proceeded. Motorists who fail to present their vehicles face fines of up to Sh20,000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both — penalties that will fall hardest on the middle-income earners who most depend on private transport to earn a living and can least afford a shakedown at a roadblock.

A government that has imposed levy after levy on an exhausted citizenry

— fuel taxes, housing levies, SHA deductions, insurance surcharges and a cost of living crisis that has left millions unable to cope — and that has simultaneously failed to fix roads, prosecute corrupt inspection officers or keep unroadworthy public service vehicles off the streets, begins with a very thin stock of public trust. Extracting between Sh6 billion and Sh12 billion annually through a gazette notice rather than parliamentary process is not road safety. It is fiscal policy by stealth — and Kenyans, armed with those numbers, know exactly what they are looking at.

Matiang'i's questions deserve direct answers, not a deferred enforcement date. Publish the data. Publish the revenue projections. Publish the accident statistics. Publish the corruption-prevention plan. And if the numbers do not justify the policy, suspend it — because in a country where the rich write the rules and the middle class pays the bills, between Sh6 billion and Sh12 billion extracted by regulatory fiat is not a road safety programme. It is a toll booth on the road to 2027.

Coffee farmers Mathioya MP Edwin Mugo said the delivery of the vehicle marked the fulfilment of a promise made to empower local farmers

Kangunu coffee farmers receive milk lorry as dairy venture boosts incomes

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Farmers affiliated to Kangunu Coffee Cooperative Society in Mathioya, Murang'a County, have received a milk transport lorry, fulfilling a pledge made by President William Ruto and Mathioya MP Edwin Mugo to support the society's growing dairy enterprise.

The lorry is expected to improve milk collection and transportation after the cooperative diversified from coffee farming into dairy production by installing a milk cooling plant at the factory.

Speaking during the handover ceremony last Friday, Mathioya MP Edwin Mugo said the delivery of the vehi-



Mathioya MP Edwin Mugo (left) and Murang'a Woman Rep. Betty Maina during the handing over of the lorry to the chairman of Kangunu Coffee Factory.

cle marked the fulfilment of He said the new coffee vari-

to improved leadership after the cooperative overcame management challenges and corruption that had previously pushed it into debt.

"One year ago, members were worried about poor management and corruption. Today, those challenges have been addressed through sound leadership, and the results are evident," She said.

Maina noted that the improved management has also seen coffee farmers receive better returns, with payments increasing from Sh. 80 per kilogramme to Sh.133 per kilogramme during the latest coffee payment, making Kangunu among the top-performing coffee societies in the country.

She said the cooperative is now earning income from both coffee and dairy farming, further enhancing members' livelihoods.

The Woman Rep thanked the national government for supporting Murang'a farmers through reforms and investments aimed at transforming the agricultural sector.

Farmers who attended the event welcomed the support but urged the government to ensure timely and equitable distribution of subsidized fertiliser to enhance coffee production.

One of the farmers, Mary Wanjiru, also appealed to the government to address the high cost of animal feeds, saying the rising prices are reducing profits for dairy farmers despite the improved milk prices.

The Kangunu cooperative has increasingly embraced diversification as part of efforts to cushion farmers against fluctuations in coffee earnings while creating additional and more stable sources of income for its members.

a promise made to empower local farmers and strengthen their economic activities.

"What was once a commitment to empower our farmers has now become a reality. This milk lorry is more than just a vehicle; it is a direct investment in the livelihoods of our dairy farmers," said Mugo.

He noted that the vehicle will significantly improve milk collection, reduce post-harvest losses, lower transport costs and ensure farmers deliver quality milk to the market in good time.

The MP, who was accompanied by Murang'a Woman Representative Betty Maina, lauded farmers for embracing dairy farming as an additional source of income saying diversification has strengthened household earnings.

He observed that milk prices have risen to over KSh45 per litre, while reforms in the coffee sector have also led to improved coffee prices, boosting farmers' incomes across the county.

To further strengthen coffee production, Mugo donated 20,000 coffee seedlings to Kangunu Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Society.

ety is high-yielding and will help farmers increase production and improve their earnings.

The legislator further revealed that the National Government has allocated KSh2 billion in the next financial year's budget to offset debts owed by coffee factories across the country.

He said the allocation will help reduce the estimated KSh6 billion debt burden weighing down many coffee cooperatives.

In addition, Mugo donated three motorcycles to young people from the area to support self-employment and create new economic opportunities.

"These milestones demonstrate the importance of visionary leadership, keeping promises and investing in projects that directly transform the lives of wananchi," he added.

Murang'a Woman Rep Betty Maina on her part said the cooperative's dairy venture has recorded remarkable growth, with daily milk collection increasing from about 2,000 litres a few months ago to more than 6,000 litres.

She attributed the turnaround

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Health The latest milestone came yesterday with the delivery and installation of a state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner at the hospital.

Othaya MP's healthcare push transforms Mwai Kibaki Level 6 Hospital into regional medical hub

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For decades, residents of Nyeri County and the larger Mt. Kenya region have had to travel long distances to Nairobi and other referral hospitals in search of specialized medical services.

Today, however, Mwai Kibaki Level 6 Hospital in Othaya is steadily emerging as one of Kenya's fastest-growing public referral facilities, thanks to massive investments in modern equipment and infrastructure spearheaded by the national government with sustained support from Othaya Member of Parliament Wambugu Wainaina.

The latest milestone came yesterday with the delivery and installation of a state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanner at the hospital.

The Othaya MP described the acquisition as a major breakthrough in improving healthcare access for thousands of patients across the region.

"Today we have successfully delivered the most modern 100 per cent lithium-free MRI scanner at Mwai Kibaki Referral Hospital, a move aimed at improving healthcare service delivery. This will ease the huge burden of patients travelling to Nairobi, Kiambu and other facilities in search of these services," he noted.

An MRI scanner uses powerful magnetic fields and radio frequency waves to generate detailed images of the body's internal organs without exposing patients to radiation. The technology plays a critical role in diagnosing neurological disorders, spinal injuries, cancers, joint diseases and other complex medical

conditions.

Until now, many patients from Nyeri and neighbouring counties have been forced to seek MRI services elsewhere, often incurring huge transport costs and enduring long waiting periods.

The installation of the scanner significantly elevates the hospital's diagnostic capabilities and positions it among the few public health facilities in Central Kenya offering advanced imaging services.

The MRI project is part of a broader transformation agenda that has seen Mwai Kibaki Level 6 Hospital expand both its infrastructure and specialised services.

A few days ago, the MP accompanied Defence Principal Secretary Patrick Mariru on an inspection tour of the ongoing construction of the Mwai Kibaki Clinical Hospital Annex.

The ambitious project, being implemented under the su-

per vision of the Ministry of Defence, has already reached approximately 15 per cent completion.

According to the PS, the annex comprises a modern four-storey hospital complex with a capacity of 150 beds alongside other supporting medical facilities.

He reiterated the government's commitment to delivering the project within schedule and according to the highest quality standards.

For Wainaina, the hospital's expansion represents the fulfilment of a long-standing commitment to transform healthcare services within the constituency and beyond.

Since assuming office, the MP has consistently lobbied national government agencies to prioritise investment at the hospital, arguing that its strategic location makes it an ideal referral centre for the wider Mt. Kenya region.

His efforts have focused on



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attracting specialised medical equipment, expanding hospital infrastructure and ensuring the institution receives adequate government support to serve a growing patient population.

Once completed, the annex facility will substantially increase bed capacity, create room for additional specialised departments and improve patient flow at the hospital.

The expanded complex is also expected to accommodate more specialist clinics, surgical theatres and inpatient services, reducing congestion while improving quality of care.

The hospital serves residents from at least 11 counties,

making it one of the busiest referral facilities in the region. Patients from Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Laikipia, Nyandarua, Embu, Meru and neighbouring counties frequently seek specialised treatment at the institution.

Healthcare experts believe the combined impact of modern diagnostic technology and expanded infrastructure will significantly reduce patient referrals to Kenyatta National Hospital and other facilities in Nairobi.

The investments are also expected to cut treatment delays, lower travel expenses for families and improve early diagnosis of critical illnesses.

As construction progresses

toward its expected completion in December 2026, optimism continues to grow that Mwai Kibaki Level 6 Hospital will become one of Kenya's leading referral hospitals outside Nairobi.

For residents of Othaya and the larger Mt. Kenya region, the transformation represents more than new buildings and sophisticated machines. It signifies improved access to quality healthcare closer to home.

For the MP, it is further evidence that sustained engagement with the national government can deliver tangible development projects that directly improve the lives of wananchi.



Part of the MRI machines being offloaded yesterday.

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Kenya shifts focus to quality-based milk payments to boost dairy sector

BY WMW

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Kenya is preparing for a major transformation in its dairy industry by introducing a quality-based milk payment system that will reward farmers for producing high-quality milk rather than focusing solely on volume.

As Africa's leading milk producer, with an estimated annual output of 5.4 billion litres, the country is seeking to improve the competitiveness of its dairy sector by encouraging farmers to adopt better production practices that enhance milk quality and increase profitability.

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The government has already begun investing in infrastructure to support the transition.

During the handover of milk coolers to Mukurweini Wakulima Dairy Farmers Limited in Nyeri county, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe said the facilities will play a critical role in preserving milk quality by reducing bacterial growth, maintaining freshness and minimizing post-harvest losses.

He described milk coolers as essential investments that enable farmers to consistently supply milk that meets high-quality standards required by processors and premium markets.

So far, 32 milk coolers have been distributed across Nyeri County, benefiting dairy cooperatives including Iriaini, Tekari, Gakindu, Gataragwa and Naromoru.

Beyond improving raw milk quality, the government is also encouraging farmers to embrace value addition through the production of processed dairy products such as milk powder, cheese, butter and yoghurt.

According to Kagwe, expanding dairy processing will help Kenya access regional and international markets, reduce losses during periods of surplus production, create employment opportunities

and increase farmers' earnings. He noted that milk powder, in particular, provides an effective way of preserving excess milk while ensuring year-round market access.

The government is also strengthening cooperative societies, which remain central to the success of the dairy sector. Strong cooperatives improve farmers' bargaining power, lower production costs, facilitate access to credit and extension services, support quality assurance and open doors to export opportunities.

As part of efforts to improve dairy productivity, the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre will provide 500 doses of sexed semen to farmers. The technology gives farmers up to a 90 percent chance of



CS Mutahi Kagwe (left) handing over a trophy to Wakulima dairy chairman Muhika Mutahi.

producing calves of the preferred gender, accelerating herd improvement and enhancing milk production efficiency.

The government's agricultural support extends beyond dairy farming. Farmers have also received 70,000 coffee seedlings, 70,000 avocado seedlings and 50,000 mac-

adamia seedlings as part of broader efforts to diversify agricultural production and improve household incomes.

With the planned rollout of quality-based milk payments, farmers are being encouraged to invest in improved dairy management practices and work through strong cooperative societies to maximize

returns.

The shift signals a new era for Kenya's dairy industry, where quality is expected to become the key determinant of farmers' earnings and the country's competitiveness in regional and global dairy markets.



CS Mutahi Kagwe addressing stakeholders. | Photo: Courtesy.

Garissa Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira said the project marks the end of years of unreliable electricity supply in Garissa

Garissa set for reliable power supply with upgraded substation

BY MKT Correspondent

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Garissa County is set to enjoy more reliable electricity following the government's upgrade of the Garissa Kenya Power substation, increasing its capacity from 15 MVA to 38 MVA to meet the region's growing energy demand.

The substation, commissioned in 2016 with a single 7.5 MVA transformer before an additional 7.5 MVA unit was installed, has struggled to keep pace with rapid urban growth, resulting in frequent power outages, low voltage and heavy losses for businesses, especially those relying on refrigeration in the region's high temperatures.

The upgrade is also expected to pave the way for Dadaab and surrounding areas to be connected to the national

grid, reducing dependence on costly and unreliable diesel-powered mini-grids.

Speaking during an inspection of the installation of the new 23 MVA transformer, Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira said the project marks the end of years of unreliable electricity supply in Garissa.

"We are here to inspect the commissioning of an additional 23 MVA transformer that was promised by the President because of the suffering the people of Garissa have endured. Previously, the county could only absorb a maximum of 15 megawatts, resulting in overloaded transformers, low voltage and frequent outages," said Wachira.

He said one of the existing 7.5 MVA transformers will remain operational, bringing the substation's total capacity to about 30.5 MVA and enabling Garissa and its environs to

absorb up to 30 megawatts of power.

Wachira noted that Kenya continues to experience rising electricity demand, revealing that the country's peak demand had increased from 2,444 MW to a record 2,502 MW within the week, driven by expanding economic activities.

He added that the upgraded substation would support future growth, saying Garissa's power consumption is expected to rise rapidly once supply constraints are removed.

Garissa Township MP Dekow Mohamed welcomed the development, thanking President William Ruto for fulfilling a promise made during his recent visit to the county.

He said inadequate electricity had discouraged investors despite Garissa's connection to the national grid.

"Garissa is one of the fastest-growing towns in the country, but our transformer had become overloaded.



Energy Principal Secretary Alex Wachira briefing the media in Garissa last week.

This upgrade will attract investors, create jobs and boost economic activities across the county," said Mohamed.

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THE



Thirty years



Thirty suns.
Thirty chains.

No dawn unbound.
Each light, a debt.

Priests of coin preach,
While rivers rot.

I knelt with lies,
Sold Eden for dust.

At twenty, gold for yoke,
Bright ledgers, dark nights.

Stone bled south,
Marble fed north.

Self was sold

By the quartered page.

Five songs once ran—
Now acid sky.

Thirty turns.
Green to ash.

Velvet cage.
Silent blade.

I clasped a dying bough,
Stone city round.
It breathed: We shall see.
Night fell first.

Robes. Receipts.
Seats sold.
Towers raised
On small bones.

Thirty years,
Tomorrow bartered.

I regret this verse.
The wheel turns on.

Qasim Ali Kharal

The unspoken answer



Not every answer comes in words,
Some arrive in a smile, some in silence,
A rebuke may draw a boundary line,
Indifference may reveal a distance.

When replies are nowhere to be found,
Look deeper than what people say,
For hearts often speak their truest thoughts
Through the simple way they behave.

“Yad yad acharati shreshthas, tat tad evetaro
janah”

Whatever a person does, others follow.

So teaches Krishna in the Gita's light,
Actions reveal what words may hide,
For sometimes the clearest answer given
Is found in how people behave.

So listen beyond the spoken sound,
Where truth needs neither mask nor lie,
For sometimes we find our answer
In their expressed behaviour.

Nandini Anandkumar
Educator, Writer, Motivator, Freelancer
(In Service of Education)

Click-Clack therapy



The train goes click-clack, a nonstop sound
I grab a seat by the window and look around
Trees go by in a blurry line,
The phone feels boring, so I just unwind

Green fields roll past, fresh and wide
Buses and trucks race by my side
The sun goes down, evening arrives
A cool breeze blows, and my spirit revives.
Stars pop out, all shiny and bright
Eyes grow heavy, sleep feels right.
A window seat is the best of all
Till the journey ends, I enjoy it all.

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Qudratova Zilola Nematulla



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Throughout her career, she has earned more than 20 international certificates and over 50 certificates and letters of appreciation from various projects and organizations. Her life motto is: "Today's hard work is the foundation of tomorrow's success." Her future goal is to implement impactful youth development projects and contribute to society through her professional knowledge and experience.

Sometimes, their behavior is the answer



Behavior is more important than everything else because it is the mirror of a person.

It clearly shows their true character and qualities.

When you fight with others, they may become your enemies.

When you help others, they may become close to you. Their behavior is the answer to how they feel

about you.

When you try to get close to some people, they do not give you importance, while others value and appreciate you. These are the different ways behavior gives us answers.

Some people do not express their feelings through words; instead, they express them through their actions and behavior.

This is the philosophy of human life: words alone mean nothing without behavior. Sometimes, different situations shape people and make them behave in certain ways.

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Creative



Teamwork makes the dreamwork

Team work shares the responsibility
It provides growth mentality
Likewise it shares our grief Remember, it's all in the part of life

It motivates stay with togetherness

Unity is our strength and happiness
It helps to our emotional balance
Team spirit cookup the benevolence

Doing alone may be exhausted
Team protects us from accused
In the deep trouble we messed up
Others hands will help and holdup

Success is the subscriber of unity
Dreams are fulfill by its authority
Team work is an agreement of wisdom
Team spirit will reach our dream kingdom.

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Teamwork makes the dreamwork



Clasp the two hands
To break the barrier band.
Smash the secret songs
To scratch the scandal.

Turn the mockery
into the majestic history.
A multitude of waves weave a single voice.
Let's row in the same boat and rejoice.

Cherish the melodious victory.
Be proud as we together set a new boundary.
Let's put our hands together.
To make our work lighter.

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Health 19 percent of children under five in Nakuru are stunted, slightly higher than the national average of 18 percent

Nakuru moves to strengthen primary care networks against child malnutrition

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The high number of children admitted with severe acute malnutrition at Nakuru County Referral and Teaching Hospital has raised concern, with health officials calling for stronger community-based interventions to identify vulnerable children earlier.

Health County Executive Committee Member Roselyn Mungai raised the concern after visiting Ward 5 at the hospital, where she assessed the condition of 'Baby IK' and other children admitted under paediatric care.

Mungai said the children were receiving medical attention from healthcare workers at the facility, but noted that the number of children admitted with severe acute malnutrition remained worrying.

She was accompanied by healthcare workers, including Clinical Nutritionist and Nutrition Officer Arthur Wangare, during the visit to the facility, also known

as PGH-Nakuru, where she interacted with staff and observed ongoing care.

The situation has exposed a deeper community health challenge, with medics warning that many vulnerable children are reaching hospital only after their conditions have deteriorated and require urgent medical care.

According to the 2022 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey, 19 percent of children under five in Nakuru are stunted, slightly higher than the national average of 18 percent.

The same survey shows that three percent of children under five in Nakuru are wasted, meaning they are too thin for their height, while nine percent are underweight.

Although Nakuru's wasting and underweight rates are below the national averages of five percent and 10 percent respectively, the county's stunting burden remains a concern because it reflects long-term nutritional deprivation.

Health experts say stunting is particularly worrying because it can affect a child's physical

growth, brain development, school readiness and long-term productivity if nutrition gaps are not addressed early.

The hospital admissions have therefore shifted attention to prevention, with county health teams expected to strengthen screening, nutrition counselling and referral systems through Primary Care Networks and community health promoters.

"While hospitals will always be there to care for children who need us, the real work begins much earlier, with families, communities, and a strong Primary Care Network (PCN) that identifies children at risk early, supports caregivers, and connects every child to the appropriate care at the right time," Mungai said.

The Health boss said preventing malnutrition requires sustained support at household and community level, where caregivers can be guided on proper child feeding, early warning signs and timely referral for medical attention.

She said Primary Care Networks remain central to strengthening early identifi-

cation of vulnerable children, linking families to health facilities and ensuring children receive appropriate care before their conditions worsen.

Mungai further called for active involvement of local leaders, community health promoters, families and residents in supporting child nutrition, saying hospitals alone cannot solve the problem once children are critically ill.

Severe acute malnutrition is a dangerous condition that weakens a child's immunity, increases vulnerability to infections and can lead to complications if not identified and treated early.

Health officials said children admitted with malnutrition often require close monitoring, nutritional rehabilitation and treatment for related illnesses, placing additional pressure on paediatric wards and frontline health workers.

Nationally, Kenya continues to face a serious acute malnutrition burden, with the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification estimating that 810,871 children aged six to 59 months will require treat-



Nakuru governor Susan Kihika | Photo: Courtesy.

ment for acute malnutrition in 2026.

The IPC says the worst acute malnutrition pressures are concentrated in arid and semi-arid counties, driven by drought, poor dietary diversity, disease outbreaks, reduced milk availability and weakened nutrition services.

For Nakuru, officials say the priority is early identification of at-risk children before they require hospital admission, alongside stronger support for caregivers on breastfeeding, complementary feeding, hygiene and timely treatment of childhood illnesses.

Mungai said the county must strengthen efforts to nourish, support and protect children so that fewer families are forced to seek emergency hospital care because of preventable malnutrition.

She said the long-term goal should be a stronger community health system that reaches children early, supports caregivers consistently and reduces the number of children requiring hospital beds due to malnutrition.

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Empowerment Across Kenya, disability groups have for many years occupied the margins of development discourse

Beyond empowerment: Moiben has a historic opportunity to become a model of inclusive leadership



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Prof. Phylis Bartoo MP for Moiben Constituency

Prof. Phylis Bartoo MP for Moiben Constituency successful women empowerment fundraising organized on Saturday, will undoubtedly be remembered as one of the constituency most significant community development event. The event was more than a fundraising exercise; it was a statement of faith in the transformative power of organized communities and a demonstration that sustainable development begins by investing in people.

Presided over by the Cabinet secretary for Interior and National Administration, Kipchumba Murkomen, the occasion brought together an assembly of area leaders including Uasin Gishu Governor, Elgeyo Marakwet Governor, Members of Parliament, Members of County Assembly, government officials, Community leaders, aspiring leaders and spiritual leaders. Their presence though with political connotations, reflected a shared conviction that empowering grassroots communities remains one of the surest pathways towards economic growth, social stability and national prosperity.

Throughout the event, one quality stood out above all else – the unwavering determination of Prof. Bartoo to ensure that development resources are taken closer to the people who need them most. Her commitment to strengthening women groups acknowledges the indispensable role women continue to play in sustaining households, driving agricultural produc-

tion, nurturing families and building resilient communities. Investing in women is not only an act of generosity, but an investment in the economic engine of society itself. Yet while the fundraising rightfully focused on women empowerment, the event also presented an important reminder that meaningful development in the society must embrace every segment of the society. Among those who continue to experience the greatest barriers to opportunity are persons with disabilities, many of whom remain largely invisible within mainstream empowerment programmes despite facing extra-ordinary social, Economic and physical challenges.

Across Kenya, disability groups have for many years occupied the margins of development discourse. They remain among the most vulnerable members of the society, often confronting inaccessible public infrastructure, limited educational opportunities, underemployment, inadequate healthcare, social stigma and exclusion from decision making forums and economic empowerment initiatives.

It is against this backdrop, that one moment during the Moiben fundraiser carried particular significance. Prof. Bartoo deliberately recognized disability groups in her function. Although it may

have appeared to be brief acknowledgement, for many persons with disabilities it presented something far more profound. It was an affirmation that they have not been forgotten and that their voices are beginning to find space within the broader conversation on development and inclusion.

That recognition deserves commendation. It also inspires hope that Moiben could become one of the first constituencies in Kenya to deliberately integrate disability inclusion into its empowerment and development agenda. Such leadership would not only reflect the constitutional principles of equality, human dignity and non-discrimination but would also unlock the immense talents, resilience and potential that persons with disabilities possess.

However, the aspiration for inclusion should not end with economic empowerment alone. Financial support, grants and income-generating activities are essential, but they represent only one part of the broader journey towards equality. True inclusion requires a deliberate commitment to dismantling every barrier that prevents persons with disabilities from realizing their full potential.

This means championing accessible schools where every learner can thrive, healthcare services that respond to dis-

ability-specific needs, public infrastructure designed for universal accessibility, affordable assistive technologies, inclusive employment opportunities, accessible government services, equal participation in political and public life, protection from discrimination and the effective implementation of disability laws and policies. It also means ensuring that disability organization have permanent seat at the table whenever development priorities are identified, resources allocated and programmes implemented.

Persons with disabilities are not seeking charity, but seeking fairness, equal opportunities, and environments where ability is recognized above disability and where every citizen has a chance to contribute fully to the social and economic progress of the nation.

Prof. Bartoo is uniquely positioned to champion this broader vision, by extending her leadership beyond empowerment funds, to sustained advocacy for disability inclu-

sion, and redefine what constituency leadership means in modern Kenya. Such legacy would demonstrate that development is not measured solely by the amount of money distributed but by the number of barriers removed and the lives transformed.

As one who attended the event, hearing disability group acknowledged from the podium was not only encouraging, but it sparked hope among many that this recognition will evolve into practical action. There is genuine optimism that Prof. Bartoo with close collaboration with disability leaderships, will become one of the few Members of Parliament to establish an inclusive empowerment model that intentionally reaches persons with disabilities while actively addressing the systemic challenges that continue to limit their participation in society.

If her inclusive visionary leadership is embraced and supported by the communities, it will do more than em-

power women, youth and persons with disabilities, but will become a national benchmark for inclusive leadership – a constituency where development leaves no one behind, where every citizen is valued and where weakest members of the society are recognized, empowered and encouraged to utilize their full potential. The success of the Moiben women empowerment fundraising has already demonstrated visionary leadership and the next and perhaps the greatest chapter lies in ensuring that this spirit of empowerment becomes broader movement for inclusion, justice and equal opportunity for all.

When that day come, Moiben will not be celebrated for organizing successful fundraising event, but will be remembered as the constituency that proved true empowerment is achieved when every person, regardless of gender, age, or disability, is given the opportunity to dream, participate, to succeed and to contribute meaningfully to a shared prosperity.

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Zimbabwe Zimbabwe's future will not be secured by what the few display. It will be secured by what the many are enabled to build.

Zimbabwe's luxury economy: why wealth without work is not enough

The Action Democratic Movement calls on Zimbabwe to shift its national conversation from displays of private wealth to the productive investment that creates jobs, industries and lasting opportunity.

BY Alice Nyamande

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Zimbabwe can generate private wealth. What it cannot yet generate — in sufficient measure — is opportunity. That gap is the defining challenge of our time.

The nation's entrepreneurial energy and natural resources are real. So is the unemployment. So is the exodus of young Zimbabweans seeking livelihoods that their own country has not provided. Luxury consumption, however spectacular, does not close that gap. Factories do. Export industries do. Commercial agriculture does. Technology and value addition do.

The Action Democratic Movement does not begrudge any individual the legitimate fruits of their enterprise.

Private investment and philanthropy have genuine value. But a national economy cannot be built on the circulation of assets among the few. It is built on enterprises that manufacture, innovate and employ — on productive activity that generates income for households, not headlines.

We also note the humanitarian assistance extended to Zimbabweans caught in the migration crisis in South Africa. Compassion is commendable. Yet relief cannot substitute for an economy capable of keeping Zimbabweans home in the first place. Every returning citizen deserves not merely safety, but opportunity.

Strong institutions remain the foundation of all of this. Transparent procurement, consistent payment systems and equal treatment in government expenditure are not bureau-



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cratic niceties — they are the conditions under which investors commit capital and businesses create jobs.

Zimbabwe's future will not be secured by what the few display. It will be secured by what the many are enabled to build.

Our people do not need handouts. They need the economy that makes handouts unnecessary.

Alice Nyamande President, Action Democratic Movement (ADM)

Faith A Sunday service at Love of God International Ministries became a moment of shared joy as a family's new vehicle drew prayer, praise and a powerful exhortation from the pulpit.

Faith and testimony: congregation celebrates car blessing at Kwekwe Church

BY Norman Mwale

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A Sunday service at Love of God International Ministries Pentecostal Church in Kwekwe took a joyful and unexpected turn when Tapiwa Muganhu arrived with his wife to seek a blessing over a brand-new vehicle, turning testimony time into one of the morning's most memorable moments.

The sanctuary was already charged with expectation when Muganhu stepped forward to address the congregation. He told those gathered that the car was a direct answer to persistent prayer and faithful giving — a fruit, he said, of the teaching and intercession he had received at Love of God International Ministries under Apostle John Mapurazi's leadership. "This is not luck," Muganhu

said. "It is the reward of hard work and prayers that were nurtured here, under my father Apostle and this church family."

Mapurazi then led the congregation outside to the churchyard where the vehicle was parked. In a brief but resonant prayer of dedication, he anointed the car and declared protection, purpose and fruitfulness over Muganhu's family and his work. The moment drew spontaneous worship and sustained applause from members who witnessed the blessing firsthand.

In his exhortation to the church, Mapurazi urged believers to hold their course. He encouraged the congregation to pray without ceasing, to exercise love among themselves, and to extend that same love to people of every denomination and background. Testimonies such as Muganhu's, he said, were reminders that God still honours faithfulness

in a generation that too often seeks shortcuts.

The service also became an occasion to recognise the strength behind the ministry. Mapurazi publicly acknowledged the support of his two wives, Mai Ano and Mai John Mapurazi, crediting them with sustaining the prayer culture, pastoral care and administrative diligence that keep the church vibrant. Church leaders noted that both women are active in counselling, women's ministry and community outreach programmes that have extended the church's reach well beyond its walls.

Congregants described the day as refreshing. For many, the combination of the Word, worship and a tangible testimony reinforced the church's long-standing emphasis on prayer, discipline and mutual love. Ushers, the choir and the intercessory team were all commended for the seamless flow of a service that



Apostle Mapurazi left, Tapiwa Muganhu in the middle, Mrs Muganhu on the right

moved without interruption from praise through the Word to altar ministry.

By the time the benediction was spoken, the message had settled clearly over the room: Love of God International Ministries remains a house where prayer is practised,

testimonies are celebrated and blessings are shared. As the congregation filed past the newly blessed vehicle on their way out, several members said they left carrying something they had not expected to find — renewed hope that diligence, faith and unity still open doors.

Health

Medics have decried the rising cases of drug abuse as authorities in Kisii destroyed bhang worth KSh18 million

BY Elizabeth Angira
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Medics in Kisii County have raised concern over the increasing abuse of illegal drugs among young people, warning that the trend is contributing significantly to mental health disorders and destroying the future of many youths

Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Oimeke Mariita, said the facility continues to receive a growing number of young people suffering from mental health conditions linked to prolonged abuse of bhang.

Speaking at the hospital during the destruction of 700 kilograms of bhang and 500 kilograms of contraband sugar, Dr. Mariita said drug abuse has become a major public health challenge in the county. "We receive many young people who have abused bhang and developed mental health complications. Some of the people seen roaming the streets with mental illness are victims of prolonged drug abuse," he said.

Dr. Mariita noted that the hospital offers treatment and psychosocial support to affected patients before linking those who recover to rehabilitation centres and support groups to help them reintegrate into society.

"We link those who have re-



Chief Magistrate Mildred Obura, County Police Commander Ronald Kirui, NEMA Director Samuel Tonui, Kisii Central Sub-County Criminal Investigations Officer George Otieno, and Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital (KTRH) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Oimeke Mariita, addressing the press the destruction of 700 kilograms of bhang and 500 kilograms of contraband sugar. | Photo: Elizabeth

covered to support groups and rehabilitation centres so that they can rebuild their lives and avoid relapsing," he added.

He regretted that many youths have lost employment opportunities due to drug addiction, while others fail to seek medical care because of stigma and ignorance.

"Some youths suffering from mental health disorders seek help from witch doctors instead of visiting hospitals, delaying proper treatment," he said.

According to the CEO, treating patients with substance use disorders and mental health conditions is costly, but

the hospital remains committed to helping them overcome addiction, reduce drug dependence, and successfully reintegrate into the community.

He appealed to government agencies, parents, religious leaders, schools, and other stakeholders to work together in combating drug abuse before more young lives are destroyed.

The remarks came as judiciary and security officials supervised the destruction of the seized drugs and contraband sugar at the Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital incinerator.

Kisii Law Courts Chief Magistrate Mildred Obura said

destroying the exhibits was necessary to ensure they do not find their way back into society after court cases have been concluded.

"Our responsibility is to ensure that once the courts have ruled on such exhibits, they are destroyed. This also helps create storage space and protects the public from dangerous substances," said Obura.

She revealed that the more than 700 kilograms of bhang (Cannabis sativa) destroyed had an estimated street value of over Sh18 million.

Kisii Central Sub-County Criminal Investigations Officer George Otieno said the destroyed drugs and contraband sugar had been kept in police custody since 2018.

He noted that trafficking of

illegal goods had significantly reduced over the years due to intensified security operations.

Otieno said the 500 kilograms of contraband sugar destroyed was valued at approximately Sh700,000, adding that security agencies had strengthened surveillance to prevent illegal goods from entering the sub-county.

Kisii County National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) Director Samuel Tonui said incinerating the seized goods at high temperatures was the safest and most environmentally friendly method of disposal.

The destruction exercise was witnessed by Chief Magistrate Mildred Obura, County Police Commander Ronald Kirui, NEMA Director Samuel Tonui, Kisii Central Sub-County Criminal Investigations Officer George Otieno, and other county security officials, who reaffirmed their commitment to protecting the public from illegal drugs and contraband goods



Bhang burn | Photo: Elizabeth Angira

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China-Australia mining cooperation expands amid green transition

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Cooperation between Chinese and Australian companies across the mining value chain is expanding beyond traditional iron ore trade into mine decarbonization, ore beneficiation, green steel and renewable energy applications, as the global mining industry accelerates its transition toward lower-carbon production.

At the recent Iron Ore and Open Pit Operators Conference 2026 (IOOP2026) held in Perth, Australian mining companies, research institutions and technology suppliers said cooperation between Chinese and Australian companies continues to expand into areas including renewable energy, mining equipment, mineral processing, research and overseas resource development. Australia's Fortescue, which is among the companies advancing mine decarbonization through partnerships with Chinese companies,



A miner in Australia

said Chinese companies are participating in multiple projects covering solar power, wind energy, battery energy storage and electrified mining equipment. LONGi Green Energy Technology Co., Ltd. is involved in Fortescue's solar projects, Envision Energy supplies wind turbines for its wind projects, BYD provides battery

energy storage systems, and XCMG is cooperating with Fortescue to develop zero-emission mining equipment, including 240-tonne electric haul trucks.

Speaking at the IOOP2026, Fortescue's director of integrated operations Katie Charuga said the company is building a large-scale

renewable energy network across its mines, railways and ports, while accelerating fleet electrification and applying artificial intelligence and digital technologies to improve operational efficiency. She said Fortescue has already deployed electric excavators, electric drills and battery energy storage systems, and is testing electric haul trucks and locomotives, with the projects being developed together with global partners, including Chinese companies. Jenny Selway, chief executive officer of the Heavy Industry Low-carbon Transition Cooperative Research Centre (HILT CRC), highlighted the importance of Australia-China cooperation in decarbonizing the iron and steel value chain. "The two countries need to, and are working together to decarbonize the whole iron and steel value chain," Selway told Xinhua.

The transition toward greener steel-making is also creating new opportunities for cooperation in ore upgrading and mineral processing technologies. Weng Wubiao, opera-

tion manager for the Australia region at LONGi Magnet Co., Ltd., told Xinhua that declining ore grades at some Australian mines and growing demand for higher resource efficiency are increasing interest in ore beneficiation technologies. He said the development of green steel is placing higher requirements on ore quality and resource efficiency, creating new opportunities for technologies that improve iron ore grade. LONGi has supplied magnetic separation equipment and solutions to Australian mining projects to help customers improve ore quality and resource utilization. Shao Yuan, senior sales engineer at Shanghai Kmind Tech. Co., Ltd., told Xinhua that as mining companies seek to improve production efficiency and reduce operating costs, mining equipment is evolving toward more energy-efficient and productive solutions. He said the company's High Frequency Multi-Deck Layer Stack Vibrating Fine Screen, which it is promoting in the Australian market, can reduce equipment footprint, material consumption and energy use while improving screening efficiency, helping lower customers' capital investment and operating costs.

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WFP warns funding shortfall fueling Somalia's nutrition crisis

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Somalia's food and nutrition crisis is deteriorating faster than anticipated due to failed rains, funding cuts, and spillover effects from the conflict in the Middle East, the World Food Program (WFP) warned on Sunday.

In its latest update on the food security situation, the WFP warned that emergency-level hunger (IPC Phase 4) now affects two million people, a sharp twofold increase from last year's figure, indicating a significant deterioration in food insecurity. It warned that current humanitarian



food assistance reaches only 450,000 people, leaving a staggering 76 percent of those in IPC Phase 4 without support through August. "This gap will have severe consequences for the most vulnerable populations. Urgent funding is needed to scale up assistance and prevent further deterioration," the UN agency said. According to the WFP, Somalia remains trapped in one of the world's most severe malnutrition crises, with 1.9 million children suffering from acute malnutrition. It said reduced humanitarian services are increasing life-threatening risks, and the latest IPC analysis warns of a risk of famine in Southwest State's Burhakaba district, where nearly 40 percent of children under five suffer from acute malnutrition or worse.

The organization said the onset of the Hagaa dry season, marked by poor rainfall across central Somalia and parts of Puntland, is threatening a population whose recovery from previous droughts remains extremely fragile. According to the WFP, compounding these climate shocks are severe macroeconomic pressures linked to the conflict in the Middle East. A recent WFP study highlights

how regional instability has triggered spillover effects, including higher energy prices, supply chain disruptions, and trade constraints, driving up the cost of fuel, transport, and food. For an import-dependent country like Somalia, the WFP said these inflated costs have severely undermined household purchasing power. Nearly 60 percent of households are now unable to meet their basic needs, up from 47 percent in 2025, leaving up to 2.5 million additional people at risk of being priced out of a basic food basket. "Urgent, flexible funding is required to sustain assistance, stabilize at-risk populations, and prevent further deterioration in food security and malnutrition," it said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State of devolved graft

By Justine Chacha Mwita

Devolution was Kenya's boldest democratic promise. Twelve years later, it is also home to some of its most brazen theft.

In the financial year ending June 2024, the Auditor-General queried Sh87 billion — roughly 24 percent of all money sent to counties. One shilling in every four, gone. Year after year, the Office of the Auditor-General and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission have documented the same pattern: inflated project costs, payments processed without authorisation, procurement fraud and outright embezzlement of public funds by county executives, chief officers and governors — sitting and former.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has charged multiple county officials. The Controller of Budget has repeatedly flagged the same counties for the same violations. The EACC has filed investigations running into billions. Yet most graft-related cases involving large



sums of public funds still await the DPP's clearance. Files accumulate. Officials serve their terms. Kenyans wait.

This is not an oversight failure. It is a system working exactly as those who benefit from it intend. When accountability is perpetually deferred, impunity is the policy.

Kenya does not need more audits. It needs prosecutions that stick, convictions that are

served, and assets that are recovered — not headlines that fade before the next scandal breaks.

The counties were meant to transform lives at the grassroots. Instead, too many have become the grassroots of corruption itself.

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Quiet heroes in hard times

As the cost of living bites, Kenyans are finding ways to lift each other — one meal, one ride, one act of grace at a time.

By John Muthui

Kenya is hurting. Prices are up, jobs are scarce, and household budgets are stretched to breaking point. But walk through any town or village and you will find something the economic data cannot capture: people quietly holding each other up.

Neighbours are sharing meals with families who have none. Youth groups are organising free food drives in estates where hunger is no longer abstract. Boda boda riders are offering emergency trips to those who cannot afford the fare. Traders are extending credit to loyal customers they know are struggling, asking only that they pay when they can.

None of this makes the front page. No press releases are issued. No politician takes credit. These are ordinary Kenyans



— with their own pressures, their own unpaid bills — choosing to give anyway.

That choice matters. It is not a solution to the structural failures that created this hardship: the runaway inflation, the punishing taxation, the wages that have not kept pace with the cost of bread. Those failures demand answers from those in power, and the pressure for accountability must not let up.

But solidarity is not weakness. It is not naivety. It is, in fact, the oldest and most reliable safety net Kenya has ever had — one that has outlasted every political promise made to the poor.

The country's economists can model the crisis. Its people are living it — and choosing, still, to be generous. That is not a small thing. That is everything.

Mental health in Kenya: from stigma to solutions

By Denzil Kiprop

Kenya is in the middle of a quiet mental health crisis — and for too long, it has been treated as anything but a priority.

Depression, anxiety and substance use disorders are rising sharply, particularly among young people navigating unemployment, economic pressure and social upheaval. Mental health professionals are sounding the alarm: the demand for psychological support is growing faster than the systems designed to provide it. Without serious investment, the gap will only widen.

The barriers are well known. Stigma remains the first and most stubborn obstacle, keeping countless Kenyans from seeking help they need and deserve. Cultural attitudes that frame mental illness as weakness, spiritual failure or



personal shame drive suffering underground — and delay intervention until crisis point. That must change.

The Ministry of Health and healthcare stakeholders have taken steps in the right direction, strengthening leadership structures, training more personnel and improving policy frameworks. These are necessary foundations. But policy alone does not treat a patient. What Kenya needs urgently is sustained, adequate funding; more trained professionals distributed beyond Nairobi; and community-level mental health services that reach the

most vulnerable before they reach breaking point.

The message from health professionals is clear: mental health is not secondary to physical health. It is inseparable from it. Early care saves lives, reduces long-term costs and restores productivity to families and communities.

Kenya cannot afford to keep treating mental health as an afterthought. The cost of inaction is already being paid — quietly, daily, and at scale.

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Mombasa launches youth skills drive to tackle unemployment

By Emma Odhiambo

For Amina Juma, 24, the wait has been long enough. Months of unanswered job applications have left her, like thousands of young Mombasa residents, searching for a foothold. Yesterday's launch of a county youth empowerment programme gave her reason to hope.

Governor Abdulsamad Nassir unveiled the initiative at the county headquarters, pledging free training for more than 500 youths in digital skills, agribusiness and small enterprise management. The programme also promises business support — a recognition that training alone rarely translates into sustainable income without the structures to back it up. For Juma, whose tailoring



skills have long outpaced her opportunities, the initiative could be the bridge she has been waiting for.

County officials have urged eligible youths to register through their local ward offices. The targeting of ward-level registration is a practical step, bringing the process closer to communities that have historically been left out of such schemes by geography or bureaucracy.

The unemployment crisis among Kenya's youth is not

new, and Mombasa is no exception. Announcements of empowerment programmes have come and gone before, often generating hope that outpaced delivery. What will distinguish this one is not its launch — it is whether the 500 who enrol emerge with skills the market actually rewards, supported by systems that outlast the political calendar.

Amina Juma deserves more than a promise. So do the thousands like her still waiting.

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Sports >> *For the first time in the tournament's history, nine of Africa's ten sides have reached the knockout stage, shattering every record the continent has set before.

Nine African nations march into last 32 in historic World Cup campaign

By Alfred Lobawoi

Africa has written its most remarkable chapter yet in World Cup history, with nine of the continent's ten nations advancing to the round of 32 at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The previous record for African nations reaching the knockout stage in a single tournament was just two — set in 2014 in Brazil. Yesterday's confirmation that Algeria and DR Congo had joined Morocco, South Africa, Senegal, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Egypt and Cape Verde in the last 32 means the continent has comprehensively rewritten that benchmark. Tunisia were the only African side to miss out, becoming the continent's sole group-stage casualty.

The achievement arrives at a tournament that was itself a product of ambition. Africa had a historic ten nations qualify for the 2026 edition following FIFA's decision to expand the competition to 48 teams — a move that drew criticism in some quarters but has been emphatically vindicated by the quality on display. The enlarged format allowed the continent a platform it had never previously enjoyed, and African coaches and players have seized it with both hands.

The nine nations who will contest the knockout rounds are a varied and talented group. Morocco, who became the first African nation to reach a World Cup semi-final in Qatar four years ago, look capable of going deep again, having already held Brazil to a 1-1 draw in the group stage. South Africa have made history in their own right, advancing beyond the group stage of the World Cup for the first time after a campaign that exceeded all expectations. Cape Verde, meanwhile, have captured the imagination of a global audience, advancing

AFRICAN NATIONS ROUND OF 32

 South Africa	VS	Canada	
 Netherlands	VS	Morocco	
 Cote d'Ivoire	VS	Norway	
 England	VS	Dr Congo	
 Belgium	VS	Senegal	
 Switzerland	VS	Algeria	
 Australia	VS	Egypt	
 Argentina	VS	Cape Verde	
 Colombia	VS	Ghana	

from their group undefeated and eliminating Uruguay and Saudi Arabia in the process — a stunning achievement for one of the tournament's smallest nations.

On the individual stage, African players are making their presence felt at the very top of the scoring charts. Yoane Wissa of DR Congo, Ismaila Sarr of Senegal and Ismael Saibari of Morocco have each scored three goals in the group phase, placing them firmly in contention for the Golden Boot as the knock-

out rounds begin. All three find themselves level with a cluster of Europe's finest forwards, giving the continent a genuine stake in the tournament's individual honours.

The round of 32 now beckons, and with it the stiffer challenge of single-elimination football. Over 28 percent of the teams still standing in the tournament come from the African continent — a statistic that would have seemed extraordinary at any previous World Cup.

For African fans from Dakar to Johannesburg, from Kinshasa to Accra, the message from the United States is unmistakable: this is not a fluke. It is the fruit of a generation of players, coaches and football infrastructure that has quietly and steadily closed the gap on the world's best. Nine nations. One continent. History made. The journey continues.

GET THE BEST OF WORLD

Sports >> *Stephen Eustaquio chest-controlled a clearance and drove a right-footed strike into the bottom corner to end the biggest match in Canadian football history — and begin a new chapter.

Eustaquio's 90+2 stunner sends Canada into last 16 as South Africa fall

By Norman Mwale

Canada reached the round of 16 of the FIFA World Cup for the first time in their history yesterday, as Stephen Eustaquio produced a moment of breathtaking quality to settle a tense and absorbing round-of-32 encounter against South Africa 1-0 at Los Angeles Stadium in Inglewood, California.

Both sides were playing their first-ever World Cup knockout match, and for long periods the occasion appeared to weigh on both of them. Canada dominated possession and territory — outshooting South Africa 12-6, with seven shots on target to one — yet found Ronwen Williams in imperious form between the South African posts. Aubrey Modiba made a heroic goal-line clearance from Moïse Bombito's header before Williams smothered Tajon Buchanan's follow-up in a first half that Canada controlled without reward.

The second period followed the same pattern. Alphonso Davies made his tournament debut in the 75th minute after missing the group stage with a hamstring injury, and his introduction immediately lifted the crowd and opened space across the pitch. Both Promise David and Jonathan David tried their luck as Canada pressed for a breakthrough, but South Africa held firm with fierce resistance.

Then, with the match entering the second minute of five added, the moment arrived. Jacob Shaf-felburg's cross was headed away by a South African defender, but the ball dropped straight to Eustaquio, who chested it down and drove a right-footed strike past Williams into the bottom corner. The reaction was instant — the Canadian bench erupted, the stadium was consumed by noise, and Eustaquio wheeled away towards his teammates in disbelief



and joy. It was only the third time an active MLS player had scored in a World Cup knockout match, after Landon Donovan and Brian McBride. It was also, simply, the most important goal in Canadian football history.

“It was a battle from minute one,” said coach Jesse Marsch afterwards. “We were aggressive, we stayed patient, and Stevie produced a moment of quality when we needed it most. To reach the knockout stage is a huge step for this group.” Eustaquio, who was making his 60th appearance for Canada and scoring his fifth international goal, was characteristically measured. “The gaffer told me to keep my

energy. When the chance came I just hit it. We're in the next round because we never stopped believing.”

South Africa coach Hugo Broos was philosophical in defeat. “We were aggressive, we created, but we lacked the final pass and then we were punished at the death. Football is cruel sometimes.” Captain Williams, whose saves had kept his side in the contest throughout, added: “We leave everything on the pitch. The group is tight and tonight belongs to Canada.”

Canada will now face the winner of Netherlands against Morocco in the round of 16 on Saturday, 4 July. South Africa depart having

made history simply by being here — but knowing a different kind of history was within their grasp.

With one chest and one swing of a right boot, Eustaquio did not just win a football match. He gave an entire nation something it had never had: a place in the last sixteen of the world.

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Jo Worthy: the woman who built a movement

The Australian entrepreneur and speaker has turned personal adversity into a thriving community that is helping thousands of women rise into their potential.



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Worth Noting:

- Worthy is a women's empowerment leader, entrepreneur, motivational speaker, mentor, published author and the founder of the Worthy Women Movement, a thriving community dedicated to inspiring women to step into their potential and create lives of purpose, confidence and lasting impact.
- Driven by the conviction that extraordinary lives begin with the decision to invest in oneself, Worthy has spent years helping women break through self-limiting beliefs, embrace personal growth and become the leaders they were always capable of being.
- At the heart of her work sits the Worthy Women Movement — a platform built on connection, collaboration and courage. Under her leadership, it has grown into a respected community where entrepreneurial women come together to build authentic relationships, share knowledge, celebrate success and champion one another's journeys.

Some women build businesses. Others build communities. Jo Worthy has done something rarer still — she has built an entire movement.

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Recognising that meaningful transformation happens through genuine experience, Worthy has developed a portfolio of premium events designed to inspire, educate and empower. From curated networking experiences to immersive retreats, each gathering is crafted to foster authentic conversation, lasting friendships and collaborative opportunity.

The annual Women Rise Conference has become the movement's flagship event, bringing together entrepreneurial women from diverse industries and providing an international stage for both emerging and established female voices. More than a conference, it is a celebration of courageous leadership, innovation and the collective power of women supporting women.

Complementing the conference are the Women Rise Retreats, where participants step away from the demands of everyday life to reconnect with themselves, gain clarity and invest in their personal and professional growth. Through reflection, learn-

ing and genuine connection, women leave feeling renewed, inspired and equipped to move forward.

Worthy's commitment to empowerment extends through online summits that connect women across Australia and around the world. These virtual platforms ensure that inspiration, education and community remain accessible regardless of geography, welcoming women everywhere into the movement.

A passionate mentor, she also leads group mentoring programmes built on her six-pillar framework: Mindset, Courage, Confidence, Creativity, Visibility and Self-Care. The approach equips women with practical strategies to overcome challenges, elevate their thinking and take deliberate action towards their goals.

As a motivational speaker, Worthy is known for authentic, heartfelt presentations that challenge women to think bigger, believe in themselves and embrace the courage required to create meaningful change. Her central message is disarmingly simple: extraordinary results begin the moment a woman chooses to invest in herself.

Her influence extends further through her writing. As the author of *Love Worthy* and lead author of *Rising in Worth, Wealth and Wisdom*, she continues to inspire readers with insights that encourage personal transformation, resilience and purposeful living. She also believes that creativity, expressed through writing and speaking, holds the power to activate women in profound ways — and she actively encourages others to share their stories, experiences and wisdom.

What distinguishes Worthy, however, is her unwavering belief in collaboration over competition. She is committed to creating spaces where women genuinely celebrate one another, build meaningful partnerships and rise together. That philosophy underpins everything the Worthy Women Movement does — every conference, retreat, mentoring programme and initiative she leads.

Today, Worthy continues to expand the movement through events, mentoring, speaking engagements and



Jo Worthy

published works, creating fresh opportunities for women to connect, grow and thrive. She warmly invites women to join the free Worthy Women Facebook community and become part of a movement that

holds to a simple belief: when one woman rises, she inspires countless others to rise with her.