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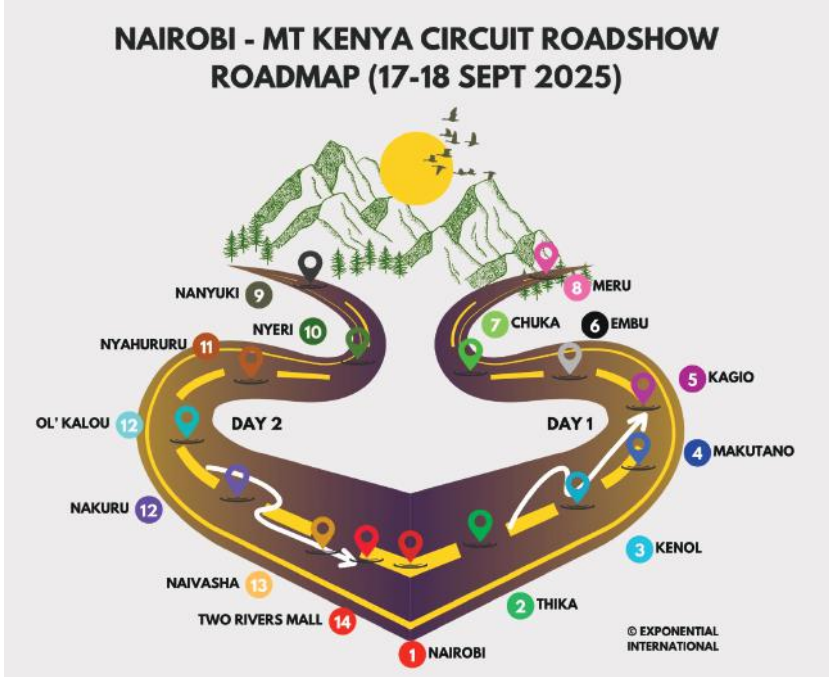
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Health CS Aden Duale during a media briefing yesterday on health reforms and his war on corruption

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Cleaning Nairobi River

By: MKT Reporter
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Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Dr. Deborah Barasa yesterday presided over the briefing on Phase 1 of the Nairobi Rivers Recovery Strategy under the Nairobi Rivers Green Corridor Catalytic Project at the Ministry's headquarters in Nairobi.

The initiative marks a transformative step towards restoring the Nairobi Rivers into clean, vibrant, and resilient urban ecosystems. "This initiative is more than a clean-up. It is a transformative journey to reclaim the Nairobi Rivers as a natural heritage, a climate solution, and a driver of sustainable livelihoods," said CS Barasa.

The CS underscored the rivers' vital role in urban renewal, biodiversity enhancement, and infrastructure protection, positioning this initiative as a pillar of natural environmental and climate action efforts.

The Nairobi Rivers Regeneration Programme is closely aligned with the planting of 15 Billion Trees By 2032 campaign and the global Ecosystem Restoration movement.

It reinforces the call for every Kenyan to actively participate in protecting rivers and securing a greener, more sustainable future.

The meeting was attended by Environment Secretary Dr. Selly Kimosop, the 15 Billion Trees Secretariat Coordinator, Ms. Susan Boit; DG Nema Kenya Dr. Mamo B. Mamo and CEO, Nairobi Rivers Commission Brig. Joseph M. Muracia alongside other senior officials from the Commission.



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Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, Musalia Mudavadi last evening received the 50th hereditary spiritual leader of the Shia Ismaili Muslims, His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi. Prince Aga Khan V is making his first official visit to Kenya since succeeding his father the late Aga Khan IV, who passed on at the age of 88 in February. His visit is at the invitation of President William Ruto and the agenda of the visit among other issues is to strengthen current and future areas of cooperation. The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) reaches millions of people in Kenya in their work of philanthropy in areas of education, health, media, economic development and environment. Accompanying Mudavadi was the Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale.



Preparations are underway for the 11th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union Kenya (WSPU), to be hosted in Nyeri and Nairobi. The World Scout Parliamentary Union Planning Committee convened in Nyeri, the Scout City of the World for a situational assessment of Kenya's readiness to host the global event. The President's Award Kenya, represented by Programmes and Projects Coordination Officers, Harat Malenya and Bruno Cornelius, was honored to play a key role in preparations for this milestone event that underscores Kenya's place as the home of world scouting. The meeting was graced by high-level leaders and dignitaries, including Nyeri Governor, Mutahi Kahiga, alongside ambassadors and country representatives from Mozambique, the Philippines, Russia, Kenya's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as WSPU members drawn from Parliament and the Scouting Union. The Assembly is expected to bring together over 1,500 delegates from across the globe, making it one of the most significant gatherings in the history of the scouting movement in Kenya.



Police in Kisumu have restored calm following violent weekend clashes between boda boda riders and a local youth group known as mbogi, which left one person dead and several others seriously injured. County Police Commander Hilary Toroitich confirmed the arrest of five suspects linked to the incident, assuring residents that security agencies will uphold law and order. "What we witnessed was unfortunate and must never be entertained. This city is ours, and at all cost, we must maintain peace," Toroitich told reporters yesterday.



Agriculture PS Paul Ronoh yesterday paid a courtesy call to Murang'a Governor Irungu Kangata for consultations ahead of the official launch of the National Farmer Registration and E-Voucher Redemption Programme. The discussions focused on strengthening intergovernmental collaboration to ensure seamless implementation of this transformative initiative, which seeks to digitize farmer support services and enhance transparency in agricultural input distribution. The PS launched the Rapid Results Initiative Farmer Registration under the Kenya Integrated Agriculture Management Information System (KIAMIS). The exercise will run from yesterday to 8th September across all 47 counties, with a target of 500,000 new farmers. As part of the rollout, the PS commissioned agripreneurs to work with agricultural officers in villages to make registration faster and more accessible. He further urged coffee farmers to register in compliance with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), ensuring Kenyan coffee remains competitive and traceable in global markets. Farmers are encouraged to visit their nearest Agricultural Officer with their National ID and phone number. Registration details will include land size, crops under cultivation, livestock, and fish farming activities. For self-service, farmers can dial *616*3#.



Laikipia County Deputy Governor Reuben Kamuri yesterday flagged off the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) Mt. Kenya Summit Expedition at the Sirimon Gate in the county. The event brought together distinguished guests including; David Mwangi who is the KRCS, Central Region Chairperson, Daniel Kanyi, Chairman Kirinyaga Branch and Jackson Kariuki (Laikipia). While flagging off, Kamuri noted that for six decades, KRCS has been a lifeline for communities across Kenya, responding to disasters, health crises, and humanitarian needs with compassion and resilience. He said the expedition was a powerful symbol of that enduring spirit of humanity. On Thursday, the Deputy Governor is expected to rejoining the team at Old Moses Camp for the Certificate Award Ceremony, where they shall celebrate the achievement of the summit participants and reaffirm our collective commitment to humanitarian service.

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Matatu Owners Embrace To Electric Vehicles

By: Kenya News Agency

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Worth Noting:

- Speaking during a stakeholders' forum in Murang'a, MOA President Albert Karagacha stressed that the transition to e-mobility must be driven by the matatu industry itself, with government agencies playing a supportive rather than controlling role.
- He emphasized that Saccos are capable of enforcing discipline and standards among their members if given the mandate, noting that NTSA should focus on setting clear regulations to guide the shift.



The Matatu Owners Association (MOA) has intensified its campaign for a nationwide shift to electric vehicles (EVs) in the public transport sector.

Officials of the association have urged Matatu Saccos to embrace clean mobility as they called the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) to provide guidelines on use of the EVs in the public service transport.

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"We want Saccos to be left to do self-regulation, while NTSA should

just give the guidelines," said Karagacha.

"Our aim is to reduce road carnage, cut fuel costs, and create new jobs, as we adopt clean mobility. We also urge the government to take the initiative of training drivers on how OMA services operate all over the country," he said.

At the same time, Karagacha noted that the introduction of electric vehicles will not only slash operational costs by 40 percent for matatu operators but also ease the burden of rising fuel prices.

According to the MOA president, the sector stands to save billions annually once fossil fuel consumption is reduced, while the adoption of EVs will open new avenues for employment ranging from charging station attendants to technicians and battery specialists.

On his part, George Muriithi, Chairman of OMA Services, highlighted the cost-saving benefits of electric vehicles, but warned that charging infrastructure remains a pressing challenge.

"The electric vehicles are cost saving, but we urge Kenya Power Company to deploy more charging stations across the country. This will save time for operators and ensure reliable power supply," observed Muriithi.

Additionally, the strategically placed charging hubs along busy routes such as Nairobi-Thika-Murang'a would accelerate adoption, giving confidence to Sacco management and drivers.

"If we have the right infrastructure,

there will be no turning back. Every Sacco will want to join this journey," he added.

Meanwhile, Daniel Morara, a matatu driver with OMA Services, expressed enthusiasm for the new technological shift.

"Comparing with conventional diesel matatus, the electric cars are fast and very environmentally friendly," he said.

Morara explained that operating the vehicles is easier because they require less maintenance and drivers no longer have to deal with constant mechanical breakdowns.

He also pointed out that passengers have already started noticing the difference, with many describing the rides as smooth, quiet and more comfortable than conventional diesel matatus.

If embraced widely, MOA leaders believe the rollout of electric matatus will reshape Kenya's public transport, creating a cleaner, safer, and more affordable mobility system for millions of commuters.



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Kobia Under Fire As Petition Calls For His Removal From NCIC

By: Felix Njenga
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The chairperson of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), Reverend Samuel Kobia is facing a formal petition seeking his removal from office over allegations of abuse of power, gross financial mismanagement, and academic fraud.

The petition, supported by an affidavit from Nairobi resident Elizabeth Ochieng, claims Kobia's actions have plunged the commission into a staggering debt of over KSh200 million within three years.

The affidavit, filed by Ochieng as a "concerned member of the public," details several accusations against Dr. Kobia.

Dr. Kobia is accused of signing two contracts for a previous CEO, Dr. Skitter Wangeci. One of these contracts, for five years, was allegedly intended to help Dr. Wangeci secure a mortgage at a preferential interest rate of 3%, a benefit typically reserved for state officers. The petition argues this constitutes a potential

fraudulent misrepresentation and a violation of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act.

This matter is reportedly under investigation by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

The petition alleges that Dr. Kobia has engaged in several acts of financial impropriety. These include the unauthorized withdrawal of "confidential funds" without board approval and taking overdrafts that have resulted in the commission incurring substantial interest rates.

Additionally, the petition claims Dr. Kobia has undertaken numerous expensive international trips despite the commission's severe financial constraints. The affidavit points out that suppliers are currently unpaid, with some having initiated legal action against the NCIC to recover their dues.

The affidavit raises questions about the legitimacy of Dr. Kobia's academic qualifications, alleging that he possesses fake academic papers. Such an act, if proven, would be a serious breach of ethical conduct and could amount to a criminal offense under the Penal Code.



Dr Samuel Kobia

According to the affidavit, attempts to address these issues through internal channels were met with "unsatisfactory responses, delays, or a complete lack of action."

Ochieng states that these concerns have led to a "profound erosion of accountability and public trust" in an institution vital for promoting

peaceful coexistence among Kenya's diverse communities.

The petition calls on the Office of the President to intervene and initiate a thorough investigation into the matter. It asserts that Dr. Kobia's continued tenure as chairperson is a "blatant breach of the Constitutional principles as enshrined under Article

10" and other related legislations.

NCIC was established to foster national harmony and advise the government on issues of ethnic and racial relations. The accusations against its chairperson threaten to undermine the very principles of integrity and good governance it is meant to uphold.

Odhiambo: Government Should Carefully Debate On Devolving Education Sector

By: MKT Correspondent
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Former Migori County Woman Representative, Dr. Pamela Odhiambo, has urged the national government and education stakeholders to critically weigh the merits and demerits of assigning county governments the responsibility of overseeing the education sector before fully devolving it.

Speaking during an education stakeholders' forum at Migori Teachers Training College (MTTC), Dr. Odhiambo emphasised that education should be treated as a special case, cautioning against hasty decisions that could undermine the sector.

In the just concluded 13th National Devolution Conference in Homa Bay County, the Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga had claimed that the time has come to transfer the man-

agement of primary and secondary schools from the national government to county governments.

With reference to the health sector which is already fully devolved she challenged governors to first address existing inefficiencies in healthcare delivery before "scrambling" to control education, which is still stabilizing under the new curriculum.

Dr. Odhiambo has, instead, called on county governments to collaborate with education authorities in resolving emerging challenges and ensuring that learners are adequately supported.

The Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) and the Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) have already opposed Odinga's proposal to devolve education to counties.

The Union chaired by KNUT Secretary General Collins Oyu and KUPPET Secretary General Akelo Misori cited the struggling Early Childhood



Dr Pamela Odhiambo.

Development sector as perfect example of County Governments failures to streamline the education at the lowest level.

They have called upon the national government to focus more on streamlining the sector, particularly by addressing the issues raised by teachers

or risk compromising the smooth rollout of the Competency-Based Education (CBE).

Duale Tackles Health Cartels Corruption In Kenya

By: Davis Ayega
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Kenya's health sector has been haunted by corruption for decades.

From billion-shilling procurement scandals at Afya House, to ghost hospitals and fake claims draining public coffers, billions meant to save lives have instead lined the pockets of cartels.

For ordinary Kenyans, the corruption is not just numbers, it's empty medicine shelves, abandoned clinics, and patients dying because they cannot afford care.

Into the broken system has stepped Aden Duale, President William Ruto's Health Cabinet Secretary.

Brash, outspoken, and determined to project himself as a no-nonsense reformer, Duale has declared war on what he calls "health cartels."

But is he finally the man to fix Kenya's rotten health sector or just another politician making noise while deeper problems fester?

Duale on Monday announced the absorption of 7,414 Universal Health Coverage (UHC) workers into permanent and pensionable terms by September 2025.

The move followed a nationwide verification exercise that exposed 215

ghost workers who had been drawing salaries without actually working.

"The Ministry of Health has concluded the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) staff verification exercise, with 7,414 staff set to be absorbed. We identified 215 individuals with irregularities, including ghost workers, whose salaries have been stopped pending investigations," Duale declared.

Alongside the ghost worker purge, Duale has also gone after fraud in the new Social Health Authority (SHA), which is meant to drive President Ruto's flagship TaifaCare program.

Duale claims his ministry has blocked Sh10.6 billion in fraudulent claims and shut down 728 questionable facilities.

"Our position on safeguarding public resources is unwavering. SHA has rejected Sh10.6 billion in fraudulent claims since TaifaCare's rollout. We have closed 728 non-compliant facilities," Duale told reporters.

But critics say the shutdowns are causing collateral damage.

Some of the closed facilities served rural communities where patients now have nowhere else to go.

Others argue that fraud thrives because the system itself is weak, not because small clinics are inherently criminal.

The Rural Private Hospitals Association of Kenya (RUPHA) fired a



Health CS Aden Duale during a media briefing yesterday on health reforms and his war on corruption

direct shot at Duale.

"How did a 'hospital in a phone' like Trenya get Sh10M from SHA? Where is the AI fraud detection CS Duale promised? Genuine providers are throttled while fraudsters profit. Fix it, @HonAdenDuale!"

While SHA CEO Mercy Mwangangi defended the agency, insisting that the funds went to legitimate facilities, the scandal has already fueled public anger.

– Hero or Villain? –

On the surface, Duale is taking the kind of bold action Kenyans have

long demanded, rooting out ghost workers, blocking fake claims, and taking on powerful cartels.

Supporters argue that he is finally slaying the corruption monster that has crippled the sector for decades.

But critics see another story that of a politician eager to please his boss, President Ruto, with big announcements that play well in the media but do little to fix systemic failures.

They say Kenya's health sector needs more than crackdowns, it needs real investment, stronger management, and reforms that prioritize patients over politics.

The stakes are high.

Every shilling lost to corruption is a bed not bought, a patient untreated, a life potentially lost.

If Duale is serious, his fight could mark a turning point in Kenya's healthcare.

But if it's just political theater, Kenyans will once again be left with empty promises and failing hospitals. For now, the country watches.

Is Duale the reformer Kenya's health system has been waiting for or just another politician playing to the gallery while ordinary citizens continue to suffer?

Plans Underway For Construction Of A Medical College In Nanyuki

By: KNA
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Plans are underway to construct a medical training college in Nanyuki, Laikipia County, Governor Joshua Irungu has revealed.

Speaking to KNA at the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital, the governor said that his administration has allocated Sh200 million for construction of the state-of-the-art Laikipia Medical Training College (LMTC).

"The medical training college is one of our flagship projects and we have set aside Sh200 million that is going to be used in relocation of the Nanyuki morgue, electing of the parameter fence and construction of the tuition blocks," said the county boss.

He said that the facility is expected to sit in nearly forty acres piece of land and be domiciled at the Nanyuki Hos-

pital aimed for medical students to gain hands-on experience.

Irungu said that the college will open its doors on March 1, 2026 for the first cohort of learners and at the same time calling on investors to start the construction of hostels to accommodate the students.

Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital Chief Executive Officer Dr. Sammy Kilonzo applauded the medical college project, highlighting that it will complement the hospital with essential manpower for seamless medical service delivery for residents.

"The college will be very useful in complementing what the hospital does, not only in training but also in providing essential manpower within the hospital especially in advanced training levels," said Dr. Kilonzo.

Additionally, Dr. Kilonzo revealed that the hospital had benefitted from a 60 bed newborn unit which was under construction and funded by Safaricom M-Pesa foundation.



Laikipia County governor Joshua Irungu with his deputy Reuben Kamuri and other officials going through a map of the proposed training project. Photo/Courtesy.

Teachers Embrace Sports To Boost Mental Health In Kirinyaga

By: MKT Correspondent
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Kirinyaga County teachers traded chalk for jerseys last weekend in a first-of-its-kind sports day organized by Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT), the Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET), Athletics Kenya (AK) and the Kirinyaga County Education Office, bringing together more than 260 educators in a spirited effort to promote fitness, mental health and social bonding.

The event, which drew teachers from Kirinyaga county and neighboring Nyeri, Embu, Muranga and Kiambu counties featured football, volleyball, athletics, and field events.

AK Kirinyaga official David Miano described the turnout as overwhelming, noting that the future event will be bigger. He added that teachers

who attended will receive Athletics Kenya certificates which will help them in job interviews and also enable them to apply the knowledge and experience gained in their teaching profession.

“If this year more than 200 teachers have registered, then we expect that next year the number could even triple or quadruple, judging from the commitment and energy we have witnessed today,” Miano noted.

Kirinyaga KNUT Secretary Mwangi Kanaiyo said the sports comes after last year’s workshop organized in the county to discuss issues of mental health, adding the challenge affects everyone. He urged all sectors to come together and collaborate to address and reduce the burden of mental health challenges in the community.

He further highlighted the need for government funding to sustain and expand the initiative.

“We therefore call upon the government to support and fund such sports

initiatives. This way even as we transition from youth into old age, we will still have opportunities to participate and remain active. With government support, more people will be able to come together and benefit from such activities,” he said.

Mwaithe Kinyua, KUPPET Kirinyaga branch chairperson, said sports give teachers the chance to stretch, relieve stress, and reconnect with colleagues.

“When someone comes to a place like this, we get a chance to interact with our colleagues. When you enter into the race or engage in football, those thoughts that were weighing you down in your mind disappear.”

Leaders present at the event praised the initiative as a much-needed intervention. Kenya seed chairperson Wangui Ngirici lauded the teachers’ commitment saying healthier educators translate into healthier learners.

“Once our teachers are healthy, our children will be healthy too. Instead



Teachers during the tournament

of people wasting away in destructive habits like drinking or gossip, here we are getting fit, sharing ideas, and creating positive energy,” she said.

The sports day came against the

backdrop of rising mental health challenges in the region including increasing cases of depression and suicide.

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Kenya Rallies Region To Strengthen Climate Services

By: Naif Rashid
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The government of Kenya has urged stronger regional cooperation in climate services to address worsening climate shocks across the Horn of Africa.

Speaking at the official opening of the 71st Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF71) in Nairobi, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Dr. Deborah Barasa, noted that climate extremes such as droughts, floods and erratic rainfall continue to undermine food security and economic growth in the region.

“This year’s theme: Climate Services for Bridging the Early Warning Gap Together, speaks directly to the urgent challenges facing our region, therefore, governments must act collectively to ensure that timely and reliable climate information reaches communities, farmers, and decision-makers across all levels,” urged Dr. Barasa.

The CS disclosed that Kenya has taken deliberate steps to institutionalize climate services by launching its National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS) in March 2025.

She further thanked Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), and development partners for their continued support and pledged that Kenya would continue championing regional cooperation in climate services.

“With shared commitment and collaboration, we can overcome the climate challenges that confront us,” she assured.

“Forecasts must translate into action-

able data that support communities to plan and safeguard their livelihoods. The framework also contributes to the implementation of Kenya’s National Adaptation Plans and aligns with Vision 2030,” she stressed.

In addition, Dr. Barasa urged governments and development partners to build on the momentum of the forum stating, “The Regional Framework for Climate Services is not just a policy document. It is a transformative tool for resilience, offering tailored climate services that save lives, drive sustainable development, and ensure a climate-resilient Africa”.

The Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Eng. Festus Ng’eno, disclosed that the NFCS represents Kenya’s determination to narrow the early warning gap by institutionalizing timely, sector-specific climate data delivery.

He noted that this would empower local authorities and communities to act upon forecasts, reducing disaster risks and protecting livelihoods.

Speaking at the event, IGAD Deputy Executive Secretary, Mohamed Abdi Ware, commended the Government of Kenya for hosting the forum and for demonstrating leadership in strengthening climate resilience.

He observed that climate shocks do not respect borders and require governments across the Horn of Africa to work in unity.

Additionally, he underscored the role of ICPAC as IGAD’s designated regional climate centre, which has for decades provided scientific analysis, forecasts, and climate information for the region.

Ware also highlighted the importance of translating climate science into actionable policies that governments can adopt asserting that governments must



lead in ensuring climate information is applied where it matters most.

In his remarks, Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) Acting Director, Edward Maina Muriuki, affirmed that the department is committed to working closely with IGAD and ICPAC to improve the accuracy and timeliness of forecasts.

“Climate change and extreme weather are no longer distant threats but present realities. Governments must be ready to act. Through collaboration with ICPAC, we are improving early warning services so that decision-making is based on accurate forecasts,” voiced Muriuki.

He disclosed that KMD will convene the National Climate Outlook Forum in the coming weeks, with the outcomes

cascaded to counties through County Climate Outlook Forums.

These initiatives, he said, bridge the gap between scientists and communities by ensuring climate information reaches those most affected.

Meanwhile, the forum brought together ministers, senior government officials, climate scientists, development partners, and representatives from 11 IGAD member states.

The delegates validated the Regional Framework for Climate Services (RFCS), which will harmonize climate services delivery across the region and provide a roadmap for collective resilience.

Delegates at the forum further noted that Kenya’s NFCS provides a model

for other countries in the Horn of Africa seeking to establish similar frameworks.

The discussions also reaffirmed the need for governments to ensure political endorsement of the RFCS to guarantee its implementation.

The framework, developed with the support of the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), is designed to strengthen observation networks, improve data sharing, and ensure that climate information is effectively applied in agriculture, water, health, energy and disaster management.

Kirinyaga Launches Inaugural Women’s Football League

By: KNA
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Kirinyaga county has launched its first-ever women’s football league tournament, featuring six teams from their four constituencies.

Speaking during the launch, Kirinyaga County Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Chairman Denis Murimi said the league winner will advance to the Central Region Playoffs featuring top teams from Nyeri, Laikipia, Murang’a, and Kiambu counties.

However, Murimi acknowledged the challenges in organizing the inaugural league including high affilia-

tion fees, Football Kenya Federation registration fees and a shortage of sports kits that limited teams’ participation.

“Being the first of its kind in the county, we are faced with a myriad of challenges. Nonetheless, this is a great start. We hope more stakeholders will come on board to support women’s football, which has often been sidelined compared to men’s teams,” he stated.

At the same time, the Director noted that most women’s football players are under parental supervision, some of whom may not understand the whole idea, hence the need for more sensitization to encourage parents to view sports as an investment.

The event was graced by Kenya

Seeds Company Chairperson Wangui Ngirici, who hailed the launch as a significant step forward for women’s sports in the region.

Additionally, she donated uniforms and footballs to the participating teams and proposed the formation of a countywide women’s club dubbed the Kirinyaga Starlets to nurture female football talent.

“This initiative will open doors for many young girls to explore their potential in sports. It’s time we give women’s football the support it truly deserves,” said Ngirici.

The launch has sparked excitement among players and sports enthusiasts, marking a new era in Kirinyaga’s women’s football.



Kiambu MCAs Defend Wamatangi Over Corruption Allegations By EACC

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A section of Kiambu County Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) have come out strongly in defence of Governor Kimani Wamatangi following recent corruption allegations reported by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

Wamatangi is facing a KSh1.27 billion corruption scandal in a tender he is reported to have been awarded through family proxies when he was serving as Kiambu senator in 2017.

But speaking during a church service at PCEA Komothai in Githunguri Constituency, the MCAs dismissed the EACC's claims as politically motivated and intended to undermine the governor's administration.

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Led by Kiambu County Deputy Speaker and Hospital Ward MCA John Ndichu, alongside Limuru Central MCA Nduta Muongi, the ward representatives accused the EACC of being used as a tool to settle political scores.

"We believe that this is a political war targeting the governor and to destabilize and distract him from delivering and working for his people. We however urge him to be swayed by his distracters and instead focus on serving the people of Kiambu," the Deputy Speaker said.

The MCAs pledged unwavering support for Governor Wamatangi, urging his political rivals to refrain from early campaigning and allow the current administration to deliver on its mandate.

Addressing congregants during the service, Governor Wamatangi attributed the rising political pressure to his refusal to engage in corrupt dealings.

He specifically cited attempts by unnamed individuals to irregularly acquire public assets, including a 100-acre parcel of land ceded by the Delmonte fruit processing company in Thika.

"Some individuals have been trying to persuade me to let them take what belongs to members of the public for their own benefit. I declined and vowed to protect public property and resources at all costs. They are the same people who are out to fight me," Wamatangi said.

He also asked the church to pray for him amid what he described as a political witch hunt, reaffirming that he would stay focused on service delivery and only engage in politics when the campaign season arrives.



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi with some of the MCAs at Komothai PCEA in Githunguri constituency on Sunday..

"Pray for me so that I can continue with the good work we have been doing of empowering our people and making sure that service delivery is top notch. I believe that this is not the time for campaigns but a time for

working to better the lives of our people. the time for politics will come and we will face off with our opponents," the Governor said.

Alongside Wamatangi, EACC has also recommended the prosecution

of his Marsabit and Bomet governors Mohamud Ali and Hillary Barchok over Sh 728 million and Sh 152 million corruption scandals respectively.



Kiambu Governor Kimani Wamatangi converses with a resident at Komothai PCEA on Sunday.

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Why Elders Need To Step Out; The Health Benefits Of Walking Football

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There is a new game in town. Walking Football is a non-contact type of football played by persons aged fifty (50) years and above. It is played by both genders.

It's a six-aside game played in 30-minutes with new rules.

First, there are no off-side rules. Secondly, no running permitted with or without the ball. Both teams are allowed unlimited substitutions during the game, but tackling and physical contact are strictly forbidden.

"Players must always be walking; "always having one foot on the ground," says Mr Kiarie Mwangi President, Kenya Walking Football Federation (KWFF).

He says KWFF is affiliated to the Federation of International Walking Football Association (FIWFA).

This is the international governing body was founded in 2018 with the aim of promoting and developing this type of football globally.

Other key mandates of FIWFA includes; establishing uniform laws of the game, protecting its integrity and inclusivity, as well as to organise international matches and tournaments.

Locally, the Kenya Walking Football Federation (KWFF) was duly registered in August 2024, having complied with legal and statutory requirements as provided for by Registrar of Sports office. Kenya joined other African countries including South Africa, Nigeria, Rwanda and Morocco.

"KWFF is also locally affiliated to the Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance of Kenya (NCDA-K). KWFF is also in communication with department of older persons under the Ministry of Health," says Mr Mwangi.

KWFF's vision is to promote a healthy ageing population and to boost social networking amongst elderly citizenry through physical exercises.

The benefits of walking football include reducing the risk of cardiovascular diseases and strokes.

Walking also improves blood pressure, lowers cholesterol and improves blood sugar levels, lowering the risks of Type 2 diabetes. "The exercise results in better sleep quality, boosts mental health and reduces stress. It also improves balance and co-ordination," says Mwangi.

The government of Kenya encourages exercise among the elderly

through the Kenya National Sports Policy – KNSP - (published March 2002). "The aged will be encouraged and sensitized on the importance of having regular physical activities and engaging in passive sports, indoor and outdoor games for graceful ageing" (point 3.7.1 page 16).

The policy encourages government departments and well wishers to liaise with homes for the elderly to make provisions for recreation space, facilities, equipment and activities. It also encourages the participation of veterans and senior citizens as volunteers in sports programmes.

Additionally, part of the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto on sports states; "Our international athletes should also never retire to a life of penury. Our sporting prowess also portends tremendous opportunity to build a sports economy value chain that includes hosting of international sporting events, training facilities and manufacturing of sports apparel and equipment," boasts the KK manifesto.

The Constitution of Kenya (Article 57) commands the State and the family to offer older persons in the society reasonable care and assistance. As per the Constitution, older persons are those who have attained the age of 60. It states "The state shall take measures to ensure the rights of older persons – (a) to fully participate in the affairs of society; (b) to pursue their personal development and (c) to live in dignity and respect.



The president of Kenya Walking Football Federation, Kiarie Mwangi (left) presenting T-shirt to Mr. Ricky Weir, FIWFA African Director of Walking Football at Uhuru Sports Complex after officially launching walking football in Kenya in October last year. Photo/File

Mr Mwangi says that for people with arthritis, walking is highly recommended as it strengthens muscles, which helps shift pressure from joints and reduce pain. Regular walking compresses and releases the cartilage in the knees and this helps in synovial fluid circulation which nourishes the joints.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), regular physical activity in adults and older adults is associated with reduced risk of all-cause mortality, risk of cardio-

vascular disease mortality, incident hypertension, incident site-specific cancers, incident type-2 diabetes, and falls and improved mental health, cognitive health, sleep and measures of body fat.

Doctors say walking helps in improving cognitive abilities – the prefrontal cortex – the part in brain tasked with problem solving and decision making. These include, dementia, a general term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia.

To obese persons, amongst the key

benefits of walking include counteracts to the effects of weight-promoting genes as well as reducing cravings and intake of a variety of sugary snacks. "It tames a sweet tooth and reduces risks of developing breast cancer and also eases joint pains," adds Mr Mwangi.

In Nairobi County, the local association currently holds weekly sessions at Uhuru Sports Complex (Fridays) and at Donholm Primary School (Saturdays), bringing together an average of 16 elders per session. With corporate partnership, the goal is to popularise the game across all the 47-counties and also regionally.

WALKING BENEFITS



- 1 min
→ blood flow elevates
- 5 mins
→ mood improves
- 10 mins
→ cortisol reduces
- 15 mins
→ blood sugar reduces
- 30 mins
→ fat burning begins
- 45 mins
→ overthinking reduces
- 60 mins
→ dopamine increases



Former women sports personalities in Netball and Volleyball now part of women walking football team after a training session at Uhuru Sports Complex. On the left is Federation treasurer and Netball legend, Ms. Lillian Anupi, who at 73 years remains active in sports. Photo/Courtesy.

When Communicating With A Child In Dentistry



You realize that treatment is not only about teeth,
but also about trust – when you look into the eyes of a little patient.

“Communication” – a simple word, but in the dental office, it becomes a key.
A key to trust, calmness, and successful treatment.

A child does not come only with a toothache – he or she also comes with fear, anxiety, and questions.
If we want to help,
we must first treat the fear,
and only then the tooth.

The doctor's first word, first smile, first gesture –
all of these are more important than instruments.
If the child feels warmth and understanding,
he or she will open not only the mouth for treatment,
but also the heart for trust.

We often forget:
for us, the dental chair is routine,
but for a child, it is an unknown world.
Every sound of the drill seems louder,

every smell – stronger,
every touch – more sensitive.

That is why words like “Don't be afraid,” “I'm here with you,” “You're doing great” become as essential as fillings or instruments.

Communicating with a child means explaining with simple words,
showing with a toy or a picture,
giving a sense of control.
Sometimes it's enough to say:
“Let me show you first,”
“Do you want to hold the mirror yourself?”
“We'll do this together.”

Then fear turns into curiosity,
and mistrust into cooperation.

One day, this child will grow up.
He or she will remember not only fillings and injections,
but also how the doctor spoke to them.
For a lifetime, they will either trust dentists or fear them –
and much of that depends on us.

Let us not forget:
teeth can be treated in a single day,
but a child's trust is built over years.
The greatest gift we can give to a little patient
is not only a healthy smile,
but also the belief that a dentist is a friend.

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Don't Underestimate Anyone's Strength



Don't underestimate anyone, without knowing their power
They may appear small, but their willpower is too big
Their inner strength is vast, and very courageous
No one can comprehend them so easily,
by an ordinary judging eyes.

Their strength lies in humility, not in external show off
They're simple, yet powerful,
Their heart has a radiant glow,
They don't seek praise or fame, for they work so bold,
Their dedication is their strength,

They face struggles and tribulations, with courage
And emerge stronger, with each challenge they face
Let's salute their perseverance, and celebrate their winning
For they are the ones, who make a difference within.

Let's appreciate their hard work, sincerity, and humility
And recognize their strength, in silence
For they are the unsung heroes, who make our world different
Let's not underestimate, the strength that lies inside them,

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Women: The Warriors

The world laughs, its voice so harshly loud
When a woman sobs and weeps, lost in the crowd.
It sneers, crushes and tramples all her grace,
When she dares to establish her space.

The world shuns her down,
Yet she wears resilience like a golden crown!
And when it seeks a guiding light,
She leads the lost minds with her steady steps and might.

Her worries, anguishes and cries deep in love reside,
In her cozy heart, they softly hide
But the ruthless, reckless hands, unkind and harsh,
Would tear her innocent soul—make her their toy and tool.

Still, she—the woman, beautiful, bold and bright—
Is mocked, scorned, kept out of sight!
In offices where men hold firm command,
She stands, though they won't lend a hand.

They scorn her strength, her knowledge vast,
Her cries totally ignored, her woes amassed.
She seeks the reason for disdain,
All she gets—a smirked refrain!

She is stubborn, she rises, yet again,
Through darkness, defame and endless strain.

Why must the world deny her due?
Why must she bleed to prove what's true?
WHY! WHY! WHY!
Why so much turmoil?
Why must she fight
To prove her worth, to claim her right?

Always doubted, shoved and brushed aside,
But among it all, she stands high with great pride.
Let's end this torturous, ruthless game,
No more silence, no more shame.
Let's wake up, let's scream, let's make it known,
Her stamina, her fire, her passion must be known.

No longer as a slave, nor seen as a foe,
Let's pamper and respect her, nurture her grow.

A friend, a mentor, a loving heart so true,
She deserves—her rightful due!
Let's treat her as OUR LOVING friend
Neither as a SLAVE nor as a Foe!

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Your Mysterious Gaze

By Sabina Nafasova



Alone in my room, I surrender to the tender, mysterious gaze of the moon.
At midnight, pen in hand, I compose verses devoted to that secret gaze.

I could not ask about your state,
I could not learn your sorrows,
I could not become your confidant—
yet from afar, I write poems to your mysterious gaze.

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Sidian Bank Opens Ol'Kalou Branch, Eyes SME And Agribusiness Financing

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From left: Sidian Bank CEO Chege Thumbi, Nyandarua Governor Dr. Moses Kiarie Badilisha, and Ol Kalou Branch Manager Monica Kamau during the bank's opening in Ol Kalou last week. Photo/Courtesy

Worth Noting:

The new branch, located along the Gilgil-Nyahururu highway, was officially launched in a ceremony presided over by Nyandarua Governor Moses Kiarie Badilisha. The governor welcomed the investment, describing it as a vote of confidence in the county's economic potential.

"The opening of Sidian Bank here shows that Nyandarua is growing at a very high rate. My administration is fully committed to creating a favorable investment environment that supports the private sector, which is key to our county's prosperity," Dr Badilisha said.

He added that the county government will continue to work closely with financial institutions to support farmers, traders, and youth enterprises with access to affordable credit, noting that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) form the backbone of Nyandarua's economy.

Sidian Bank has expanded its footprint with the opening of its 49th branch in Ol Kalou town, Nyandarua County, as it accelerates its national growth strategy and positions itself to become a Tier Two lender by the end of 2025.

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Speaking at the launch, Sidian Bank chief executive Thumbi Chege said the choice of Nyandarua was strate-

gic, citing its thriving agribusiness and SME sectors.

"Ol Kalou and the larger Mt Kenya region are central to our growth strategy. This new branch will offer tailored solutions to farmers, traders, and small businesses through access to credit, Biashara loans, SME products, LPO financing, invoice discounting and digital banking tools," Mr Chege.

He emphasized the bank's philosophy of "walking the entrepreneurial journey" with its customers, pointing out that the region is a vibrant hub of agricultural production and emerging commercial activity.

"By situating ourselves here, we are positioning the bank to serve and grow with these communities as they scale up their enterprises," he said.

The expansion comes on the back of a strong performance by the lender. Sidian Bank posted a 92 percent increase in profit after tax for the first half of 2025, rising to Sh1.01 billion from Sh523 million in the same period last year.

The growth was driven by a 42.8 percent rise in net interest income and a 136.6 percent surge in non-interest income, which lifted total operating income to Sh3.55 billion. Customer deposits crossed the Sh60 billion

mark, while the bank's asset base stood at Sh76.5 billion.

Mr Chege said the results give the bank the financial muscle to deepen investments in underserved regions and expand its product offering.

"This launch reflects our commitment to bringing banking closer to the people, where businesses are thriving and communities are building their future. Strategic branches like Ol Kalou are not just service points; they are catalysts for economic transformation and community engagement," he said.

While reaffirming the bank's expansion into semi-urban and rural markets, Mr Chege underscored Sidian's commitment to balancing its physical presence with digital innovation.

"In areas like Ol Kalou, we are ensuring that even as we go digital, our customers still have reliable, in-person access to banking expertise," he said.

Sidian Bank has invested heavily in secure and innovative digital infrastructure to complement its branch network, allowing customers to access services wherever they are.

Also present at the launch was Sidian Bank head of branches, Loise Mwangi, who lauded her team for their role in extending the bank's services to

Nyandarua. Religious leaders, led by Pastor David Muchungu of ACK St. Peter Region, offered prayers for the success of the branch.

Local business leaders and senior county officials also attended the event, underscoring the bank's importance to the region's economic aspirations.

Governor Badilisha described the branch as "a partner in Nyandarua's journey to economic transformation," saying it would help unlock the county's potential by supporting farmers, traders, and SMEs with affordable financial solutions.

Sidian Bank has branded itself as a leader in SME financing, offering products ranging from working capital and Biashara loans to LPO financing and invoice discounting. The Ol Kalou branch is expected to become a key partner for entrepreneurs and farmers in Nyandarua and neighboring counties.

Young Innovators Take Center Stage At Learners Edtech Summit 2025 In Nairobi



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Over 100 bright young minds from across Kenya gathered both physically and virtually to shape the future of education during the Learners Ed-Tech Summit 2025. The annual event, held in Nairobi, saw students presenting innovative solutions across critical educational challenges, reinforcing the power of youthful creativity in transforming learning.

The summit was graced by Principal Secretary for Children Services, CPA Caren Ageng'o, who praised the creativity and commitment of the young participants. "The government is committed to listening to our young innovators, as they hold the keys to shaping a brighter, more equitable future for all children," she affirmed, emphasizing the importance of nurturing children's voices in policy development.

Underlining the government's dedication to youth empowerment, Ambassador Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, stressed the need for digital environments designed with children's safety and well-being at the forefront. "We must prioritize the well-being of our young learners by creating digital environments that are not only innovative but also fundamentally safe," Ambassador Thigo stated.

During the summit, students explored six key areas demanding urgent attention and innovation:

Digital Learning Skills for All: Acknowledging connectivity challenges in rural and underserved areas, learners advocated for the creation of offline learning apps. These apps would enable access to digital educational content without the need for continuous internet connection, bridging the accessibility gap.

Safe Classes for Children: Cyberbullying emerged as a significant barrier to effective online education. The students recommended a child-friendly website that integrates awareness content, reporting tools, and peer-support forums, fostering a safer digital environment for learners.

Inclusive and Accessible Learning: The young innovators called for adopting assistive technologies including screen readers, captioned videos, and voice-to-text software to accommodate children with disabilities fully, ensuring all learners can engage meaningfully in digital classrooms.

Teachers and Parents Help: Highlighting the need for increased collaboration, students suggested wider adoption of school apps like Zeraki. These platforms streamline communication, homework submission, and



grade tracking, creating a seamless line, fostering a culture of respect and education. "By learning about cli-
Principal Secretary for Children Services, CPA Caren Ageng'o issuing her address

bridge between teachers, parents, and learners.

Climate Literacy and Action: With climate change increasingly impacting education, notably in Kenya's arid and semi-arid regions, learners proposed digital tools such as a "Tree Track" app to monitor tree planting and growth. This initiative blends environmental awareness with practical climate action, empowering children to engage actively with sustainability.

Privacy First Learning: Recognizing the importance of maintaining dignity and data safety, students emphasized introducing privacy education into the curriculum. This would equip children with knowledge about safe data practices before engaging on-

security in digital learning spaces.

Sam Smith, President of the Kenya Children Assembly, called upon the government to allocate funds for children's activities and incorporate young voices in national budgeting processes. His appeal coincides with the Ministry of Finance's launch of the FY 2026/2027 budget preparations, underscoring the critical role of children in shaping national priorities. "A national budget that truly serves the country must prioritize the needs and input of its youngest citizens," Smith asserted.

The summit also spotlighted the upcoming Africa Climate Summit 2 in Ethiopia, drawing attention to the urgent need for climate change

mate change in school, we can be better equipped to protect our planet for generations to come," a student shared, expressing a strong commitment to environmental stewardship.

As the Learners EdTech Summit 2025 drew to a close, the resounding message was clear: young people are not just the leaders of tomorrow but active innovators today. Their dedication and fresh perspectives are vital in building an educational ecosystem that is inclusive, safe, and responsive to the challenges of the 21st century.

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What's The Fallout From Israel's Airstrikes On Yemen

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Worth Noting:

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Youths in bicycle courier service business wait for calls from clients in Lusaka, Zambia. (Photo/Lillian Banda/Xinhua)

A fresh round of Israeli airstrikes on Yemen's capital Sanaa and subsequent retaliatory missile attacks on Israel have intensified fears that the Middle East is sliding deeper into a wider confrontation. Despite ongoing diplomatic appeals for de-escalation, this exchange of fire underscores an alarming new phase in the conflict -- one that experts warn could be more prolonged and unpredictable.

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Ben Gurion Airport. The Israel Defense Forces said the launch came just hours after it had intercepted a drone fired from Yemen toward villages near the Gaza Strip. Earlier on Friday, Israeli jets again struck energy infrastructure in Sanaa, while the Houthis claimed they had targeted Ben Gurion Airport with drones and a hypersonic missile in response to "Israel's ongoing campaign in Gaza." The Israeli strikes marked another episode in the cycle of action and counteraction since November 2023, when the Houthis began targeting Israel and international shipping in the Red Sea, saying the moves were in support of Palestinians during Israel's war in Gaza.

Why It Matters

The escalation underscores the increasing entanglement of Yemen in broader regional tensions. By striking infrastructure in Sanaa, Israel aims to deter further missile and drone launches. Yet the Houthis retain significant capacity to disrupt maritime routes in the Red Sea, a vital artery for global trade. Yemeni analysts say that the Houthis' ability to strike far beyond Yemen underscores the risk

of the conflict spreading across multiple fronts. The latest developments also cast uncertainty over a fragile de-escalation deal reached in May between Washington and the Houthis, which had temporarily halted mutual strikes in the Red Sea. If American ships are again targeted, the truce could collapse, potentially drawing the U.S. directly back into confrontation. "Any continuation of these exchanges will place the Red Sea at the heart of a multi-front crisis," Yemeni political analyst Muqbel Naji said, warning that international commercial lanes could face "greater exposure to disruption" if escalation continues. He observed that the Houthis appear to have been reinforcing their positions and demonstrating their ability to sustain operations. "Israel's strikes may slow Houthi operations but are unlikely to dismantle the group's military capabilities," he said. Muqbel warned that the Israelis should bear in mind the lessons of recent months. "Despite U.S. air and naval superiority, American-led strikes earlier this year failed to halt Houthi operations."

What Lies Ahead

Analysts believe further retaliation from the Houthis is highly probable, whether through intensified missile strikes on Israeli cities or new attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea. Others caution that Israel may expand its campaign to include more strategic infrastructure in Yemen. Observers note that reliance on airpower alone does little to resolve underlying tensions and can instead widen the scope of violence. Each new round of attacks, they argue, will further undermine stability in a region already burdened by overlapping crises. With the Houthis vowing further retaliation and Israel signaling its readiness to intensify military operations, the region faces the peril of an escalating cycle with no clear off-ramp. A conflict that originated in Gaza is now metastasizing into new theaters, transforming Yemen -- a nation already afflicted by a decade of civil war -- into a dangerous and active front in a rapidly widening regional confrontation.

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Bicycle Courier Services Provide Income Opportunities For Zambian Youth

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As unemployment remains a challenge across many African countries, young people are turning to innovative ways to earn a living.

In the Zambian capital of Lusaka, bicycles are no longer just a means of transport but also a source of income, driven by the rise of online delivery services. Through the Yango Delivery app or website, a ride-hailing and delivery platform, riders can sign up to take orders and get paid per delivery. The platform handles a wide variety of items, including food, flowers, household appliances, and parcels. Among those finding success are 28-year-old Given Chanda and 20-year-old Nathan Mwansa, who have used their bicycles to build a steady livelihood and gain the economic freedom many young people long for. Chanda, a father of two, has been working in the bicycle delivery business for about four months

and is eager to share his experience. “Being a parcel delivery man is a dream come true. I now earn more than twice what I used to make as a general worker,” he said. Chanda added that the job has not only given him a steady income but also a sense of purpose and fulfillment. “I have flexible working hours and no boss ordering me around,” he said.

Mwansa, on the other hand, has been in the business for just a month but is already seeing the benefits. For years, he searched for a job, to no avail. After hearing about bicycle parcel delivery from his colleagues, he decided to give it a try. “I no longer have to look for work. I am happy to use my bicycle to earn a living,” he said. When asked about their progress, both Chanda and Mwansa said the job enables them to pay rent, provide food for their families, and even set aside some savings. One may wonder why these young men chose bicycles over other forms of transport, such as cars or motorcycles. The reason is simple: bicycles are cheaper to acquire and



Youths in bicycle courier service business wait for calls from clients in Lusaka, Zambia. (Photo/Lillian Banda/Xinhua).

much easier to maintain. “With a bicycle, I don’t have to worry about costly fuel or high maintenance expenses,” Mwansa explained. Mwansa’s response underscores that bicycles are particularly advantageous

for young people who may not have the financial means to afford a motor vehicle, yet still wish to venture into the transport business. Beyond being cost-effective, bicycles also stand out as one of the most eco-friendly

modes of transportation. At a time of growing environmental concerns, using bicycles for delivery services represents a meaningful step toward sustainability.

Paramilitary Forces Shell Hospital, Abduct Civilians From Camp In SW Sudan: Volunteer Groups

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The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) shelled a hospital in the southwestern Sudanese city of El Fasher and abducted eight civilians from a nearby displacement camp, volunteer groups said on Sunday.

The Sudan Doctors Network said in a statement that RSF artillery fire struck El Fasher’s Southern Hospital on Saturday morning, wounding a medical worker and six patients, including a child and a pregnant woman. It condemned the attack, the second on the hospital in two weeks, and accused the RSF of trying to shut down medical facilities in the city amid severe shortages of supplies and the reliance of thousands on primary healthcare. Separately, the Abu

Shouk Camp Emergency Room, another volunteer group, said RSF fighters stormed the displacement camp north of El Fasher on Saturday and took eight unarmed civilians, including six women, a 40-day-old infant and a three-year-old girl, to an unknown location. It added that more than 20 camp residents remain missing, and the number is likely higher. The RSF has not commented on the reported incidents. Clashes have raged in El Fasher, capital of North Darfur state, since May 10 between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and allied groups on one side and the RSF on the other. The wider conflict between the SAF and RSF, which began in April 2023, has killed tens of thousands and displaced millions inside Sudan and across borders, causing what the UN calls one of the worst humanitarian crises of the century.



The Pursuit Of Leadership: A Strategic Analysis Of Competition Vs. Power-Based Conflict



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The Manifestation and Consequences

The Constructive Outcomes of Competition

When the pursuit of leadership is framed as a healthy competition, it can serve as a powerful engine for organizational growth. This approach spurs innovation and creativity, as individuals are motivated by challenges to deliver their personal best. A contest can inspire employees to improve a product or service, with the competitive energy sparking new ideas and improving productivity and efficiency. In the most effective competitive environments, the focus is not on tearing down others but on performing against a team average or an internal goal. The assertive, “competing” style of conflict management can be effective when used appropriately, as it allows for rapid, decisive action and provides clear direction in high-stakes situations.

A well-designed meritocratic system, which links rewards and recognition to performance, creates a culture of appreciation and boosts employee morale. When employees believe that their compensation is tied to their efforts, they are more likely to be motivated to perform at their best. This focus on performance alignment encourages employees to take on new challenges and continually improve their skills, leading to higher productivity and better results for the organization. This sense of fairness and value also contributes to higher employee retention and loyalty.

The most effective form of competition for leadership is one that embraces collaboration. The research indicates that competition and collaboration are not mutually exclusive and that to effectively compete, one must collaborate. In a healthy environment, team members work together toward a shared goal, pushing one another to be more creative and motivated. The essence of healthy competition for leadership is a process where individuals demonstrate their value not by undermining others but by contributing more effectively to a collective objective. This approach allows a company to leverage each person’s unique skills and capabilities without expecting any single person to have all the answers or carry the entire load.

The Destructive Legacy of Fighting



Table 1: The Competing vs. Fighting Framework

Dimension	Competing for Leadership	Fighting for Leadership
Underlying Ideology	Meritocracy, equality of opportunity	Conflict theory, power differentials
Primary Motivation	Achievement, contribution, and excellence	Personal power, control, and self-interest
Preferred Tactics	Transparent evaluation, hard work, collaboration	Manipulation, deceit, sabotage, and rumor-spreading
Impact on Others	Inspiration, motivation, and trust	Stress, fear, and resentment
Long-Term Organizational Outcome	Innovation, loyalty, and sustainability	Systemic decay, high turnover, strategic failure

The history of political and corporate life is replete with examples of destructive power struggles. In the political realm, conflicts that arise when the “rules of the game” are ignored or challenged can lead to systemic crises and institutional collapse. For instance, the Election of 1800, which was defined by an oversight in the Constitution and the rise of two opposing political parties, resulted in the mobilization of militias. Similarly, the Supreme Court’s controversial Dred Scott decision undermined decades of compromise and set the nation on a direct course toward the Civil War. These examples illustrate how the raw struggle for power can transcend law and precedent, leading to profound instability and societal breakdown.

In the corporate world, “fighting” for leadership manifests as a culture of backstabbing, sabotage, and the erosion of trust. Examples of such behavior include a manager taking

credit for an employee’s work and then blocking that employee’s promotion, or a business making a senior employee redundant and then immediately advertising the same role for a lower salary. The use of deception and subterfuge for personal gain, such as a manager canceling a strategy meeting and then demanding to know why the meeting was not held, can undermine a colleague’s credibility and create a toxic environment. In such a workplace, employees feel like they are “walking on eggshells” and are constantly under pressure, which leads to them questioning their own abilities and feeling belittled. This creates a culture where employees feel like they are in a toxic relationship with their employer or leader, leading to high staff turnover.

The most insidious effect of “fighting” is not just the harm it inflicts on individuals but the systemic damage it causes to the organization itself.

Negative workplace politics are self-serving behaviors that compromise core organizational functions. When individuals are engaged in power struggles, the flow of information is disrupted, as critical data may be distorted, misdirected, or suppressed for short-term personal gain. This breakdown in communication and trust can seriously compromise major business processes, including strategy formation, budget setting, and performance management.

The causal link between unethical leadership and systemic collapse can be observed in a clear step-by-step progression. The process often begins with a leader who possesses negative traits, such as Machiavellianism, or who lacks the resilience

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to handle pressure and, as a result, prioritizes short-term gains at the expense of employee well-being. These individuals, due to their insecurities or desire for control, exhibit destructive behaviors like excessive control, bullying, and favoritism. This creates an environment of fear and hostility, which in turn leads to a decline in team morale, an increase in resentment, and a general loss of trust. Ultimately, the decay in the organization's culture compromises its ability to function effectively, leading to breakdowns in communication and strategy, and rendering the organization incapable of effective operation. The tragic parallel with historical crises, where the breakdown in political systems was a direct result of power struggles and the erosion of institutional trust, is undeniable. The end result of "fighting" for leadership is not merely a high-turnover department; it is an organization in a state of terminal decay.

Building a Strategic Framework for Healthy Competition

This analysis concludes that the choice to pursue leadership through healthy competition is not a passive one; it requires a strategic, deliberate commitment from the highest levels of an organization. The following framework provides a roadmap for building a culture of meritocratic competition and insulating it from the destructive forces of power-based fighting.

The Imperative of Ethical Leadership and Transparency

Ethical leadership is not merely a desirable quality; it is a functional necessity for organizational success. It is founded on core principles such as honesty, justice, and respect, and a willingness to accept responsibility and be transparent with stakeholders. Leaders must be conscious and mindful in their decision-making to prevent harm from occurring, serving as an example for their team. By demonstrating integrity and upholding a clear set of values, a leader can attract quality business partners and increase loyalty, productivity, and morale within the organization.

Transparency serves as the ultimate safeguard against the unethical pur-

suit of power. In political systems, transparency in elections and appointments ensures that the process is free from the undue influence of vested interests and that leaders are held accountable for their actions. The evidence suggests that transparency stabilizes democratic rule and reduces the probability of institutional collapse. The same principle applies directly to corporate governance. When an organization's leadership selection process is transparent, it helps to resolve the "adverse selection problem" of choosing a leader with unknown or hidden qualities, and it prevents the kind of political maneuvering that thrives on distorted information and a lack of scrutiny. A transparent system builds trust among employees and stakeholders, ensuring that the outcome of a leadership contest is viewed as legitimate and fair, thereby fostering greater loyalty and commitment.

Designing a Truly Merit-Based System

To create a system that truly rewards merit, organizations must move beyond the flawed model of self-selection. Instead of simply relying on individuals to "opt-in" to leadership opportunities, organizations should proactively identify and develop potential leaders through evidence-based assessments. This approach ensures that the leadership pipeline is filled with individuals who possess the necessary aptitude and competence, regardless of their level of ambition or willingness to self-promote.

A truly meritocratic system must also be grounded in clear, measurable, and transparent performance evaluation. This requires implementing a competency-based framework that outlines the specific behaviors and skills required for each leadership role. A structured approach to assessment ensures that promotions and rewards are based on objective criteria, not on favoritism or personal bias. The proficiency levels for leadership competencies, as outlined in the table below, provide a concrete tool for this kind of evaluation, allowing for a standardized assessment of an individual's capabilities from a basic "awareness" level to an "expert" level of performance. This framework helps to mitigate the "entitlement mindset" that can arise when individuals receive unearned advantages and ensures that everyone is held to the same high standards.

Table 2: Proficiency Levels for Core Leadership Competencies (Adapted from OPM Leadership Competency Framework)

Competency	Level 1 (Awareness)	Level 2 (Basic)	Level 3 (Intermediate)	Level 4 (Advanced)	Level 5 (Expert)
Creativity and Innovation	Considers innovative ideas generated by others	Works with coworkers on a creative project	Suggests improvements to existing procedures	Applies cutting-edge ideas to develop services	Develops new insights and new programs
External Awareness	Recognizes organizational impact on the environment	Applies local and national trends to unit	Keeps up-to-date on trends affecting the organization	Provides policy advice consistent with trends	Utilizes best practices to build infrastructure
Team Building	Recognizes the importance of team spirit	Works to coordinate a project with the team	Facilitates cooperation among team members	Inspires team commitment, spirit, and trust	Serves as a key resource for team building
Accountability	Recognizes accountability for one's own work	Holds oneself accountable for defined objectives	Holds others accountable for results	Accepts responsibility for mistakes	Determines organizational objectives and holds self and others accountable for results

Fostering a Culture of Healthy Conflict

A strategic leader understands that the most effective organizations are not devoid of competition but, rather, have a culture where competition and collaboration are symbiotic forces. The research indicates that to effectively compete, individuals must collaborate, leveraging their unique skills for a shared goal. This approach views competition as a positive stimulus to improve productivity and efficiency, rather than as a means to create conflict among staff. By focusing on team-based competitions or encouraging employees to compete against a team average, a leader can channel competitive energy into a constructive, collective endeavor.

Creating this environment requires a leader to actively shape the culture and role-model positive behaviors. A healthy workplace is one that pushes people to achieve, but "just enough," and compensates them accordingly while also embracing differences. This requires leaders to demonstrate respect, empathy, and open communication. They must serve as a

guardian of the culture, ensuring that the competitive environment fuels creativity and innovation, rather than devolving into the toxic behaviors of a power struggle. The leader's responsibility is not merely to select the best talent but to create the conditions under which that talent can thrive without resorting to unethical or destructive means.

Conclusion: A Synthesis and Strategic Imperative

The analysis presented in this report reveals that the distinction between "competing" and "fighting" for leadership is of paramount importance to the health and sustainability of any organization. The pursuit of leadership through competition, when anchored in the principles of meritocracy and transparency, is a force for positive change. It drives innovation, inspires excellence, and builds the loyalty and resilience necessary for an institution to thrive. This approach recognizes that true leadership is earned through demonstrated competence and a commitment to the collective good.

Conversely, the pursuit of leadership through fighting is a corrosive force that consumes the very

resources it seeks to control. It is a strategic weakness that inevitably leads to systemic decay, high turnover, and a culture of fear and distrust. The evidence from both history and modern corporate life demonstrates that a system that allows power struggles to flourish is a system on the verge of failure.

The strategic imperative for modern leaders is clear. It requires a conscious, deliberate choice to move beyond the flawed model of self-selection and to actively build robust, transparent, and ethical systems that identify and elevate leaders based on merit and character. This involves an unwavering commitment to fairness in evaluation, a proactive approach to talent development, and the continuous cultivation of a culture where competition is a source of inspiration and growth. The choice between competing and fighting is a choice between building an enduring institution and presiding over its eventual decay. The path forward is one of integrity and purpose, ensuring that the pursuit of leadership remains a noble and constructive endeavor.

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Hussein: No Rift, But Mariga Should Speak For Himself



Hussein Mohammed (L) and McDonald Mariga during a campaign event under the tag Fresh Start in the run up the the 2024 FKF elections.

Football Kenya Federation (FKF) President Hussein Mohammed has moved to quell growing speculation of a fallout with his deputy, McDonald Mariga, after the former Harambee Stars skipper during past scenarios was noticeably absent from several recent FKF events.

Speaking during a media interview, Hussein downplayed any rift, insisting that relations within the federation remain cordial. He explained that each official has well-defined responsibilities under the FKF constitution and statutes.

Hussein stressed that while he has no personal issues, Mariga, as vice president, is best placed to clarify his own position.

“I think I have a good relation so far. He’s got his responsibilities as a deputy, my responsibilities as president, and every

other member of NEC. As far as I’m concerned, I don’t have particular issues. Of course, the other person to respond on such a matter will be the vice president. I cannot speak for both of us—he can speak for himself,” Hussein stated.

The FKF boss also highlighted the policies his administration put in place from the onset, emphasizing non-interference in team selection.

He said the technical bench was given full independence, a competent team was appointed, and every necessary support was extended to ensure professionalism.

“The policies we put in place right at the beginning, I was very categorical that our administration will not, first of all, interfere with the selection of players. I stood my ground on this and we

ensured that everybody within the administration was aware of this policy. Secondly, of course, we gave the technical bench complete freedom and then we also appointed a competent team and gave them all the support that they required.”

The speculation about a strained relationship between Hussein and Mariga has been fueled online by the latter’s repeated absence at past critical FKF functions, with some suggesting underlying tensions.

However, Hussein’s remarks appeared intended to shift the conversation back to policy and transparency within the federation.

Hussein was elected FKF president on December 7 last year, ending Nick Mwendwa nine-year tenure. He secured 67 votes in the second round of the hot-

ly contested polls, after falling short in the first round with 42 votes.

Alongside him, Mariga—who captained Harambee Stars during his playing career—was elected as vice president, a move seen then as a unifying ticket.

With speculation lingering, Hussein’s invitation for Mariga to address the claims directly places the ball firmly in the deputy’s court with stakeholders calling for continued unity to promote and develop Kenyan football.

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Rooney Forecasts 'Massive Future' For Arsenal Teen Sensation Dowman



Arsenal's English midfielder Max Dowman (L) vies with Leeds United's Swedish defender Gabriel Gudmundsson during the English Premier League football match between Arsenal and Leeds United at the Emirates Stadium in London on August 23, 2025. (Photo by HENRY NICHOLLS / AFP)

Wayne Rooney believes Arsenal teenage rising star Max Dowman is set for a "massive future" following an impressive Premier League debut.

Dowman came on as a substitute aged just 15 years and 234 days during the Gunners' 5-0 win over Leeds at the Emirates on Saturday. He also did more than take the field during his 26 minutes on the pitch, with the attacking midfielder earning a late penalty, which saw Viktor Gyokeres score from the spot.

Former England captain Rooney made his Everton debut aged 16 in 2002 and was five days short of

his 17th birthday when he briefly became the Premier League's youngest goalscorer by registering a stunning late winner against Arsenal.

Speaking on his BBC podcast, the Wayne Rooney Show, the Manchester United great said of Dowman: "To play at that age in the Premier League is crazy. I know I played when I was young, but I think he's like 150 days younger than I was, or more.

"For Max and his family and friends, I'm sure they're all living in a dream and a fairytale and it probably hasn't hit home yet. But you can see his future is so bright,

he is going to have a massive future.

"Everyone you speak to in football, the same name keeps coming back: Max Dowman."

Dowman's team-mate Ethan Nwaneri remains the youngest player in Premier League history after featuring in Arsenal's 3-0 victory at Brentford in September 2022 aged 15 years and 181 days.

The now 39-year-old Rooney, speaking about the pressures that come with playing top-flight football at such an early age, added: "It's surreal. It's so strange that one minute you're in the youth team and the next you're in the

first-team dressing room with some of your heroes.

"It's something you really need to get used to quickly because it can be overwhelming.

"Max Dowman looks like a very level-headed lad from everything I've seen and you hope he manages to deal with it and understands what's coming his way very soon."

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“BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS” Knocks Zimbabwe Shelves



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COACH~Fortunes:
Good evening, Mr. Marcus F Zimba. Congratulations, your book ‘Beyond The Mountains’ is finally and successfully published. It is with good heart to see authors like you standing firm to speak for the truth to the people. Once again, we thank you for your patience, cooperation and dedication.

Marcus:
Thank you so much, Mr Munsaka. I’m really out of words right now. I feel like crying, just yesterday this was a dream to me and now it’s a reality. I thank you and your team for your great work towards the succession of this project. For many months I waited, finally I’m a writer. This one’s for you mom. I’m humbled sir. Without people like you who work tirelessly in ensuring our voices travel the world, we are nothing. My uttermost gratitude goes to you and your team, thank you.

COACH~Fortunes:
All’s well, Sir Marcus. It’s us the people who should thank people like you who are bold to speak to the world.

Marcus:
Once again thank you so much.

COACH~Fortunes:
Now that you’re a published author, how does that make you feel?

Marcus:
I feel as if the world has lent me their ears and I can speak to them. It feels so amazing that after so long a dream that seemed so far for my reach and dream that seemed impossible has come to life. I can never thank god enough. It also breaks my heart that my mother isn’t here to see what I’ve become.

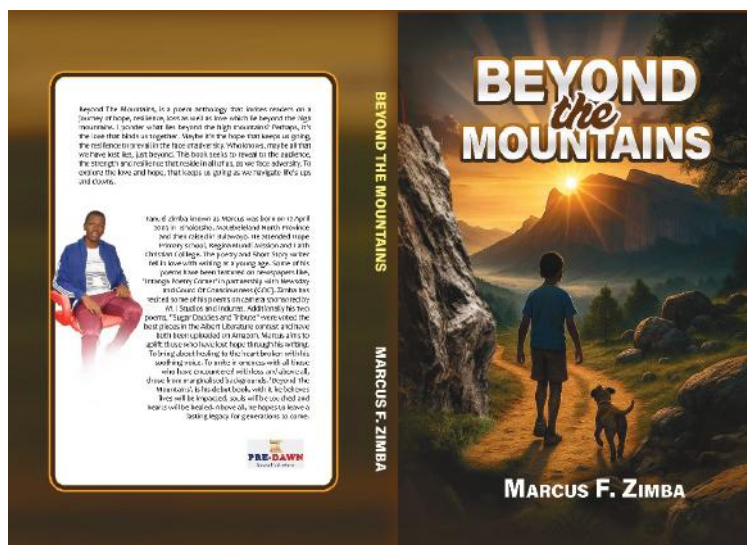
COACH~Fortunes:
Very sad indeed that mom is no more to witness the product of her hands. If you could tell the world just in few words what the book is about and is of what significance to the one who reads it?

Marcus:
“Beyond The Mountains”, is a poem anthology that invites readers on a journey of healing, hope, resilience as well as love, which lie beyond the high mountains. The seeks to reveal to the audience the resilience that lies in all of us we navigate life’s ups and downs. To show the world that they are not alone in their sorrow. To offer comfort and support in times of lot and despair, to show that even in the worst moments of our lives, there’s still hope that glimmers within us. To reveal the unifying force of love that exists in this seemingly wicked world.

To whoever reads this, I personally guarantee you that you won’t be the same after this. The pain that’s within from the loss of a loved, shall deaden a bit because I too have once encountered loss. The untimely departure of my mother in woven in every word in the book and as you read it, just know I feel the person you feel and together through these words we shall find comfort. I strongly believe life’s will be impacted because this book touches on the daily lives of people from different walks of life, what they experience each passing day, some of things that society has neglected. I wrote for each and everyone from different backgrounds to let you know we are one no matter where we come from.

COACH~Fortunes:
This is quite informative and now that it captures every individual differences. Did you face any challenges in your journey of Writing upto the finally publication of the book? If yes, how did you manage to overcome those challenges?

Marcus:
Yes, I have encountered a lot of difficulties in my journey as a writer. The first and biggest problem is financial circumstances. I struggled



a lot to finally say I want to publish a book because financial the odds didn’t favor. Miraculously, him who sits at the right hand of the father, the Lord above led the way like he always does, I managed to raise some funds and fund my dream. It hasn’t been easy even one bit getting here, I won’t lie to you.

There were times I never saw this dream coming to life, but that didn’t stop me from dreaming even bigger. I knew God gave me this talent and this dream and in the same way he will get me through it and let the world know me as a poet. My financial circumstances were not bigger than the dream I had within me, so just like the book says, there’s resilience that resides in all of us and we navigate life’s ups and downs, I sailed through.

COACH~Fortunes:
Quite amazing, Mr. Marcus. This means that nothing can be a stumbling block where a dream resides. Someone wishes to walk this journey, and probably they’re anxious or they don’t know what to do the next step to take. What advice could you give to that particular somebody?

Marcus:
As I dedicated this books also to every child out there from similar background(poor) who wants to pursue their dream, I want you to know that you are never alone. Obstacles will be there, negative voices will be there, criticism will be there but that should never put you down, that should never be the reason you

neglect what keeps you awake at night. Pray to God, believe in yourself and never, I mean ever think of letting go, because just beyond the mountains dreams lie. Don’t let mountains(obstacles) scare you off, you are bigger than that. You can do it, as long as you believe enough in your God and yourself. That’s all I can say

COACH~Fortunes: Now the title of the book is significant to what message is being conveyed, I am noticing. I am sure a lot of people want to get hold of the book. Where can people access your book or how do you think of having books available for readers?

Marcus:
Currently I don’t have a website where people can download the book or read through. So, I’m doing it manually I attach my contacts on flyers and what’s groups and channels so that whoever wants a copy can reach me on that number. I know it’s a disadvantage for people outside Zimbabwe, particularly in South Africa and so on, but wherever you are if you need a copy we can always reach out to you, because this book is yours. That’s how I intend to circulate the book to readers for starters.

COACH~Fortunes:
And eventually, people will access the book easily. Are you working on another project or this would your first and last project? What are you promising potential readers out there?



Mr. Marcus F Zimba

Marcus:
I’m working on another book as we speak. The book is titled “Who Shall Speak?”. It tackles issues such as sexual violence, discrimination, poverty as well as drug abuse, that society often neglects. The title of the book demands to know who shall speak against such issues, if society has neglected it’s responsibility. I started this a few weeks back and in months to come it will be done, ready for publishing. There are many more projects to come, don’t forget to breath. Just buckle your seat belt and enjoy a world of unlimited poetry. I’m personally putting my name in history, people will remember me as a poet. If you happen to pick up book and you read it when I’m gone, just know I never let I live in your hearts and minds.

COACH~Fortunes:
This is good news to hear, Mr. Marcus. The world longs to read of people like you. Thank you so much for your time and patience.

Marcus:
Thank you for your time as well sir. And above thank you for creating a house and outlet where kids from disadvantaged backgrounds and broken hearts can share their story. You indeed a good man. May God richly reward you!